Great River Homes, Inc.

613 Circle Drive

January Newsletter

With the holidays behind us, our homes are settling into a quieter rhythm. We hope the transition has been smooth, and you've found time for relaxation and reflection. We kicked off the year with a surprising twist in the weather - unusually warm temperatures for January! It seems like Mother Nature decided to gift us with a break from the winter chill. We hope you've been able to take advantage of this unexpected warmth.

Katy's Birthday Bash (January 27th): Our warm wishes go out to Katy, who celebrated her birthday on the 27th! Katy, a connoisseur of coffee and shows, spent her special day with her housemates and family, including a delightful visit earlier this month with Heather and her 3-year-old Wren. The celebration continued with a Walmart cake selection and a McDonald's birthday feast, surrounded by a joyous chorus of housemates.

Jenny's January Adventures: Jenny, the adventurer of our circle, embraced the month with new games on her PS3, a brand-new pair of glasses, and delightful outings to Walmart. Her dedication to restful nights was highlighted by achieving a proud eight hours of sleep. We commend Jenny for her ongoing support to both family and the local community, from farm work to assisting at the local restaurant.

Paige's Heartwarming Moments: Paige experienced a heartwarming surprise with a Valentine's card from her dad, creating a special moment she shared with staff and her aunt. Her generosity extended to celebrating a housemate's birthday at McDonald's, enjoying dinner at Perkins, and volunteering for the post-holiday cleanup with classic rock tunes as her companion.

KayRine's Winter Return: KayRine's return from North Dakota amidst a snowstorm added a touch of adventure to the month. She spiced up her kitchen with a new smoothie bullet and air fryer. Bowling nights, birthday celebrations at McDonald's, and stylish haircuts at Extreme Imagining made KayRine's January a month to remember.

As we wrap up this extraordinary January, let's look forward to the possibilities that February holds. Whether it's the continuation of warmer weather or the anticipation of new adventures, let's embrace it together.

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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.

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 Katy, Jenny, Paige, KayRine 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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