DANK Haus and the German Consulate celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall

**Chicago, IL — October 24, 2019** — November 2019 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. This event was not only one of the happiest moments in German history, but also one of historical significance for Europe and the entire world. The Fall of the Berlin Wall constituted the initial step for the German people to regain unity in freedom. This would not have been possible without the friendship and constant support of the United States of America.

In memory of this historic milestone, Mr. Wolfgang Mössinger, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany along with the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, are joining together in a rededication ceremony of the Berlin Wall Monument, an actual piece of the Berlin Wall located inside the CTA Brown Line Western Station, on Tuesday, November 5th at 5:45 PM.

Chicago is one of 26 locations in the USA to have a piece of the Berlin Wall. The piece is displayed inside the Western Brown Line Station at 4648 N. Western Avenue. The wall is located in the Lincoln Square neighborhood, which is historically home to the German community in Chicago. Speakers at this commemorative event will include Consul General Mössinger, Dagmar Freiberger, President of the DANK Haus German Cultural Center, Alderman Matt Martin (47th ward) and Alderman Andre Vasquez (40th ward).

“We are extremely proud to have a piece of the Berlin Wall in our ward as a symbol of freedom for all of our citizens.” says Alderman Matt Martin of the 47th Ward.

“Germans have shown the world that the path to freedom and peace is through unity. We are proud to be the cornerstone of the German-American community in Chicago and welcome everyone to the DANK Haus after the rededication ceremony for a celebration of freedom and unity!” says Dagmar Freiberger, President of the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center.

Immediately following the commemoration ceremony, everyone is welcome to attend a celebration event at the DANK Haus, located at 4740 N. Western Avenue. At the celebration, guests will be encouraged to send their memories and well wishes to Berlin and the German citizens through an interactive display which will emulate the “Visions in Motion” art installation created by US-American artist Patrick Shearn and his studio Poetic Kinetics, curated by Kulturprojekte Berlin. The event will include an exhibition on the Fall of the Wall as well as a short film, drinks, dancing and a live musical performance featuring Scorpions’s iconic pop song, *Winds of Change*.

All are welcome to attend, but we kindly request guests to RSVP by emailing dank@dankhaus.com.
EVENT DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Locations: CTA Western Brown Line Station
4648 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

Marunde Ballroom, 5th Floor
DANK Haus German American Cultural Center
4740 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

Parking: After 5:30pm, guests are welcome to park free at the 5/3 Bank Lot (entrance at Western & Gunnison). Metered parking is also available on Western Ave.

Details: https://dankhaus.com/event-3561441

About the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization committed to preserving and promoting German and German American culture, heritage, and language through maintaining a language school, museum, library, art gallery, and through educational and social programming. It is located in Chicago's historically German neighborhood, Lincoln Square. Core programming includes a German Language School for children and adults, rotating Fine Arts and Museum exhibits, monthly Open Haus, Kulturküche Cooking Classes, Kino, Kaffee und Kuchen, Public Event Viewing Parties, Oktoberfest and more. The DANK Haus is a core member of the Chicago Cultural Alliance – a consortium of ethnic museums, cultural centers and historical societies whose mission is to effect social change through cultural diversity.

DANK Haus is located ½ block from the Western Brown Line stop. Metered parking is available in 3-hour increments on Western Ave. After business hours, guests are welcome to park in the 5/3 Bank parking lot at Western & Gunnison. Bicycles can be secured in front of the building.

CTA: Brown Line Western Stop

Bus #49 Western, Bus #X49 Western Express, Bus #81 Lawrence

Metra: Union Pacific North Line – Ravenswood

More information: www.dankhaus.com