



**Hello Friends of The Danish Home of Chicago,**

**Christmas 2020**

This holiday season, more than ever, we cherish and celebrate the special moments, memories, and time with our beloved Danish Home Residents and with our families and friends. First, let us take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy, and heartfelt ***“Merry Christmas and Happy 2021”*** and to thank all of you for your continued support of our wonderful community.

The year has brought challenges we never would have imagined. Like our friends and family locally and around the world, The Danish Home has found creative and unique ways to connect, protect and celebrate our Danish Home Residents in 2020. We’ve learned to appreciate what we have, and we will be so grateful when we can open our doors fully and see you all again.

2020 brought many “Firsts” to The Danish Home. In May, we held our first “Virtual Concert” with Mads Tolling’s jazzy violin style delighting our viewers. Then, we moved to “Virtual Summerfest.” The Residents enjoyed being outdoors, albeit without all our friends and neighbors gathered in the garden. Then, in September, we held our “Virtual Annual Benefit.” This year, deservedly so, the Staff of The Danish Home of Chicago received the Essence Award at The Danish Home Foundation’s Annual Benefit, which was virtual for the first time. Then, with Autumn came our successful “Frikadeller-to-Go Drive-Thru” a.k.a. *Fall Fest with a Twist*. We had no idea how any of our “virtual” events were going to go. But, in typical Danish Home fashion, you all stepped up and made this year a success!

Looking ahead, our vision to improve The Danish Home community has never been stronger. During these times, many seniors have realized that isolation is real, and not at all enjoyable. We are asking for your help to continue ***“Our Future in Focus”*** Capital Campaign. We have begun planning the Renovation of the First Floor Living Room, along with laying new flooring throughout the first floor, including the Health Care Suite. Our future at The Danish Home of Chicago is all about growth. We love to see our Residents flourish, and we’d like to expand our community. With your help, we can achieve these goals. Please consider designating a donation today towards The Danish Home Foundation’s ***“Our Future in Focus”*** Capital Campaign or Charitable Care. Whether your contribution is large or small, you’re making a real and important difference for all who come to The Danish Home – Residents and their families, friends and neighbors.

As you gather with your loved ones this Holiday Season, know that we at The Danish Home of Chicago appreciate all that you do to make our community so special. Thank you for your patience, support, and understanding during these past challenging months, and thank you for contributing to our future growth and for being a part of our cherished Danish Home family.

**Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår,**

**Scott L. Swanson, President/CEO**

**Jeff Anderson, Foundation President**

**The Danish Home of Chicago and The Danish Home Foundation**

*P.S. Please use the enclosed envelope today and help us reach our capital and annual fundraising goals.*