



Great River Homes, Inc.

8th Street

April Newsletter

April was a wonderful month filled with friendship, fun, creativity, and community involvement at 8th Street. As spring arrived, individuals enjoyed opportunities to reconnect with friends, explore new experiences, and take part in many memorable activities both at home and throughout the community. From formal celebrations and outdoor adventures to cozy evenings spent together, the month was full of meaningful moments and joyful memories.

The ladies at 8th Street had the opportunity to dress up and attend a beautiful Garden Party Gala while also preparing for the Spring Formal just a few days later. There was plenty of time spent dancing, socializing, and reconnecting with friends they had not seen in quite some time. The events brought excitement, laughter, and many special memories.

The month also included plenty of recreation and entertainment. Bowling outings were filled with strikes, spares, and laughter, while lively rounds of bingo brought a few exciting wins along the way. Creativity and learning were highlighted as everyone built their own wooden planters, giving them the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while taking pride in their finished projects.

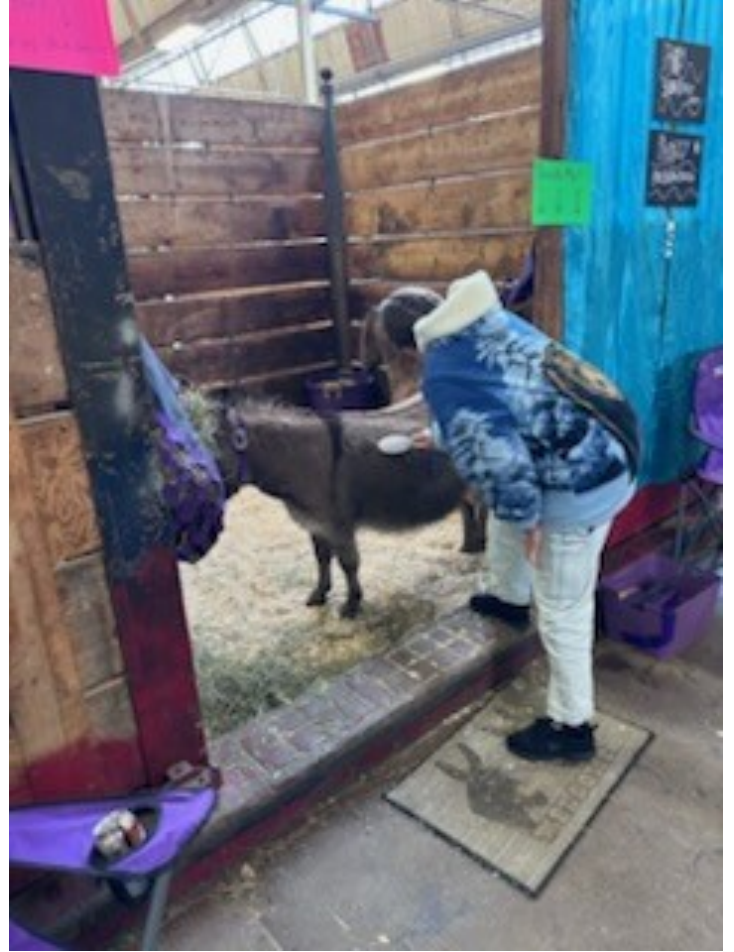
Community outings added even more excitement throughout the month. A visit to a horse expo gave the ladies the chance to see a wide variety of horses, browse unique shops, braid horses' manes, and end the day by attending a rodeo before returning home. Outdoor adventures included hiking at Hok-Si-La Park, walking along Beach Park while counting turtles, and enjoying the beautiful scenery around Lake Pepin as the spring weather finally arrived.

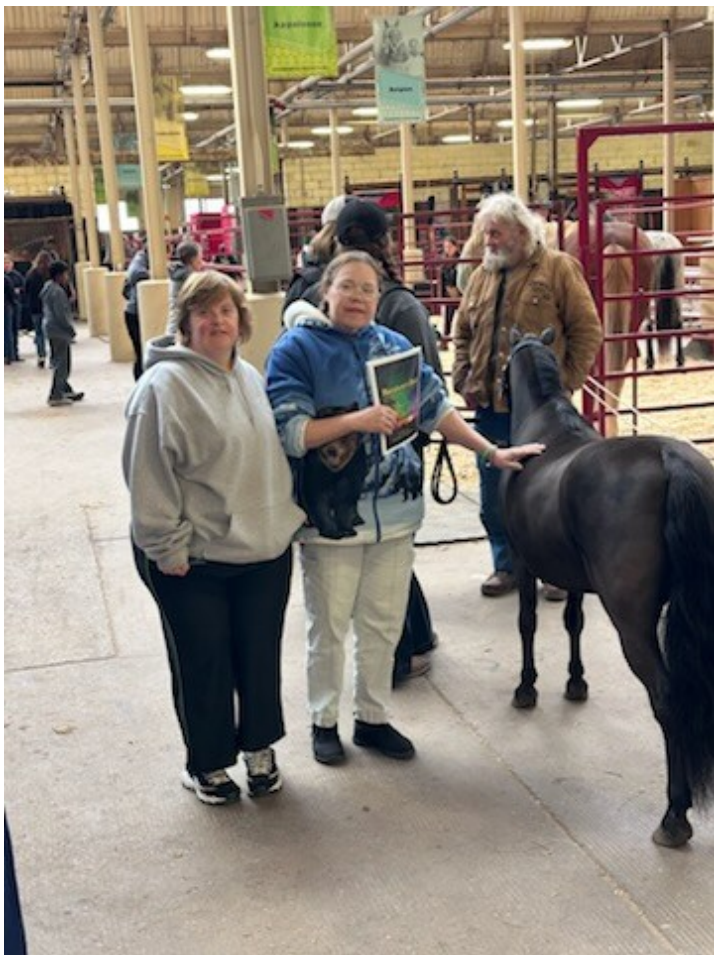
Back at 8th Street, the fun continued with cozy gatherings among friends that included game nights, crafts, and cooking together. These shared experiences helped strengthen friendships and created a warm and welcoming atmosphere within the home.

Overall, April was a month full of activity, laughter, and meaningful connections at 8th Street. We are grateful for the many opportunities to learn, explore, and celebrate together. As we look ahead to the coming months, everyone is excited for even more adventures, activities, and time spent with friends and community members.











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!

Would you be interested in an “extra” \$120,000? The “extra” \$120,00 does not involve any trickery, and it may not be as difficult as one may think; if, during a forty-year period, one spends an average of \$1,000 a month on groceries, one can save \$120,000 by buying items that are on sale for an average of twenty-five percent off their usual price. Buying one loaf of bread priced at \$3.99 for the sale price of \$2.99 may not seem like much, but small, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction have a very impactful cumulative result.

In a similar way, when it comes to supporting Kris, Jenny, and Lindsay in living their best life, there is no such thing as a “small” thing. “Small” steps towards effective time management by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on the time available to enrich the lives of those being supported. Likewise, “Small” nuances in wording, body language, and tone of each interaction by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on priceless relationships. Proactively addressing “small” health or safety issues has a very impactful influence on each person’s well-being. There will always be room for improvement, but team members seek to focus on the “small” things, knowing that “small”, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction help the individuals we support live their best lives and “small steps” are worth infinitely more than \$120,000; they are priceless!

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