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## Tabor Group Landscaping

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Growing up, Jeff Gaffney would make the trip north to Tabor, Minnesota where he would spend 2-4 weeks at a time helping his grandpa on the farm. It was there he saw the benefits of getting out of bed early, long hours spent in the field, and the maintenance required to keep everything running that sparked his passion for finding the “farming” of the suburbs. Little did he know, his time spent there would later be the inspiration for something he’s held very close for the past 26 years.

After graduating from high school in St. Louis Park, Jeff enrolled at Iowa State University in their Landscape Architect-

ture program, and was a member of the hockey team. When he was done there, he landed a job at Arteka in their Sitecare division, where he later met his mentor, Jerry Bailey. Jerry taught Jeff about all aspects of landscaping, but his specialty was working with stone and was often quoted with saying, “work with wood only lasts so long, but work with stone lasts forever.” Jeff took the knowledge he learned from Jerry to a few other landscaping firms, but one day realized he wanted to venture out. In Jeff’s words, “I really love what I do, and have a deep passion to do it to the best of my abilities and to grow personally. I wanted ownership of something that was real and reflected my passions. I wanted to take the good times and the challenges, and own them.” And with those thoughts, Tabor Group Landscaping was born.

Even though Tabor Group Landscaping is entering its 15th season and has had multitudes of success, Jeff has remained humble the entire time and hasn’t forgotten his roots. The name itself is proof of that, and speaking to him further proves it. “Tabor” represents a “piece of him” from when he grew up helping his grandpa on the farm, and “Group” because, “I can’t do everything on my own.” It’s this honesty and integrity that has transferred over into his work, and really become the heart and soul of his business. “My goal is to instill confidence in every client, and for them to be a part of the team. I want them to know they’re respected as a person, and to build a relationship that will continue to grow throughout the process, design and installation,” he says with a smile.



Jeff and his crew provide a variety of services. They’re with you every step of the way making them a one stop shop from design to installation offering their expertise with front entry design, irrigation, fire pits/

places, driveways, patios, fountains, gazebos and everything in between. Jeff gives the example of the palm of your hand being the finished project with each of your fingers being a piece of it, and like a hand, it all comes together to create an incredible work of art. And when the last plant has been given a home, or stone set into place, Tabor Group hopes they haven’t just finished the project, but that they’ve risen to the occasion and gone above and beyond your expectations to provide something that is a reflection of you and your family’s personality. “Everyone has a roof, walls, windows, but when you step outside your door, everyone has their own voice. Landscaping is their voice to the public. There’s a belief it has to be the same, but we enjoy the challenge to make it unique.”

As for the future of Tabor Group Landscaping, Jeff doesn’t care to see it grow numbers-wise, as much as he would like to see it grow in the number of lives it touches. “I enjoy getting to know my clients, learning what’s important to them, and gaining their trust. A really great client of mine in Chanhasen was referred to me, and they were worried about the design, but I got them to let go and trust me, and they ended up being amazed with the results. I always want clients to feel they made the best decision because that decision was based on trust and confidence in me.” Jeff describes seeing the joy in clients’ faces when a project comes together as the best part of his job.

When he’s not at work, Jeff enjoys spending time with his five kids: Bridie, 13, Grace, 10, Tabor, 9, Ty, 7, and Teegan, 6, and their cats. “My kids are at that age where they’re really forming their own personalities, and they’re sponges for leadership. It’s been a joy to watch them grow,” he gushes. One of their favorite things to do together is fish. “When I’m out there fishing with my kids, everything feels lifted. I don’t have a care in the world.” Jeff also continues his love for hockey by playing in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes league. He credits the sport as not only being fun, but also as something



that taught him how to solidify long lasting relationships.

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