



***Great River Homes, Inc.***  
***12th Street***  
***June Newsletter***



June brought plenty of opportunities for fun, friendship, and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. The ladies stayed busy with community outings, social gatherings, and helping around the house, making the most of each day while creating wonderful memories together.

Suzanne continued building her independence by preparing breakfasts and lunches and enjoyed baking treats for everyone in the house. She takes pride in helping with meals and sharing her delicious baked goods with her housemates, making the home feel warm and welcoming.

Jo had a very active month filled with exciting adventures. She attended a graduation party in Pepin, enjoyed weekly bowling, participated in the Ho-Si-La party, and spent time outdoors with a picnic and walk. She also looked forward to outings with Fresh Start, Music Under the Bridge, and Jesus Cares. One highlight of the month was inviting her friend Donna over for lunch and games, giving them an opportunity to catch up and enjoy each other's company. She also went shopping for new clothes, spent time at Mount Simon Park for a picnic, and had fun going to Winona Movie Theater, where she eagerly anticipated seeing *Toy Story 5* and *Breadwinner*.



Mary enjoyed several community activities this month, including attending Music Under the Bridge and participating in Fresh Start. She enjoyed spending time with friends and taking advantage of opportunities to get out into the community.

Vicki also stayed busy throughout the month. She enjoyed activities with Fresh Start, took a trip to the bank, and spent a relaxing day driving to Lake City, followed by dinner. These outings provided a chance to enjoy the scenery, practice community skills, and spend quality time with staff.

As June came to a close, everyone reflected on another month filled with meaningful experiences, friendships, and personal accomplishments. With summer in full swing, the housemates are excited for even more adventures, community events, and opportunities to make lasting memories in the months ahead.









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



Research and discoveries by Albert Einstein created a foundation for the eventual development of laser technology. Today, laser technology serves a vital role in the medical, industrial, and communication fields. Regarding creativity, Albert Einstein once said, *“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”* Einstein’s discoveries remind us that genius is not about having all the answers but about daring to ask questions that others never thought to ask.

From the first day of orientation, team members helping support Suzanne, Jo, Mary, and Vicki are encouraged to cultivate curiosity and creativity by asking “outside of the box” questions. Is there a new activity that Suzanne would enjoy? Is there a new friendship that would help Jo live their best life? Is there some undiscovered aspect of technology that would help improve Mary’s quality of life? Is there a way something in the house could be modified to make the home safer for Vicki?

The questions are endless. Is there a \_\_\_\_\_? Please feel free to share your questions and creative ideas about how we can help better support Suzanne, Jo, Mary, and Vicki.

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