

2017 Membership

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FOUNDERS OF THE DANISH HOME



DANISH OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, NORWOOD PARK, CHICAGO

**The Society for
the Danish Old People's Home**
was incorporated
October 27, 1891



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The founding of the original society for the Home was made by a group of twelve women on March 11, 1891. Their names are: Mrs. Emma Thorsen, President; Mrs. C.H. Hanson, Miss M. Thorsen, Mrs. George Olsen, Mrs. C. Pheiffer, Mrs. Alf. Rose, Mrs. John P. Hansen, Mrs. George Sandler, Mrs. Chr. Alstrup, Mrs. H. Skov, Mrs. Ed. Mikkelsen, Miss Wilhelmine Pheiffer.

HISTORY OF THE DANISH HOME

THE BEGINNING:

On March 11, 1891 a group of twelve women answered the call of Mrs. Emma Thorsen and gathered in her home to organize a society which they named "Danske Kvinder's Gode Ojemed". This name was an outgrowth of a general term used in Denmark for all movements that would assist people in need. Since this was an old-country phrase, and did not lend itself to direct translation into English, it was not long until the name was changed to "The Society for the Danish Old People's Home".

This group of women had the foresight to recognize that, as people grew old in this new land, they would need care. Family members were often back in Denmark; and, America had no provision for meeting the need of the elderly. Now, hundred twenty plus years, there stands to their memory a beautiful "Danish Home" in Norwood Park, Illinois, where high quality care and tender love is provided to our elderly in their later years.





Message from Scott L. Swanson

I'm pleased to report that The Danish Home of Chicago is doing well with 40 happy and engaged residents and a staff that continues the mission started more than 120 years ago.

Membership to The Danish Home harkens back to our founding in 1891 of The Society for the Danish Old People's Home. Being a member is to support at a fundamental level, charitable care for men and women residing at The Danish Home. Today these men and women are beneficiaries of over **\$425,000** per year of charitable care. Our Christmas appeal raised **\$54,000** toward our charitable care, however, we still have **\$371,000** to go.

We hope that by knowing The Danish Home's mission is still continuing today, you would be compelled to give in this basic way by continuing your membership or becoming a member. Furthermore, we hope that you will expand your relationship with us through volunteering, giving annually and/or leaving a legacy through a bequest to The Danish Home or its Foundation.

Now you know why it is important to renew your membership or sign up if you don't already belong.

Thank you again, to all of you who renewed your Annual Membership or became members in 2016. Special thanks to the Life Members and others who made separate donations to the Membership Drive.

Please fill out the following form and return it, with your check, as soon as possible. Feel free to use your return address label and just fill out your phone number and email address.

Best wishes to you and yours, and Mange Tak.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Swanson
President/CEO

Please cut at the dotted line and return this membership dues form to The Danish Home of Chicago.

2017 Membership Dues Form

The Danish Home of Chicago 2017 Membership Form

We are a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Charitable Organization.

Please make check payable to: The Danish Home

I am a Life Member, but wish to donate \$ _____

I/we would like to become a Life Member(s) for \$250.00 each.

I would like to become a Single Member or renew my Single Annual Membership for \$35.00.

We would like to renew or have a Couples Annual Membership for \$60.00

Our organization would like to renew our Annual Membership for \$35.00.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Just a reminder...

*This Membership form is for the **Society for The Danish Home of Chicago**; the **Women's Auxiliary** is a separate organization and sends out separate membership renewals.*