

December 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 an extraordinary year for the Swedish American Museum. With your support, we celebrated our history in Andersonville while taking big steps into our future! Some of this year's highlights include:

- **Celebrating 40 years and cutting the ribbon on our expanded Genealogy Center**
- **Another year of successfully hosting the Swedish stage at Andersonville's annual Midsommarfest**
- **Welcoming back the Andersonville Water Tower to our neighborhood**
- **Beginning new updates to the Museum, such as upgrading our kitchen to commercial-grade**
- **Acquiring the neighboring three-story building at 5217 N. Clark St. for our future expansion**
- **Hosting world-renowned Swedish chef and cookbook author Magnus Nilsson's exhibit**
- **Concluding our 40th Anniversary Campaign, raising close to \$1 million**
- **Honoring Aldermen Pat O'Connor and Harry Osterman at our Aspire! Benefit Gala**



With your help, we can close this year with a strong finish. Your year-end donations will help us continue to provide exhibits and programming as we carry on our work of keeping Swedish culture and history alive in Andersonville.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you often this holiday season and in 2018!

God Jul och Gott Nytt År,



Karin Moen Abercrombie, Executive Director