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Match of the Month

Nancy and Sara

Sara and Nancy's match officially started when they met for the first time at Red Mug in the winter of 2008. Over the past nine years of their match, they have cooked together, gone to numerous plays and craft fairs, eaten at restaurants and have an annual tradition of going to the Animal Allies Walk every year. Nancy said "we both love to shop, eat and go to movies and love almost anything with animals involved."



When asked if she has learned anything new or picked up any hobbies, Sara said "Nancy has really helped me develop a love of art fairs and 'older' music." As for Nancy's experience, she spoke about the balance she and Sara's mom have had throughout the match. "The things she liked to do were opposite of the experiences that I provided for Sara. I think it was a plus that the two of us related well and were able to discuss issues as it related to Sara." The three would go out to eat together and even had a separate Christmas get together with our families. Nancy also added, "What I learned from Sara and her mom was about perseverance and determination. When the going gets tough you keep fighting. There were a lot of road blocks along the way for Sara and Mia, but they would pick themselves up and work hard to overcome the obstacles. I admired that. Sara has excellent values regarding what things are important in life because of this journey and the things she has experienced."

The two shared the same most memorable experience, while both admitting they have many fond moments. The experience took place when they made Italian food during one of their first times together. "I still talk about the first time she came over to cook and I wanted her to help me make meat balls. She had to squish the meat together in her hands and I think it was one of the biggest gross out moments in her life. I still remember the look on her face. I was afraid she was never going to come back." Nancy added, "I also remember her being about 10 and we were in a shoe store and she loved to play dress up and would walk around the store with her sparkly spiked high heels, looking like the Queen of DSW." Sara added in the end that she had a fun time at a fishing event hosted by Mentor Duluth some years ago.

When asked how the experience was special for her, Sara said "it was very valuable for me to have another guardian/adult that I could form a new, neutral relationship with. The experience helped me find out what kind of person I wanted to be and Nancy was a compassionate, gentle guiding hand in that search." Nancy said, "It was special to watch Sara grow and develop into the mature young woman she is today, and to be able to share in this experience is priceless."

Thank you for being a great match!

Mentor Duluth February Activities

Check out the fun activities coming up this month!

 **MENTOR DULUTH**
APPRECIATION NIGHT

  

UMD BULLDOGS VS. Saturday, February 4
OMAHA NEBRASKA 7:07PM at AMSOIL Arena

Sponsored by alumni and Friends of the UMD Sports
Information Office

Call Brianne at 218-722-4745 x120 to sign up!



Ice fishing!

Saturday, February 25 from 1 to 3pm

Location: Fish Lake (15 minutes north of Duluth)

Dive Guys, an ice fishing group based in MN is coming to Duluth and has offered Mentor Duluth two hours of ice fishing! The lake has not yet been determined. Fishing will take place in an enclosed hut with holes already drilled. Gear is all provided. Join us for a fun day on the ice!

Contact Brianne at 218-722-4745 x120 with any questions

Match Anniversaries!

Congrats to all our matches who are celebrating their anniversaries this month!

Nick	and	Rebecca Ebbers	02/01/2016
Soteria	and	Courtney Krohn	02/02/2015
Dreamah	and	Martha Einerson	02/04/2010
Shawn	and	Samuel Buesing	02/04/2013
Mercedes	and	Susan Amadio	02/07/2011
Kaitlyn	and	Nicole Murphy	02/08/2012
Irvin	and	Greg Spehar	02/10/2010
Charles	and	Anne Rawlins	02/11/2015
Jessica	and	Ashley Hinsch	02/12/2015
Jadan	and	Brooke Krafthefer	02/12/2016
Rayshawn	and	Nick Stauber	02/12/2016
Bequatha	and	Phoenix Cobb	02/14/2014
Leksie	and	Kris Simonson	02/17/2009
Courtney	and	Emily Fleissner	02/18/2015
Devin	and	Gavin Maurer	02/19/2014
Devin	and	Jamie Maurer	02/19/2014
Cory	and	Adam Traen	02/22/2016
Faith	and	Fiona DeLeon	02/22/2016
Alex-zander	and	Steve Barta	02/23/2011
Kourtney	and	Katherine Nistler	02/25/2014
Serenity	and	Laurie Pinther	02/25/2015

Twin Ports' February Activities

Bluegrass Jam at Sir Benedicts Tavern

Wednesday, Feb 1 from 7 to 8pm

Sir Ben's hosts an open bluegrass jam every Wednesday night. Performers bring their own instruments.



Bonfire and Hot Chocolate at Bayfront Park – 2/17 from 4 to 8pm

The Bayfront Family Center skating rink at Bayfront Park hosts an outside bonfire on Friday nights with free hot chocolate available to skaters, while supplies last. Sleds, snowshoes and small cross-country skis are also available for kids to try for free with parental supervision.



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