Great River Homes, Inc.
701 Circle Drive
February Newsletter

The ladies at 701 have had a busy last few months. We started the year off right by staying up till midnight to ring in the new year and watch the ball drop. We also got to enjoy some early warm days and multiple adventures out and about. Everyone helped make the dessert of the month for our wonderful sponsors and a dessert tray just in time for Valentine's Day. Everyone had fun with their friends at 12th Street, where they played board games and shared a delicious meal. The house got new flooring in February and everyone has been loving the new updated feel of the house!

Bernie has been able to get her golf cart out multiple times already this year. She also invited her housemates and friends to enjoy a ride. When she wasn't cruising in the golf cart she also enjoyed walking the neighborhood to soak in the sunshine and beautiful weather. Bernie went out to eat multiple times this month and enjoyed every second.

Willie enjoyed the month by attending bingo during the Grumpy Old Men Festival. She also assisted with the grocery shopping and eating her favorite meal of ribs at Applebee's. She also has been keeping up her fitness routine by exercising at home and going for walks around town.

Donna has had a few busy months between game night and outings with her housemates. She helped make and deliver the dessert of the month. She also volunteered at the Grumpy Plunge and enjoyed watching everyone jump in the water. She was able to attend multiple birthday parties and enjoyed making cards for each of her friends. She is still very interested in doing crafts and helping with chores around the house.

LaVonne has been doing a lot of crafts. She has been working on everything from sewing to molding things out of clay. She is currently working on hemming her pants and altering other clothing items. She received a new Valentine's bear this year and likes to hold and play with him. She has also enjoyed going out to eat multiple times with housemates and staff.

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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.

Cleary defined boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Many of us are familiar with the fact that the Rio Grande River forms much of the boundary between Mexico and the Texas. What many of us in the Midwest may not realize is that due to flooding and erosion, the course of the Rio Grande River has often changed over the decades. One of the more significant changes in the course of the river led to more than 600 acres of Mexico suddenly being located on the American side of the Rio Grande. The ever-changing course of the Rio Grande has led to confusion regarding boundaries and associated disagreement between the two nations.

What is true geographically and politically is also true in human services; Clearly defined professional boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Team members strive to maintain clear and consistent professional boundaries as they interact with and support Bernie, Willie, Donna, LaVonne. There are many factors team members need to consider as they maintain professional boundaries including sharing of personal information, use of nicknames, types and purpose of touch, tone of voice, avoiding keeping secrets, accepting gifts and favors from individuals, clothing choices, avoiding spending unscheduled time with individuals, and providing behavior support in a non-emotional, professional manner. If professional boundaries are allowed to erode, confusion and associated disagreements will occur. "Be Friendly, but not a Friend" encapsulates the concept of professional boundaries.

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