Great River Homes, Inc.
12th Street
May Newsletter

It was a fun month for the ladies at 12th Street. The much-anticipated Spring Formal was a highlight of the month! Everyone had a wonderful time singing and dancing the night away and a delicious meal shared with friends and family. Mary was especially excited as she was crowned queen, everyone was very happy for her, and she enjoyed the unexpected surprise! Suzanne also enjoyed the company of her friend visiting for the night and joining her at the Spring Formal.

The ladies have been taking advantage of the nice weather by going outside for a variety of activities. They have had picnics in the parks, gone for many walks in the community, enjoyed a nice bike ride, and started planting the garden. They are impatiently waiting to be able to eat the fresh vegetables they are growing.

12th Street was one of the houses to host the 100 mile garage sale. Many items were donated to Great River Homes so the ladies stepped up to be wonderful salesmen! They were helpful in welcoming the customers and getting all the items sold. The garage sale was a huge success thanks to their help! Not only did Vicki help at the garage sale but she was also able to do some shopping herself. She enjoyed going to multiple garage sales, browsing, and finding items she liked. She also enjoyed a trip to her volunteer's house. Jo enjoyed a nice drive to see her sister at her business (Garden Gate) in Alma. Overall, it was a fun and exciting month for all of the ladies and they are looking forward to more summer events and activities.

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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.

There are numerous types of bridges in the world including bridges made of ice, vines, glass, rope, wood, cables, steel, concrete, and some bridges are built by using questions.

It has been said, “Questions build bridges”. To question is to engage in a quest for truth, knowledge, understanding, and solutions. The bridges that are built by effective questions are invaluable in creating mutual understanding and enabling progress.

Albert Einstein understood questions build bridges; Einstein commented,” If I had an hour to solve a problem and my life depended on the solution, I would spend the first fifty-five minutes determining the proper question to ask, for once I know the proper question, I could solve the problem in less than five minutes.

Asking bridge-building questions regarding a wide spectrum of areas is a vital role of each team member as we seek to support Mary, Jo, Vicki, and Suzanne in living their best lives. Example: If an individual’s disposition and behavior changes, every aspect of the person’s health, living arrangement, relationships, work setting, and environmental factors such as seasonal changes are questioned; team members spend “fifty-five minutes determining the proper question”.

Knowing that questions build bridges leading to knowledge, understanding, solutions, and ultimately, better lives, please consider spending “fifty-five minutes” developing a question that will help improve the services provided by Great River Homes and forward that question to a supervisor.

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