

BIRTHDAYS

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| Nimo Abdi (Humble) | 1 | Alexis Johnson (Zen) | 9 |
| Hassan Adan (Xerxes) | 1 | Qahtan Alobaidi (Humble) | 9 |
| Hamdi Ali (Haven) | 1 | Gayelan Thompson-Nedd | 10 |
| Yussuf Daud (CR D) | 1 | (Portland Ave) | |
| Gabriel Deng (Harmony) | 1 | Isatou Cham (CR D) | 11 |
| Fahima Egal (91 ½) | 1 | Allen S.(CR D) | 12 |
| Fadumo Elmi (11th Ave) | 1 | Stacy Boehmer | 14 |
| Nasro Elmi (11th Ave) | 1 | (Director of Residential Services) | |
| Naimo Farah (Colfax) | 1 | Anissa Guirreh (York) | 14 |
| Hawa Gaafaa (Thomas) | 1 | Joe Bjelland | 15 |
| Pat G. (In-Home) | 1 | (Finance Director) | |
| Siraad Hashi (Xerxes) | 1 | Peter Leverich (Harmony) | 15 |
| Halimo Hassan (Portland Ave) | 1 | Abdinur Mohamud (Humble) | 15 |
| Kadra Ismail (1250 Hoyt) | 1 | Zakaria Fetin (Xerxes) | 16 |
| Fadumo Mohamed (Colfax) | 1 | Allysa J. (In-Home) | 19 |
| Nafiso Odawa (York) | 1 | Jessica Cowan (1489 Hoyt) | 21 |
| Hurria Shire (Haven) | 1 | Mary Toh (Troseth) | 23 |
| Grace Vaye (Thomas) | 1 | Malia Dean (Hope) | 24 |
| LaCoyia White (Haven) | 1 | John D. (Aurora) | 26 |
| Ahmed Hasan (Oliver) | 2 | Yvette Madison (Wentworth) | 26 |
| Kadra Mohamed (Haven) | 2 | Charles Akyigyina (Fairview) | 27 |
| Carly Andrews (Harmony) | 3 | Ann B. (91 ½) | 27 |
| Raven Thompson (Colfax) | 3 | Patricia Skophammer (In-Home) | 28 |
| Shalha Andrews (Hope) | 4 | Javier G. (Oliver) | 29 |
| Andrea F. (11th Ave) | 6 | Adeola Omoyeni (Harmony) | 29 |
| Anita M. (In-Home) | 6 | Yabesh Maroko (Colfax) | 30 |
| Amal Mursal (Portland Ave) | 8 | Deborah Croom (In-Home) | 31 |
| Kimberly Weldon (In-Home) | 8 | Shannon Karan (Colfax) | 31 |
| Margaret E. (York) | 9 | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Miski Abdullahi (Skycroft) | 1 yr | Nasra Abdirahman (Hope) | 3 yrs |
| Samira Aded (16th Ave) | 1 yr | Gladys Atehwah (Troseth) | 3 yrs |
| Danielle Buettner (Harmony) | 1 yr | Lyly Dao (Harmony) | 5 yrs |
| Nasro Elmi (11th Ave) | 1 yr | Bernard Fonkwa (Harmony) | 7 yrs |
| Curtis Hall (Maintenance) | 1 yr | Kadra Ismail (1250 Hoyt) | 8 yrs |
| Musukore Kamara (1250 Hoyt) | 1 yr | Mangwi Loknjinu (Troseth) | 12 yrs |
| Abdinur Mohamud (Humble) | 1 yr | Adama Kargbo (Fairview) | 13 yrs |
| Bayo Oladipo (Harmony) | 1 yr | Victoria Ishola (Demont) | 16 yrs |
| Doris Sorsor (Thomas) | 1 yr | Margaret Oladipo (Skycroft) | 16 yrs |
| Marian Zapf (In-Home) | 2 yrs | | |

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Gifts for Seniors is a nonprofit in Minneapolis which has partnered with Wingspan for over a decade. What makes us such a great match? Like Wingspan, Gifts for Seniors strives to connect people with the community they live in, and this winter they provided personalized gifts to our clients aged 55+. Seventy-six of our clients woke up on Christmas morning to brand new winter wear, cozy blankets, coloring books, movies, Vikings gear, holiday decor and more, complete with holiday cards hand-written by volunteers. Gifts for Seniors also contributes Valentine's gifts and other donation drives, such as the emergency kits we received for our homes in 2024. We're grateful to Gifts for Seniors for being a champion in our community! — *Keller Karlstrom*



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST A TOUGH CHOICE!

Our annual gingerbread house decorating contest continues to be a great way to stay warm and have fun when the cold weather arrives. This year the contest could not have been closer, with so many amazing creations to choose from. We had a four-way tie for second place, but coming in first with one extra vote was Hope house! You can find a collage of many of the submissions on our Facebook page if you'd like to see them for yourself. Thank you to all of our gingerbread artists for making our holidays more homey! — *Keller Karlstrom*




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THE NUTCRACKER FANTASY LEFT US DAZZLED IN DECEMBER!

This was a December full of art, music and wonder for us at Wingspan. A Dancer's Place, a dance studio in Minneapolis, generously donated 65 tickets to our clients to see the breathtaking Nutcracker ballet at the State Theater, including multiple tickets that allowed us to include individuals in wheelchairs. It's an annual favorite for many! — *Keller Karlstrom*