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Dear Friends and Family of The Danish Home of Chicago:

"Pay it forward." This universal goodwill movement was conceptualized to make the world a better place. The idea is, that rather than paying someone back for a favor, the recipient of a goodwill gesture in turn bestows kindess to others...paying the favor forward. Through acts of kindness, generosity, compassion, support and giving, good deeds beget other good deeds resulting in the world being a better place.

Paying it forward has been a tradition at The Danish Home since our very inception. The 12 founding women of The Danish Home were dedicated from the start, to pay their own good fortune in life forward to benefit the lives of seniors by providing the very best care possible.

Through our history, we've continued to benefit from the generosity of others. Family members and friends of The Danish Home have generously shared their good fortune, making is financially feasible to continue to care for seniors, even after they've exhausted their financial resources.

Furthermore, our generous volunteers have paid their gifts and talents forward, to enrich the lives of our residents. There are countless examples of how paying it forward has benefitted the residents of The Danish Home.

At this juncture in our history, we want to make sure that you understand just how important your support is to The Danish Home. Our success is built on the foundation of your generosity. Our ability to pay it forward, is the result of your kindness.

Scott L. Swanson President/CEO

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# THE DANISH HOME FOUNDATION HELPS TO SPONSOR VIKING SHIP VOYAGE

It was a once in a lifetime adventure. The Danish Home Foundation helped to sponsor the Draken Harald Harfagre when it visited Chicago last summer. Touted as the greatest Viking ship of modern times, the Draken, on its Expedition America 2016, arrived in Chicago in time for the city's Tall Ships Challenge. Staff and residents of The Danish Home were able to experience the adventure of the Draken through several different events.

The Draken Harald Harfagre was built in Haugesund in Western Norway, with construction beginning in 2010. In April of 2016, the ship left Norway to travel across the North Atlantic Ocean, to recreate the Viking discovery of the New World, more than 1000 years ago.

Scott Swanson, president/CEO of The Danish Home said that when he learned of the Draken's impending trip to Chicago, he determined that it would be fitting for The Danish Home Foundation to help sponsor the event. "This ship holds great cultural and historical significance for us. We were excited to be able to be part of it," he said. "The last Viking ship to come to Chicago was during the Columbian Exposition."

Linda Steffensen who is on the Danish Association board of directors, and very involved in the Scandinavian community, agreed with Scott. "Something like this doesn't happen very often. A Viking ship coming over is a once in a lifetime experience," she said.

Scott and Linda attended the Chicago Nordic Community Welcome Reception for Draken Harald Harfagre on the night of the Draken's arrival. "We were able to visit with the crew and tour the boat. It was a lot of fun," said Linda.

Later that week, a group of residents from The Danish Home visited the ship at Navy Pier. "It was a wonderful experience. Just marvelous," said Danish Home resident Shirley Spear. "Being of Scandinavian heritage, I was particularly happy to go. As you become older, you become more interested in your heritage."



COMPASSION IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE DANISH HOME FOUNDATION, WHICH WORKS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF CARING FOR OUR SENIORS.





## THE DANISH HOME FOUNDATION

The Danish Home Foundation, which is the fundraising arm of The Danish Home, was launched in 2011 in order to help preserve our 125-year old legacy of providing care for seniors. The Foundation carries out our founders' foresight, and works to ensure that their tradition of caring for the seniors in our community continues.

The Danish Home Foundation communicates our mission, and coordinates fundraising as well as identifies and solicits gifts, bequests and opportunities for estate planning. The Foundation's role is crucial to the community as it moves forward. Funds raised through the work of The Danish Home Foundation will be used to provide charitable care for those eligible residents who have exhausted their own financial resources and for capital improvements at The Danish Home.



Annual contributions help The Danish Home to sustain its 125-year old mission of providing care for seniors, and ensures that we are positioned to remain strong for the future. More than ever, broad-based support is vital to the successful operation of all Foundation programs and activities.

### ANNUAL GIVING AND PLEDGES

We ask that these be fulfilled by the close of our fiscal year on September 20th. Pledges may be made over several years.

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This supports charitable care of our residents.

#### MATCHING GIFTS

This permits doubling or even tripling the dollar value of your annual gift. Please check to see if you or your spouse are affiliated with a matching gift company or organization.

#### **SECURITIES**

Gifts of appreciated securities are always welcome and may offer significant tax advantages to the donor.

