Great River Homes, Inc.
701 Circle Drive
March Newsletter

The ladies had a fun filled festive month spending time with friends and enjoying a variety of activities! They had a blast dying Easter eggs and making fun Easter crafts. The house threw a St. Patrick's Day karaoke party and had a great time singing and dancing with their friends. The ladies enjoyed going out with friends on the golf cart and hosting dinners at the house. This month was filled with laughter, positive energy, and friendship.

Donna's month was filled with fun activities and social engagements. She chose to spend her time with friends, inviting them over for a craft day and going to a friend's house for dinner. Donna enjoyed some trips out of the house and around town. She had a blast getting to ride around with her friends on the golf cart.

LaVonne really got into the St. Patrick's Day spirit by participating in all the festivities. She let her personality shine in her green apparel and shared a wonderful meal with friends. This month she was determined to practice her letters and numbers and spend time reading and crafting. When the weather was nice Lavonne wanted to get some fresh air and sunshine by riding in the golf cart and taking walks around the neighborhood.

The golf cart ride was a highlight of Bernie's month, she was thrilled to finally be able to cruise around town again! She enjoyed the fresh air, sunshine, and the company of her friends. In addition to the golf cart, she also enjoyed walks around the neighborhood. Bernie had a wonderful trip to Dairy Queen, she is always up for delicious ice cream.

Willie was in the mood for some spring cleaning this month! She spent some time cleaning and organizing around the house, a chore that was greatly appreciated by her housemates! She has also continued to write in her journal and take her daily walks. She likes going on trips to Kwik trip and Walmart with staff and housemates. Willie showed off her creative side by making crafts with her friends, a great time was had by all.

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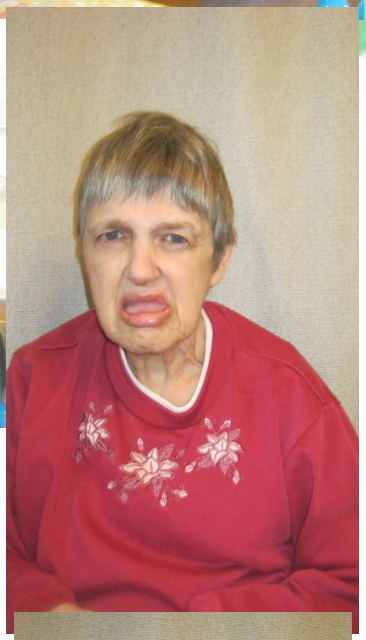

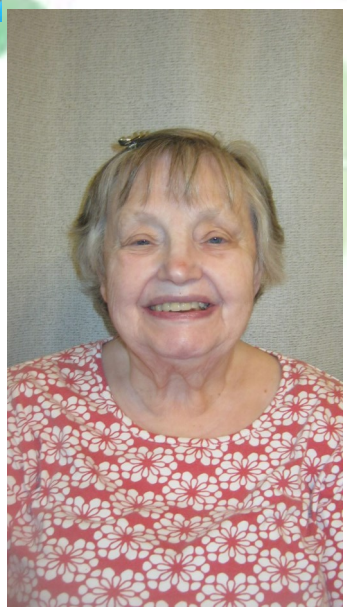

Round yon Virgin Mother
and Child,
Holy infant so tender
and mild,

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.

While most humans have excellent hearing, many members of the animal kingdom have a far superior capacity for hearing. A dog can distinguish specific sounds originating from ½ mile away and thus be at the door to greet you as you pull into the driveway. In a relatively quiet room, a dog can hear your heartbeat. While having a superior hearing capacity is great, as we all know, there is a vital difference between merely hearing and actively listening.

It has been said: "Listening liberates energy." Team members continually strive to develop active listening skills knowing that doing so will liberate LaVonne, Bernie, Willie, and Donna's energy to share what is fun and important to each of them and help each person live their best life.

It has been said: "Listen with the intensity most people reserve for speaking." Another one of the goals of team members is to learn to listen with intensity. Team members need to decode body language, mannerisms, actions, and seemingly meaningless comments that communicate the needs and desires of LaVonne, Bernie, Willie, and Donna.

A guiding principle for team members is: "To know the heart of a person and imagine the world to be a better place for them." Team members seek to develop their listening skills and associated empathy to the point where they can, in a sense, hear the heartbeat of the individual they are interacting with.

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