

MAY 2025

Taking Flight

BIRTHDAYS

Sowda Farah (Xerxes)	1	Elizabeth Roberts (Colfax)	10
Paula D. (1250 Hoyt)	2	Emily Yang (Admin)	10
Dylon Frei (Zen)	2	Hamdi Hassan (Wentworth)	11
Daniel W. (In-Home)	3	Taefeek Adedapo (29th Ave)	12
Christopher N. (In-Home)	4	Julian Rosillo (Groveland)	15
Jason H. (Demont)	4	Hafsa Hirsi (Zen)	16
Victoria Ishola (Demont)	5	Liban Hassan (Xerxes)	18
Rayanna Elam (Humble)	6	Benjamin N. (În-Home)	19
Diane Goodlow (Skycroft)	7	Marian Zapf (In-Home)	20
Katra Hassan (Colfax)	7	Solomon Obasi (Stacker)	21
Zinna Johnson (Aurora)	7	Lori S. (Thomas)	21
Olubunmi Falade (11th Ave)	8	Tamara Anderson (Sheridan)	24
Lizmarie Irizarry (Development)	8	Randall Azariah (Stacker)	24
Thomas K. (Humble)	8	Jason Fortney (Maintenance)	24
Megan Krech (Glenpaul)	8	Mercy Shu (Troseth)	24
Tabitha Smith (48th Circle)	8	Adama Kargbo (Fairview)	27
Sabrina Thomas (Aurora)	8	Gail H. (Portland Ave)	28
Richsulah Brown (Harmony)	9	Shelda Thompson (Program Director)	29
Iesha Turner (Sheridan)	9	Anne Perry (1250 Hoyt)	30
Xavier Castillo (Harmony)	10	Diana M. (In-Home)	30
Karla L. (In-Home)	10	Juanita McKizzie (1489 Hoyt)	30
Johnnie Livingston (Demont)	10	Nick Van Halm-Lutterodt (Humble)	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Asmaa Abdirahman (Hope)	1 yr	Eleaisha Jackson (In-Home)	8 yrs
Bosede Babajide (11th Ave)	1 yr	Deborah Croom (In-Home)	9 yrs
Fahima Egal (91.5)	1 yr	Uchechi Okwara (91.5)	9 yrs
Anissa Guirreh (York)	1 yr	Naima Sheikh-Hussein (91.5)	11 yrs
Kyla Sisson (Admin)	2 yrs	Julie Leiferman (Program Director)	13 yrs
Keji Adamolekun (91.5)	3 yrs	Kimberly Weldon (In-Home)	14 yrs
Sarah Alvarado (Glenpaul)	3 yrs	Floyd Robertson (29th Ave)	18 yrs
Allieu Golafale (Sheridan)	3 yrs	Hue Tran (16th Ave)	19 yrs
Sem Yebyo (Harmony)	4 yrs	Crystal Jackson (Program Director)	35 yrs
Thomas Cooper (Harmony)	6 yrs	Sharron Aken (Program Director)	37 yrs
Peter Leverich (Harmony)	6 yrs	, ,	·











CONGRATULATIONS TO CLINT AND LISA

Clint and Lisa, who reside at our Cielo site and have been dating one another for over 16 years, welcomed their friends and family to celebrate the love between them and to reaffirm their relationship with a lovely commitment ceremony held at our Plato office on May 4th, 2025. In each other's company, they have found happiness, fulfilment and love. Lisa wore a beautiful gold dress, and Clint chose a colorful aqua blue shirt. The room was decorated with their chosen colors of silver and gold. A luncheon was held following the ceremony, and Clint and Lisa visited with their friends and family. Congratulations, Clint and Lisa. We hope that the feelings of love that you have for each other will deepen and grow even stronger throughout the years to come. — *Jeff Hager, Program Director*

GALLERIA SPRING FLORAL SHOW

Here are a few pictures from some In-Home client adventures. As we patiently waited for spring, the Floral Show at the Galleria gave us the fragrant boost we needed to get us through. Everyone loved the beautiful sculptures, and Joe was especially excited to see a blooming jasmine he had always been curious about. This is a great annual outing that is not only creative and full of wonder but free to the public. — *Marian Zapf, DSP*











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BASKETS OF FUN

Program Director Julie Leiferman surprised her team, Adolphus, Dee, Lurall, and Shelda, with May baskets filled with treats for their May 1st meeting at the Plato office. Dot from Sheridan was able to join in the merriment. Thank you to Julie for bringing back this almost forgotten tradition. In days past, as the month of April rolled to an end, people would begin gathering flowers and candies and other goodies to put in May baskets to hang on the doors of friends, neighbors and loved ones on May 1st. — Darolyn Gray, Development Officer







