



JULY
2025

Taking
Flight

BIRTHDAYS

Hayat Ali (Somerset)	1	Cathy L. (Skillman)	17
John Brewer (Groveland)	1	Miski Abdullahi (Skycroft)	18
Paul H. (Woodbridge)	1	Darolyn Gray (Development Officer)	18
Keith Johnson (Cielo)	1	Nusteho Abdiwahab (Zen)	19
Jody Voges (Zen)	1	Samera Thurmond (Idaho)	19
Tracey B. (Groveland)	2	Lakeithia Johnson (Somerset)	20
Sue Willwerscheid (In-Home)	2	Monika S. (Skillman)	20
Linda K. (1489 Hoyt)	5	Carol Hanson (In-Home)	21
Margaret Oladipo (Skycroft)	5	Eleaisha Jackson (In-Home)	21
Josephine Ademulegun (91st)	7	Samuel Dennis (Woodbridge)	22
Melissa Barbosa (Woodbridge)	7	Brooke Hegna (Stacker)	22
Tobias Owiti (11th Ave)	7	Princess Siakor (Cielo)	22
Sherlyn Romero Delao (Humble)	7	Anna Horn (1489 Hoyt)	23
Kameron Clay (Zen)	9	Judith Decome (Groveland)	24
Bill S. (In-Home)	9	Lisa T. (Cielo)	24
Miranda Fomonyuy (Oliver)	10	Floyd Robertson (29th Ave)	25
Michael K. (Fairview)	10	Andrea Alvarez (Troseth)	27
Greg Larson (Cielo)	10	Curtis Hall (Troseth)	27
Thomas C. (Stacker)	11	Linda T. (16th Ave)	27
Sarah Ndogu (Hope)	11	Tonya Thompson (In-Home)	28
Benjamin C. (In-Home)	12	Terri Urbanski (Demont)	28
Michael T. (In-Home)	13	Tina W. (Thomas)	28
Leyla Ukash (Aurora)	13	Scott S. (In-Home)	29
Lillian Karan (16th Ave)	14	Zakarya Ali (Oliver)	30
Megan Tolbert (1489 Hoyt)	14	Daryl H. (Somerset)	30
Lori Reineke (Fairview)	15	Beth Smith (Glenpaul)	30
Esther Adamolekun (91st)	16	Jeanne Peirce (In-Home)	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Caroline Dade (91.5)	1 yr	Adeola Omoyeni (Harmony)	5 yrs
Nancy Dolo (Thomas Ave)	1 yr	Taiwo Afuye (1489 Hoyt)	6 yrs
Dylon Frei (Zen)	1 yr	Charleston Azonwu (Portland Ave)	6 yrs
Raysel Gist (Tamberwood)	1 yr	Christy Courteau (16th Ave)	6 yrs
Hafsa Hirsi (Zen)	1 yr	Tonja Hofbauer (Skycroft)	6 yrs
Michelle Mathison (1489 Hoyt)	1 yr	Masieten Kromah (Troseth)	6 yrs
Kadra Mohamed (Haven)	1 yr	Daniel Mensah (Fairview)	6 yrs
Shukri Omar (16th Ave)	1 yr	Alicia Wren (Aurora)	6 yrs
Emily Roswold (Zen)	1 yr	Rachel Zaffke (Program Director)	6 yrs
Alexis Sanborn (Wentworth)	1 yr	Nicole Pivec (Admin)	8 yrs
Jessyca Sweeten (Zen)	1 yr	Terri Urbanski (Demont)	9 yrs
Mary Toh (29th Ave)	1 yr	Emily Yang (Admin)	9 yrs
Kameron Clay (Zen)	2 yrs	Deb Hofbauer (Program Director)	10 yrs
Sam Monk (Admin)	2 yrs	Stacy Jacobsen (Health Services)	12 yrs
Florence Oshin (Stacker)	2 yrs	Dennis Ogamba (Xerxes)	14 yrs
Marvin Steele (Hope)	2 yrs	Craig Ost (Groveland)	18 yrs
Feysal Shekhali (Humble)	3 yrs	Carol Flaherty (Admin)	20 yrs
Charles Akyigyina (Fairview)	4 yrs	Dessie Hopkins (91.5)	24 yrs
Rashidah Harris (Hope)	4 yrs	Jonna Karan (Aurora)	25 yrs
Briana Thomas (Demont)	4 yrs	Gayle Linn (Demont)	34 yrs



A PERFECT PRIDE WEEKEND

Arthur celebrated both days of Pride by attending the festival and the parade. He enjoyed being able to spend time with his husband. While attending Pride, Arthur enjoyed listening to the music, eating cheese curds and playing the games at the booths. Arthur has a love for coffee, so of course, he stopped by one of the local coffee shops and got coffee. Arthur is excited to go again next year to celebrate! — *Torrie Boehmer, CR D House Coordinator*

GRILLING, PARADING AND CELEBRATING THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

Thomas Ave Home celebrated America's Birthday with a cookout at home! House Coordinator Adolphus planned a special menu that included burgers, chicken and his special potato recipe, and one of the residents, Lori, helped cook. The ladies at Thomas Ave decided to coordinate their outfits! It was a FUN day for all!

— Julie Leiferman, Program Director

The Glenpaul ladies enjoyed watching a parade on the Fourth of July! We even got high fives from Mayor Melvin Carter! — Sarah Alvarado, Glenpaul House Coordinator



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A STARRY NIGHT TO REMEMBER

On June 20th, Wingspan celebrated a "Starry Night," our Annual Formal Dance at the Double Tree Hotel in Roseville, MN. The hotel provided a lovely food buffet and beverage stations. Our favorite DJ played music for us, and the energy was happy and upbeat. It was apparent that a good time was had by all; smiles were abundant. There was lots of dancing, visiting and eating good food. Folks got dressed up for the event, and they looked their best. This year, we crowned Queen Kaylla from Glenpaul House, Princess Linda from Sheridan House, King Matt from Xerxes House and Prince Daryl from Somerset House. It was a wonderful way to kickstart the summer!

— Jeff Hager, Program Director

