



# O.T. NEWS

## Family Development Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Empowering Families to Meet Their Needs

One of our FaDSS families is a couple who were unemployed and raising three young children in substandard housing when they first enrolled in the Family Development Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) program. The FaDSS Specialist worked with the couple, educating them on their rights as tenants and how to address the issues with their landlord, as well as helping them through the process to make their home safe for their children. The FaDSS Specialist was able to provide resources, contacted the fire department to conduct a safety inspection, used her connection with Iowa Legal Aid to get legal advice on what steps to take, and advocated for the family. The Specialist was also there to support the mother when she contacted the landlord (again) about fixing some of the safety issues that were found after the inspection conducted by the fire department. The landlord did come in and fix some of the smaller things, but never did come and fix some of the larger/more expensive problems, so when the couple decided they wanted to move, their Specialist provided housing searches that fit their needs and budget. She also referred them to Operation Threshold's Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. During this period, both parents also obtained employment. They have since moved into a nice home and successfully exited out of FaDSS after being enrolled for only 10 months.



**Sunday, May 13**



## May Birthdays

Stephanie Shavers (ELFS)	5/3
Jodi Rowe (ELFS)	5/4
Liberata Aung (CR)	5/5
Maria Siems (ELFS)	5/10
LaToya Godfrey (CR)	5/14
Joe Ambrose (WX)	5/22
Ruth VanGelder (WIC)	5/27



## May Employment Anniversaries

Joe Ambrose (WX)	21 years
Tim Hayes (WX)	18 years
Konnie Green-Holman (WIC)	12 years
Gary Lies (WX)	9 years
Carrie Evans (WIC)	8 years
Patrick Osaka (ELFS)	2 years



**Operation Threshold  
will be closed  
Monday, May 28  
for  
Memorial Day.**