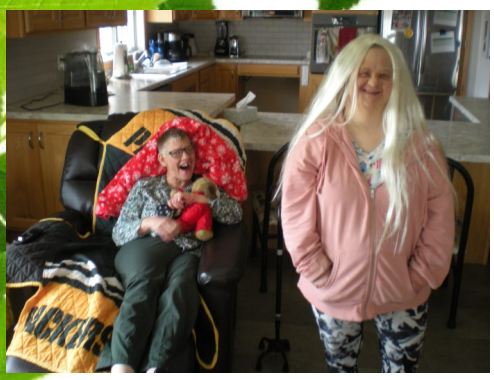
Great River Homes, Inc.

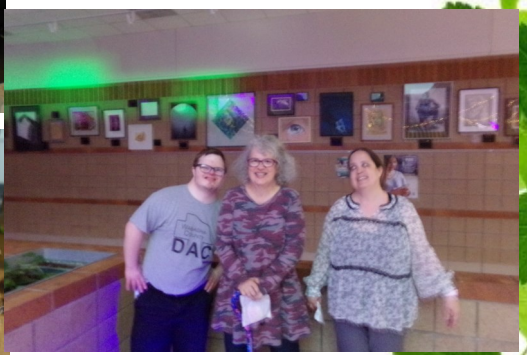
12th Street

April Newsletter

It was a fantastic month for all the ladies at 12th Street. They had a wonderful time with friends attending events and doing all the things they enjoy most! To start off the month, the ladies hosted an Easter celebration. Although it was the day after Easter, everyone was excited to have the house full of friends, laughter, and fun. They all dyed Easter eggs, enjoyed a meal and the company of their friends. The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to deliver goodies to everyone. The ladies also enjoyed going to the Community Ed dance at the Red Wing High School. They all danced the night away and enjoyed hanging out with their friends. They also enjoyed a day of pampering; they went shopping and went out to eat at Red Robin.

Suzanne and Jo went to see the movie Unsung Hero's and the Wabasha-Kellogg High School play “High School Musical.” They both said they enjoyed the movie and thought the students did a great job with the play. Suzanne enjoyed a day of shopping and going out to eat at Denny’s. Vicki went to an old staff’s farm for the weekend. She enjoyed her visit and especially enjoyed the dogs. Mary and Jo had a fun night of bingo at the Red Wing High School through Community Ed. All of the ladies are looking forward to the warmer weather and events ahead.





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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.

What is an effective item for trapping bugs, protecting blisters, fixing eyeglasses, keeping snow out of your shoes, removing splinters, helping get the last bit of toothpaste out of the tube, artwork, hemming clothing, and temporarily fixing just about anything? What creative uses can you add to the preceding list of what duct tape can be used for? While not fancy or very professional, duct tape is very effective in creating beneficial connections.

In contrast to the often unprofessional look of duct tape holding a shoe together, effective documentation of all aspects of the services provided to Suzanne, Vicki, Mary, and Jo must be neat and professional. Professional documentation is characterized by entries that are objective, thorough, consistent, and concise. A guiding principle of professional documentation is, “The palest ink is better than the strongest memory.” Competent documentation is an essential component of providing quality personal support in every area of life. Specific, prompt, and accurate documentation provides vital information needed to monitor and improve services in areas such as health care, behavioral support, safety concerns, progress in skill development, regulatory compliance, and person-centered activity preferences. Professional documentation also facilitates communication with each individual’s entire support team including team members at 12th Street, guardians, case managers, and health care professionals. Much more so than duct tape, professional documentation is very effective in creating holistic, beneficial connections and is a vital tool that helps Suzanne, Vicki, Mary, and Jo to live their best lives.

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