Great River Homes, INC

12th Street

January Newsletter

It has been a relaxing month for the ladies at 12th Street. They enjoyed a few events out of the house and spent some much-needed relaxation time at home. The ladies hosted a bingo night and invited their friends from River Drive to join them. It was a blast getting to spend time with friends! They also had fun hosting a soup feed and game night. They enjoyed Chili and Cheesy Potato and Ham soup, perfect for a cold winter evening! The ladies enjoyed a trip to the high school to watch Just For Kix dance teams perform. They loved the fun music and watching the little dancers. They were also able to go see the movie The Color Purple in theaters. With the mild weather this season, everyone has been in good spirits. Although we have had a mild winter so far, it has been a slower month for activities outside the house but it is welcomed after the busy holiday season.

In her spare time, Jo has been keeping busy this month by putting a couple of puzzles together. She has been enjoying her word finds and her time spent at home. Vicki was able to go see the new movie Anyone But You in Red Wing. She enjoyed the movie and had a few good laughs. Suzanne was able to spend time with a friend this month. They were able to take a trip to Winona and eat dinner at Perkins. Mary has enjoyed watching movies on her iPad. She is enjoying staying home more, and not having to go out in the cooler winter weather.

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.

To be effective and successful in whatever one does, a sustained and vigilant focus on the fundamentals is indispensable. One of the most famous quotes from the world of sports is attributed to Legendary Green Bay Packers coach, Vince Lombardi. After the Packers lost a key football game, Coach Lombardi started practice by sharing with the team of seasoned, professional football players: “Gentleman, this is a football.” An indispensable, vigilant focus on fundamentals helped the Packers achieve a championship season as they won the title game by the score of 37-0.

A sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals is indispensable as the team at 14th seeks to support Jo, Vicki, Suzanne, and Mary as they develop a wide spectrum of skills and seek to live their best life.

The vigilant focus on fundamentals starts very early in orientation as team members review the “Direct Support Professional Code of Ethics”. The Code of Ethics includes fundamental principles such as person-centered support, promoting physical and emotional well-being, integrity, confidentiality, justice, respect, relationships, self-determination, and advocacy. Upon completion of orientation, vigilant attention to fundamentals is sustained and serves as a foundation for the content of discussion at team meetings, during training sessions, and throughout daily life.

Even though some of us may be Vikings fans, through a sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals, we seek to emulate the success of Coach Lombardi’s teams who went on to win five championships in seven years and never had a losing season.

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