



Resident Birthdays

Lucy V.W.	May 3 rd
Marily N.	May 12 th
Marj R.	May 31 st
Mavis H.	May 31 st

Staff Birthdays

Yomina P.	May 5 th
Jane B.	May 6 th
Ben V.	May 7 th

Staff Anniversaries

Rebecca S.	1 year
Morgan K.	2 years
Tyler G.	2 years
Alyia R.	3 years
Noah H.	8 years
Kelli H.	9 years

New Residents

Husejin O.

We Remember

Rodney Hadler

May 2025

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Hello!

Families and friends of the Tuff Home, I wanted to give you a quick update on the new security system we are installing at Tuff Home to ensure resident, staff and visitor safety. Starting in May our new security swipe system we be introduced and you will need a swipe card for entrance to the building. Resident family members will be issued a swipe card in the coming weeks with a contract to ensure the understanding of the responsibility the swipe card holds, to ensure no residents follow you out of the building. We do appreciate your understanding and patience as we transition to the new system. Starting in the next few weeks the primary resident contact will be issued their swipe card and will be asked to sign the contract in receipt of their swipe card. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. There will be a doorbell to ring for assistance at the front door if you do not have a swipe card.

Katie Kendall, Administrator

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Mission Statement

The Tuff Memorial Home is a Christian home with a heart. In Christian love, we provide heartfelt quality care to people in a way that contributes to their sense of dignity and self-worth.

Department Heads

Administrator- Katie Kendal
Executive Director- Jane Blank
Director of Nursing- Dana Huisman
Social Services Professional- Emily Baatz

Life Enrichment Director – Jocelyn Jacoby
Laundry & Housekeeping Supervisor – Judy DeNoble
Maintenance Supervisor – Ben Vander Poel
Dietary Manager – Kelli Hellerud

Highlighted Activities for May

5/2- Kentucky Derby

- Residents will get to celebrate the Kentucky Derby with fun hats, horse racing and sipping a refreshing sweet drink.

5/7- Muffins & Memories

- What fun to get together with a group of friends and reminiscing about various topics while enjoying some yummy muffins.

5/23 – Patio Party

- This day kicks off our first of many Friday Patio Parties! Getting outside to enjoy the fresh air is absolutely refreshing.

5/28- Trolley Rides

- Residents are so excited to have our trolley back out to begin our relaxing rides around the town. New residents are in for a great experience!

Tuff Family Council

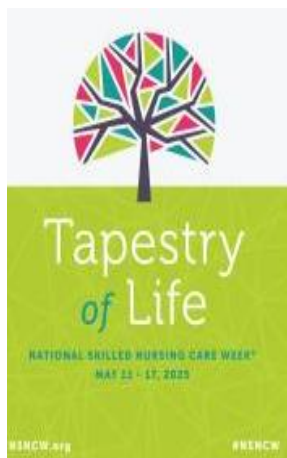
Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 5p.m. located in the Tuff Chapel.

Thursday, May 1st

These meetings are designed for families to gather amongst themselves to discuss topics related to their loved ones in a safe space. Stay tuned for meetings with educational guest speakers.



National Skilled Nursing Care Week



National Skilled Nursing Care Week, previously known as National Nursing Home Week, will be observed from May 12-16. The theme this year is “Tapestry of Life.” This week celebrates residents and staff in skilled nursing facilities. During this week there are other different themes planned and fun excitement to go with it. May 12th the theme is “Tuff Pride Day.” This day sets off a fun week with the coronation of King and Queen Residents. The King and Queen will be recognized in the Hills Friendship Days Parade in June. May 13th is a fun unique theme “Laura Ingalls Wilder Day.” This theme was picked because Life Enrichment Staff have been reading aloud Laura Ingalls Wilder Books over the past few months. May 14th is “Wacky Wednesday” with music performance by the Turkey Ridge Band. May 15th we’ll travel back in time to the 50s and celebrate with a fun Sock Hop Dance. May 16th is “Friday Zen” a fun day to be mindful with a yoga class and mimosas.

🐾 National Adopt an Animal Day 🐾



Employee of the Month is: *Rebecca S.*

Employee of the month is Rebecca S. She has worked in the Life Enrichment Department for 1 year. Her family consists of her husband (Simon) and 2 children (Ari and Welta). Reading and going Geocaching are some of her favorite hobbies. She enjoys working at the Tuff Memorial Home because she loves getting to know the resident and their families. Fun Fact: at age 12, her first job was working at the Shrine Circus in Sioux Falls as a Job's Daughter. She was paid in Hot Dogs and Snow Cones!



Pastor's Page

“Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy”

ELW #513 What is God calling us to do? What impact could we make on this community? How do we teach our children the joy of being part of a Christian community? How do we build community in this place, care for one another and get to know one another on a better level? These are the questions we will be thinking about as we gather dreamers and visionaries on May 1st. Do you have ideas? Would you like to join in the conversation? Please come at 6:30 pm and dream with us! I don't have all the answers, I don't even know if I have any answers! Who could we partner with in this community? There are all kinds of ideas, I mentioned some in last month's newsletter. I would like to see us linked together with a prayer chain and a way to get out information when someone is sick, if a baby is born, or if someone needs a helping hand. Some of that will happen when we have someone in the office, but until then, we need to imagine what it could be like. How could we get to know others better? Is there a fellowship time we could imagine, or sharing meals, or getting together for an activity? It doesn't have to be a life-time commitment, maybe it is for a few weeks or months, or maybe it could have life changing effects in our community. What seeds can we plant in these spring days? How do we encourage the children, the youth, the young adult, the middle aged, the “elderly” and even the ones who can't make it to worship any longer? It is a huge task and it will take a lot of thinking and praying! I invite you to pray for our congregation and the ministry we could do. I invite you to pray that there are visionaries among us. Maybe we ask, “what would you like from us?”, instead of coming up with a program or plan. What would you like the church to do for you? God is calling, are we willing to respond? -Pastor Lori

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