

JANE AND THE GREEN BAY PACKERS



Early in 2023, Seedster Jane Kileen received a gift that she never expected—a Green Bay Packers football signed by the entire team! Though Jane has lived in Mississippi for decades, she is proud to call Wisconsin her home state and the Packers her team.

We can credit this wonderful gift to one of our long-time supporters, Sarah Richie. Although Sarah now lives in Tennessee, she continues to be on our mailing list, and in December 2022, she noticed that a Mustard Seed email included a photo of Jane wearing a Packers jersey. Sarah quickly forwarded the picture to her next-door neighbor Jerry Gray, who happened to be one of the defensive coaches for the Packers at the time.

After Coach Gray saw the picture, he immediately gathered his team to sign a football for Jane.

When the gift arrived at The Seed, all of the Seedsters gathered in the Activity Center. Jane was not told about the gift before this, so when she opened the

package, she couldn't believe her eyes. She said she never expected someone to go out of their way to do something so special for her.

"I was shocked," Jane said. "I couldn't even speak." Jane's love for the Packers dates back to when she was a teenager. For Jane, the Packers are more than just a football team. They serve as a connection for her with her parents, both of whom passed away years ago.

"I've been a fan since '79," she said. "My first game was when Bart Starr was coach. My parents took me. That's when I started falling in love with the game."

Jane keeps the football in her room at our Women's Group Home. "I still look at it," Jane said, smiling. "I wish my folks could see it."

Shortly after receiving the gift, Jane painted a beautiful ceramic soup mug that featured the Packers logo, which was mailed to Coach Gray as a token of her gratitude.

"I'm so blessed," Jane said, "with people around here, the love, and the giving."

