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A Boutique Senior Community

2014 Annual Report

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Dear Friends of The Danish Home of Chicago:

I hope that you are intrigued by the design of this annual report, which features a jigsaw puzzle theme. Have you wondered about the meaning? A jigsaw puzzle requires assembly of individual pieces, which interlock in order to form a larger structure.

The Danish Home is one piece...a large and significant piece, but just one piece all the same, in the big jigsaw puzzle of the Scandinavian-American community. We are deeply committed to upholding and preserving the proud legacy of Danish and Scandinavian heritage and all that it represents. In order to do this most effectively, we have embarked on creating partnerships with other Scandinavian organizations. You'll learn in this annual report how The Danish Home and our partners have become interlocking, and thus stronger pieces in the greater whole of the Scandinavian-American community.

Deepak Chopra said, "There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle."

Read more and learn how we have taken this statement to heart!

As always, we thank you for your interest, friendship and support of The Danish Home.

Scott L. Swanson,
President/CEO



Partnerships

A strong collaboration is greater than the sum of its parts. This is the concept behind The Danish Home Foundation's foray into partnerships. We are joining forces with other fine Danish organizations that are also working tirelessly towards our mutual goal of increasing membership and improving resources. By working together, we are better able to reach the 1.5 million Americans of Danish descent, while striving to help preserve our Danish heritage and culture.

The Danish Home Foundation introduced The Hope Chest in 2013. This fascinating blog tells about the Danes in America and the contributions that they have been making since the late 1800's when The Danish Home of Chicago first opened its doors. The Hope Chest helps to build awareness of the services that The Danish Home offers to elder Scandinavians through our vibrant senior community. It also honors, and we hope helps to sustain the beloved traditions and culture that we cherish.

We've now entered the next phase of The Hope Chest by expanding into partnerships with Danish organizations and into the Danish-American community. This collaboration will include a monthly e-newsletter featuring a partner organization, a current blog post, an event and links to all partner organizations. This tool helps our partners to promote their missions and provides enhanced visibility to potential new members.

When we band together, we become stronger in every way. The Hope Chest provides the opportunity to accomplish this and we sincerely hope you will join us.



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Activities and Events



The Danish Home Foundation

Introduced in 2011, The Danish Home Foundation, which is the fundraising arm of The Danish Home, was launched to help preserve the 123-year old legacy of providing care for seniors. The Foundation offers the means for us to carry on our founders' foresight and work to ensure that their tradition of caring for the seniors in our community continues.

The Danish Home Foundation communicates our mission and coordinates fundraising, while also identifying and soliciting 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 are used to provide charitable care for those residents who have exhausted their own financial resources, and for capital improvements at The Danish Home.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We depend on the generosity of our donors to help sustain The Danish Home and our 123-year old mission of providing care for seniors. This helps us to ensure that we are positioned to remain strong for the future. Your support is vital to the successful operation of all Foundation programs and activities.

Please consider the following ways in which you can help support The Danish Home Foundation.

Annual Giving and pledges – We ask that these be fulfilled by the close of our fiscal year on September 30th. Pledges may be paid over several years.

Matching Gifts – This permits doubling or even tripling the dollar value of your annual gift. We encourage you 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.

Annual Christmas Appeal – This supports charitable care of our residents.

Donations can be made via our website at DanishHomeOfChicago.org



**The Danish Association
Selective Financial Information
September 30, 2014**

Current assets	\$ 274,555
Investments – Foundation	9,362,794
Current liabilities	390,214
Reserve for Life Care costs	1,933,591

Statement of Activities:

Operating revenue from residents services	\$ 2,335,638
Operating costs	<u>3,088,689</u>
Operating – net loss	<753,051>
Revenue from Foundation activities (net)	<u>490,619</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ <u><262,432></u>

Census:

Independent	25
Catered Living	5
Healthcare	<u>10</u>
Total	<u><u>40</u></u>

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 of Chicago's Annual Benefit

Our Annual Benefit Brunch was held at the beautiful Arlington Park Racetrack. The event which drew more than 130 friends of The Danish Home, included a fabulous brunch, exciting horse races and more.

More than \$25,000 was raised from the event. The Danish Home is yet again reminded that the health of the organization and our community is largely due to our generous benefactors and the tireless effort of our volunteers.

2014 Essence Award

The Essence Award, which was first introduced in 2012, is bestowed annually on a person or group of people integral to preserving the legacy of the Danish 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 2014 Essence Award was presented to the Steffensen family, which has been instrumental in the success of The Danish Pioneer Newspaper. Launched in 1872, The Danish Pioneer is the oldest Danish community newspaper in North America. Chris Steffensen served as editor; his wife Elsa is the publisher. Their daughter Linda Steffensen is Editor-in-chief and her sister Elizabeth is the Webmaster.

“The Steffensen family has kept an important piece of history alive for many years. The Danish Pioneer Newspaper has a long tradition of keeping Danish immigrants informed of what’s happening within the Danish community for 140 years,” said The Danish Home Foundation President/CEO Scott Swanson. “The Danish Pioneer Newspaper has helped to ensure continuity in the very important connections between individuals of Danish descent for many decades.”

The Steffensens have other important roles elsewhere throughout the Danish community. In addition to serving on the board of directors of The Danish Home of Chicago, Linda is on the national board of the Museum of Danish America, Scandinavian Park, The Midwest Danish American Chamber of Commerce, and The Rebild National Park Society. She is secretary of Dania Ladies Society, an auxiliary member of DAAC, Danish Brotherhood Lodge #35, Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4 and Women’s Auxiliary of The Danish Home. Linda has also received the high honor of being named “Mayor for a Day” in Aalborg Denmark.

“We are very fortunate to have the friendship and support of the Steffensen family,” said Swanson.



Our Community Impact

We are committed to the Norwood Park Community in Chicago, which has been our home for more than 123 years. Our dedication to having a positive impact is reflected in ways that include the following:

Charitable Care

In Fiscal Year 2014, The Danish Home and The Danish Home Foundation paid in excess of \$640,000 in charitable care for residents who have outlived their financial resources.

In 2014, The Danish Home paid a Long Term Care Provider Assessment Fee of over \$20,100 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, park-like atmosphere. In addition, The Danish Home hosts two events a year that are open to community members, Summerfest and Fall Fest.

The parking area in front of our building is owned by the City of Chicago but maintained by The Danish Home. We care for it: striping, paving, patching and plowing it. Last year we spent more than \$41,600 on its maintenance.

Volunteer Destination

Many groups and individuals are drawn to The Danish Home to work among our warm and welcoming residents. Volunteer opportunities include working in our salon, coordinating Summerfest and Fall Fest, serving on the women's auxiliary and board of directors and more. The Danish Home facilitates almost 4000 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.

Our Generous Donors

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