

Buchanan County



Family Nest

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The Family Nest promotes health, self-sufficiency, safety and family stability for families with children ages 0-5.

Nest Notes

December 2007



Dear Nest Families,

We will not be having a Nest Class this month due to hectic schedules during this time of the year. Stay home and try to stay warm!!!! We will resume our monthly classes in January.

In January we will be putting a cap on the amount of points that can be redeemed in any given month. For families who have less than five members in the household, you may redeem up to 300 points each month.

For families who have more than five members in their household, you may redeem up to 600 points each month. Your family will not lose any points you have earned they will carry over to the next month.

-Renee Gillis-Arnold
Nest Coordinator

Operation Threshold will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, December 24th

Tuesday, December 25th

Tuesday, January 1st

Our Next Nest Class:

Due to the busy Holiday schedule, we will not have a December Nest Class. We will resume our monthly classes beginning in January 2008.

There will be a Head Start Parent meeting on Wednesday, December 12th from 11:15 AM—12:00 PM. It will be an open forum discussion on challenging behaviors. A light snack and child care will be provided. Please RSVP at 319-334-2086 by December 11th.



**C.A.S.H. Course
Creating
Assets for
Success and
Happiness**

**Everyone is invited
to attend this free
financial education
program.**

Learn about:

- * **Budgeting**
- * **Money
management**
- * **Credit**
- * **Getting a loan**
- * **Identity theft**

**C.A.S.H. will be
held every Tuesday
in November from
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
at Operation
Threshold, 300 W.
Third Street,
Waterloo. For more
information call
Lekeisha Veasley
at (319) 291-2065.**

Future Events:

Operation Santa Claus– The Operation Santa Claus “store” will be located in the 4-H Building at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds in Independence. It will be open **Thursday, December 13th, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** according to the following schedule:

People whose last name begins with: K to O 10 AM to 11 AM
F to J 11 AM to 12 noon
A to E 12 noon to 1 PM
T to Z 1 PM to 2 PM
P to S 2 PM to 3 PM

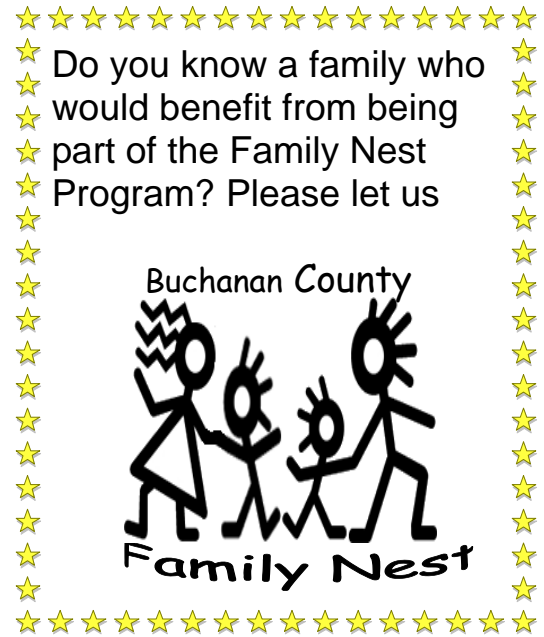
We still need volunteers for the set up of Operation Santa Claus on December 12th and for pick up day on December 13th. If interested in earning some Nest points for volunteering, please call 319-334-6081.

Who Can Apply for Energy Assistance:

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Annual Gross Income</i>
1	\$15,315
2	\$20,535
3	\$25,755
4	\$30,975
5	\$36,195
6	\$41,415

When to Apply:

- **Disabled or Elderly Households– October 1 to April 15**
- **Other Low Income Households– November 1 to April 15**



Do you know a family who would benefit from being part of the Family Nest Program? Please let us



Operation Threshold

1707 1st St E. PO Box 204
Independence, IA 50644
319-334-6081

Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 – 12:00,
12:30 – 5:30 Friday: 8:00-12:00

Please call to make an appointment.

Don't pay to get your own money!

Operation Threshold's VITA will provide FREE tax preparation starting in January. Keep your entire income tax refund by letting our volunteers prepare your taxes for FREE! We will be making appointments starting in December. We'll keep you updated!

