

DEC 2024

Taking Flight

BIRTHDAYS

| Peace Suh (Sheridan) | 1 | Ariana Hall-Richmond (Hope) | 14 |
|----------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Daniel P. (În-Home) | 1 | Alysa U. (In-Home) | 15 |
| Katie Purington (Fairview) | 2 | Kris A. (În-Home) | 16 |
| Wright Warkies (Xerxes) | 2 | Taylor Steele (Aurora) | 16 |
| De'undrae Wells (29th Áve) | 2 | Todd E. (York) | 18 |
| Kristine W. (Skillman) | 2 | Saidat Adetunji (91.5) | 19 |
| Brian C. (Oliver) | 3 | Lisa O. (Aurora) | 19 |
| Regina Bell (Sheridan) | 4 | Gwendolynn Sternquist (16th) | 22 |
| Adriana Williams (Humble) | 4 | Amarech Tulu (Skillman) | 22 |
| ustin B. (In-Home) | 7 | Richard Ombaso (Thomas) | 23 |
| Stella Mugoya (Hope) | 7 | Fardosa Irad (Skycroft) | 25 |
| Khalid Nur (Zen) | 7 | Ruth Barclay (Skillman) | 26 |
| Lydia T. (Troseth) | 7 | Susan F. (48th) | 26 |
| Richard Bell (In-Home) | 8 | Charles F. (In-Home) | 27 |
| Torrie Boehmer (Plato) | 8 | Jeffrey D. (Oliver) | 27 |
| Kenya Harria (Aurora) | 8 | Dennis Ogamba (Xerxes) | 27 |
| Emma Peavy (Harmony) | 8 | Jessica N. (Hope) | 30 |
| Carolyn S. (Wentworth) | 10 | Corissa Kneeland (Humble) | 31 |
| Lami Amin (Cielo) | 12 | Rachel Zaffke (Plato) | 31 |

ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Carlson (Director of Operations) 23 yrs, Diane Goodlow (Skycroft) 22 yrs, Ayan Mohamed (91.5) 6 yrs, Xavier Castillo (Harmony) 4 yrs, Heather Lemire (Haven) 4 yrs, Halimo Hassan (Portland Ave) 3 yrs, Shukri Hassan (Xerxes) 2 yrs, Taofeek Adedapo (29th Ave) 1 yr, Katra Hassan (Haven) 1 yr, Marilyn Heaton (Xerxes) 1 yr, Jody Voges (Zen) 1 yr — Congratulations!

WELCOME HOME, BARB!

Colfax house is excited to welcome Barb back to Wingspan! Barb has already set up her Packers themed room and has been busy with checking out the house and helping decorate and organize. We look forward to supporting her in living her best life. Welcome home, Barb! — *Shannon Karan*

17TH AVE/WOODBRIDGE MADE NEW ANIMAL FRIENDS

Thank you to HC Brenda Spraggins and staff for creating a memorable event with a visit to Eagle Eye Farm, a small family farm in River Falls, WI. Eagle Eye Farm raises award-winning alpacas, llamas, Kune Kune pigs, mini Highland cattle, mini Shetland ponies, Valais Blacknose sheep, Babydoll sheep, and an eclectic mix of chickens. Woodbridge family member John Horberg was excited to tag along and was particularly touched when his brother, Paul, touched the horns of a tame bull and patted his nose. He could tell Paul was thoroughly enjoying the experience along with the others. What a great testimony to how our staff help clients live their best life. These magic moments mean the world to all of us. — *Darolyn Gray*









TOGETHER WE MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Thank you to Ezekiel and our friends at Arise Family Radio (a division of Radio La Famille) for inviting our Community Engagement Specialist, Keller Karlstrom, to be on their live broadcast on Friday, November 22nd.

Arise is a family program which talks about creativity, growth, joy, and integrity. In addition to listeners from the U.S., the international audience included people tuning in from Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Guam, Togo, listeners throughout Africa, and more.

Keller was invited to speak about Wingspan's services, community connection, and how we fulfill our mission of helping people with disabilities to live their best life. Ezekiel was particularly impressed with Wingspan's wide array of enrichment offerings. The podcast will be available on our website soon. — *Darolyn Gray*



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ANOTHER FULL HOUSE AT PLATO FOR LADIES DAY IN

Thank you to Carol Hanson and the In-Home staff for creating another great event in November. Marian Zapf also prepared homemade chili and cornbread for lunch. Clients and staff worked together to color pie-shaped cutouts for banners to hang for Thanksgiving. The artists did such a beautiful job, and those pie slices sure made us all hungry. — Darolyn Gray











