



*Coming Into  
the Light*

**The Danish Home of Chicago  
Annual Report 2022**



**The Danish Association and Staff  
from top left to right:**

Karen Peterson, Stan Heidemann, Linda Steffensen, Neil Andersen, Middle row: Paul Pedersen (Association Chair), Mikael Olesen, Dawn Jensen, Brittany Pedersen, Paul Orum (Foundation Chairman), Front row: Scott Swanson (President/CEO), Christine Haxager, Debi Lathom, Fred Saviano.  
Not pictured: Jeff Anderson (Co-Chair (LOA), Bruce Bro, Kim Eriksen.



**Danish Home Foundation Board  
left to right:**

Paul Pedersen, Vice-Chair  
Peter Orum, The Danish Home Foundation Chairman  
Scott Swanson, President/CEO  
Dawn Jensen, Secretary  
Not pictured: Bruce Bro.



Dear Friends, Families, and Residents of The Danish Home,

The shroud of darkness that covered the world from COVID began to clear in 2022 with the widespread use of vaccines and promising treatments for severe cases. With it returned the light of friendship, family gatherings, and the joyful predictability of life at The Danish Home.

We opened our fiscal 2022 fraught with many COVID regulations still imposed: nurses checking residents every 8 hours, continual testing, social distancing, masks, and limited family visits. However, we creatively amended activities to delight residents. Social distancing did not distract staff from entertaining residents with antics, and games.

As the vaccines quelled the fear and severity of COVID, we once again came together for monthly birthday parties, outings to memorable places around Chicagoland, and the simple pleasure of games at our gathering room tables. The masks were discarded and replaced with smiles and laughter from residents, and children and grandchildren visiting their elders.

Two traditional and popular events returned to The Home in 2022.

First, Summerfest drew hundreds of people for the frivolity of the occasion from the specialty booths to live music, strolling clowns, and specialty food. Being together after three years was especially satisfying.

Next, at Christmas time, the The Danish Home Foundation hosted a Danish "Lillejuleaften" dinner, silent auction, and a celebration complete with children following the Santa Lucia procession and dancing around the Christmas tree, and concluding with the merriment of guests enjoying the evening.

Aside from the revival of the many traditions held dear at The Danish Home, we were blessed to continue renovations. Renovating the semi-private skilled nursing rooms and adding full bathrooms is more than favorably lauded. We are now pleased to extend state-of-the-art care to residents in this new environment. We also completed the first-floor hallways and common area renovations, which better accommodate our needs today.



Brittany Pedersen, an attorney and daughter of Paul Pedersen, joined the Danish Associate Board. She ushers in the next generation of board members that support The Danish Home. We look forward to the young and progressive ideas Brittany and her peers will bring to keep The Danish Home vital for decades.

We hope you enjoy this year's annual report, "Coming Into the Light" as much as we have enjoyed the journey back to life at The Danish Home.

Best Regards,

Scott L. Swanson  
President and CEO

# State-of-the-Art Healthcare Suites

The Healthcare Suites were completed this year and we couldn't be happier with the outcome. As Scott says, "We are one family here, and preserving the dignity of each resident is important. Keeping the hallways, flooring, and furnishings the same as you enter the Healthcare Suite from Catered Living creates a seamless entry."

The new suites have large windows with bright southern views and stylish barn doors separating the living area from the bathrooms. Additional amenities include generous wardrobes and bathroom features fashioned after Danish communities with open showers, multiple waterspouts, and plenty of room to move around. The white subway tile finishes make the bathrooms airy and bright.



# The Women's Auxiliary is always there to help The Danish Home Residents

Since 1958, the Women's Auxiliary has been assisting in the social well-being of our beloved Danish Home residents and helping to improve the quality of their lives. The Women's Auxiliary consists of a dedicated team of about 20 volunteer board members, under the leadership of President Karen Peterson in 2022. In addition, regular fundraising events, annual dues and donations from approximately 200 general members help the Women's Auxiliary fund games and prizes for the residents and to sponsor special events and residents' outings.

The Women's Auxiliary of The Danish Home is always there to assist The Danish Home residents with a helping hand. In 2022, the Women's Auxiliary members helped at the monthly birthday parties, sponsored unique lunches, cheered the residents with visits and holiday cards, funded cash prizes for games, volunteered for outings and at Summerfest, and worked on special projects with the residents.

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Women's Auxiliary again held its Annual Spring Luncheon with a Drive-Thru Dinner Pick-Up, featuring The Danish Home's popular and delicious Danish meatball (Frikadeller) meal. In addition, bakery and deli items could be pre-ordered, and an online silent auction fundraiser took place. On Saturday, October 15, 2022, the Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting and Fall Brunch were held at The Danish Home, where Women's Auxiliary Board Members were re-elected.

The Women's Auxiliary funds unique projects, such as the salt water fish tank in the Gathering Room and the grand piano in the Dining Room. The Women's Auxiliary is currently raising money for the future remodeling of the Garden Level Women's Bathroom.

New Women's Auxiliary members are always welcome to join the dedicated charitable organization. If you aren't already a member, please consider joining as an Annual Member or a Life Member.



Women's Auxiliary: Top row (left to right): Linda Steffensen, Chris O'Donnell, Kim Wojack, Jean Jackson, Sue Orlet. Middle row (left to right): Joan Hoexter, Laura Schilling, Karen Peterson, Kirsten Pedersen, Ellen Stolfa; Front row (left to right): Carol Vashinko, Kirsten Freund, Ruth Kramme, Chris Haxager and Jan Glintborg.

# Anderson Family Awarded the Essence Award

Jeff Anderson and his family have been instrumental in leading, supporting, volunteering, growing, caring, preserving, protecting and carrying on The Danish Home's 130+ year legacy and mission of providing a safe, comfortable haven for our elders. Jeff led both The Danish Association and The Danish Home Foundation Boards before retiring in 2022. His wife, Cheryl, was very active in volunteering and his family could be seen at various events and Danish gatherings.





## Returning to life together

The return of outings was almost as welcomed by the residents, as was Robin's return from a long accident recovery. Robin led them to Lincoln Park Zoo, the Morton Arboretum and the Natural History Museum along with her beloved horse rescue group and other popular spots.

### Summerfest/Fallfest









## Statement of Financial Position

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Current Assets	\$1,158,357
Investments - Foundation	7,892,639
Interest in Donor Controlled Perpetual Trust	4,759,423
Property and Equipment with Other Assets	4,227,520
Current Liabilities	\$527,611
Reserve for Life Care Cost	308,138
Equity	17,202,190

## Statement of Activities

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Operating Revenue from Residents' Services	\$3,262,069
Operating Expense	3,812,600
Operating - Net loss	(550,531)
Revenue from Foundation Activities (net)	<u>666,247</u>
Excess	<u>115,716</u>

## Census

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Independent Living	14
Catered Living	18
Healthcare	<u>8</u>
	<u>40</u>

# Our Generous Donors

\$500 - \$ 999	30	\$100 - \$ 199	82
\$200 - \$ 499	62	UNDER \$100	84

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