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

# Nest Notes

## November 2007



Dear Nest Families,

Our next class will be on **Monday, November 26th** and will cover what you need to know to help stay ahead of the game and develop a budget to combat debt and stretch your dollar. If you would like to attend the class, please call the Operation Threshold office by **Wednesday, November 21st**. We will be providing a meal and childcare.

There has been one change in how you can earn points for Family

Nest. Instead of having a cap on how many hours you can count toward volunteering, we will now count each volunteer hour as 10 points and there will no longer be a cap. Happy Volunteering!!!

**-Renee Gillis-Arnold  
Nest Coordinator**

**Operation Threshold will be closed on the following dates:**

**Thursday, November 22nd  
Friday, November 23rd**

### Our Next Nest Class:

**Day & Time: Monday, November 26th at Kidsville (1009 1st Street West in Independence) beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Child care and food will be provided. In order to have enough food you will need to RSVP by Wednesday, November 21st. You can call our office at 319-334-6081.**

**Activity: "Planning to Stay Ahead" information about budgeting with Brenda Schmitt (ISU Extension).**



## Future Events:

Operation Santa Claus– Families who have children under the age of 12 who reside in Buchanan County can come in and fill out a release between November 1st—December 13th. Releases turned in before December 7th will be eligible for prize drawings. Income guidelines are the same as Energy Assistance. This event will take place on December 13th at the 4-H Building at the Fair Grounds.



### 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.

### 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