

Great River Homes, Inc.
12th Street
April Newsletter

As we move into spring, there has been a renewed sense of energy and excitement among the ladies at 12th Street. The past month has been filled with meaningful activities, community involvement, and time spent with family and friends.

This month included a variety of engaging and enjoyable activities. A bingo get-together paired with “breakfast for supper” was a favorite, especially the home-made blueberry syrup served with pancakes. Another fun evening was spent at a Community Education bingo event in Red Wing. Community involvement continues to be an important part of daily life. The ladies attended Jesus Cares and participated in church services, while Suzanne volunteered at a Feed My Children event, giving back in a meaningful way.

Easter was a special time for everyone. Suzanne, Mary, and Vicki enjoyed celebrations at home with family, while Jo hosted a gathering with friends for Easter dinner. Daily routines have also included grocery shopping trips and outings to local restaurants, providing opportunities for independence and social engagement. There is growing excitement as everyone looks forward to the upcoming Spring Formal. Anticipation is high as they await the announcement of this year’s king and queen.

With warmer weather arriving, everyone has been making the most of the sunshine by relaxing on the back porch and planning their gardens for the coming season. These simple moments continue to bring a great deal of happiness and a sense of connection to the season. This month has been a wonderful blend of community involvement, celebration, and everyday enjoyment. We are grateful for the continued opportunities to support meaningful experiences and connections. As we move further into spring, we look forward to even more activities, growth, and shared moments.









This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help!

Would you be interested in an “extra” \$120,000? The “extra” \$120,00 does not involve any trickery, and it may not be as difficult as one may think; if, during a forty-year period, one spends an average of \$1,000 a month on groceries, one can save \$120,000 by buying items that are on sale for an average of twenty-five percent off their usual price. Buying one loaf of bread priced at \$3.99 for the sale price of \$2.99 may not seem like much, but small, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction have a very impactful cumulative result.

In a similar way, when it comes to supporting Jo, Mary, Suzanne, and Vicki in living their best life, there is no such thing as a “small” thing. “Small” steps towards effective time management by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on the time available to enrich the lives of those being supported. Likewise, “Small” nuances in wording, body language, and tone of each interaction by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on priceless relationships. Proactively addressing “small” health or safety issues has a very impactful influence on each person’s well-being. There will always be room for improvement, but team members seek to focus on the “small” things, knowing that “small”, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction help the individuals we support live their best lives and “small steps” are worth infinitely more than \$120,000; they are priceless!

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