#### **PLANNED GIFTS**

We welcome the opportunity to review different planned giving alternatives with you. Donations can be made via our website at DanishHomeOfChicago.org



# THE DANISH ASSOCIATION SELECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION:

Current assets	\$858.892
Investments - Foundation	7,253,326
Current liabilities	312,988
Reserve for Life Care costs	1,315,833

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Operating revenue from residents services	\$2,667,035
Operating expenses	3,228,820
Operating - net loss	<561,785>
Revenues from Foundation activities (net)	565,888
Excess of Revenue over expenses	\$4,103

#### **CENSUS:**

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Independent living		15
Catered living		14
Healthcare		10
	TOTAL	39

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<sup>\*</sup>Note: Our operating fund's net loss is a measure of The Danish Home's historic charitable mission, and is covered by our Foundation's investment earnings, contributions and bequests.





# THE DANISH HOME FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BENEFIT

Our Annual Benefit Brunch was held at the fabulous Drury Lane Oakbrook. The event which drew more than 100 friends of The Danish Home, concluded with the fun performance of *Smokey Joe's Cafe*.

More than \$25,000 was raised from the event. "We are once again reminded of the generosity of our benefactors, and the tireless effort of our volunteers. The health of our organization and our community is greatly dependent on the kindness and loyalty of our wonderful friends," said Scott Swanson, president and CEO of The Danish Home of Chicago.

#### 2016 ESSENCE AWARD

The Danish Home Foundation was pleased to honor three distinguished organizations with its 2016 Essence Award. First introduced in 2012, this prestigious honor is bestowed annually on an individual or group of people integral to preserving the legacy of the Scandinavian community...the essence of The Danish Home, through their commitment, compassion,

caring and giving. The Danish Home has a long tradition of being blessed by people and organizations that are deeply and generously committed to donating their time, talents, financial gifts and advocacy.

The 2016 Essence Award was presented to Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4 of Chicago, Dania Society and Danish American Athletic Club (DAAC).

"The missions of the three organizations receiving this year's award, are directed at preserving Danish heritage and culture and are thus, closely aligned with those of The Danish Home and the criteria for winning the Essence Award. As importantly, they are all involved extensively as volunteers for The Danish Home. They are our volunteers, our supporters and our generous benefactors," said Scott. "The three organizations exemplify all of the important attributes of the Essence Award. We are extremely blessed by our relationship with Dagmar Sisterhood Lodge No. 4, Dania Society and Danish American Athletic Club."

### **OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The Danish Home has a long-time commitment to the Norwood Park Community of Chicago which has been our treasured home for 125 years. We demonstrate our dedication to having a positive impact to our community in ways that include the following:

#### CHARITABLE CARE

In Fiscal Year 2016, The Danish Home and The Danish Home Foundation paid in excess of \$425,000 in charitable care for residents who have outlived their financial resources.

In 2016, The Danish Home paid a Long Term Care Provider Assessment Tax of over \$35,400 to the State of Illinois. These funds are used to support the Illinois Medicaid Program, which provides healthcare coverage to low-income families lacking health insurance, children who are wards of the State, low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and elderly individuals receiving care in skilled nursing facilities.

#### **COMMUNITY CARE AND BEAUTIFICATION**

The Danish Home's elegant campus has graced our community for generations and strives to be a good neighbor to the community it serves. The grounds and facilities are meticulously maintained so that neighbors and visitors can enjoy our beautifully landscaped, parklike atmosphere. In addition, The Danish Home hosts two events each year that are open to community members: Summerfest and Fall Fest.

#### **VOLUNTEER DESTINATION**

Many groups and individuals are drawn to The Danish Home to work among our warm and welcoming residents. Volunteer opportunities include various activities, coordinating Summerfest and Fall Fest, serving on the Auxiliary and Board of Directors and more. The Danish Home facilitates almost 3,600 volunteer hours/year.

We are proud of our community and welcome Scandinavian and other not-for-profit organizations to have meetings and gatherings in our home.



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Birger Back Remarriage Robert Nielsen's 90th Birthday Irma & Peter Orum's 50th Anniversary

Georgene Andersen Mildred Andersen Genevieve L Bagger's Birthday **Anthon Bang** Vicki Birdsell Louise Blumenthal Stella Booher Margaret Dobbs Edith "Ditte" Eriksen Knud Eriksen Ellen Fox Edith & Palle Friis Barbara Gjorup Esther Hansen Dorothy Hauerrberg Erik Haxager Richard Hellyers Birthday Sally Hoppe Al Iversen Patricia Jacobsen Alvin Jensen Bodil Jensen Carl & Sefrida Jensen Jenny Jensen Pauline Jensen Erma Johnson Edith Jorgensen Peder Kirkegaard Rev. Thomas Knutson Kittie LaPointe – Peterson Dr. Erik Larsen Dorothy Michaels Ester Nielsen Glenn Nielsen Emil Osuch

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