Great River Homes, Inc.
14th Street
April Newsletter

April showers bring May flowers and the guys at 14th Street have spent the rainy days inside staying warm and dry. The guys keep themselves busy by playing cards with each other and staff, watching movies, and talking on the phone with friends and family. They have been going through their old stuff to see what they can donate to the big garage sale coming up and they have gone bowling, gone to dances, banquets, and movies this month! Of course, the guys cannot wait until they can be outside MOST of the time!

Ben has been going to the Fresh Start Program at the hospital twice a week and works out hard. Ben has enjoyed going home with family every weekend, and when it is nice out, Ben has really enjoyed going for walks outside in the afternoon. Ben walks all the way to Circle Drive and back! Ben has done his volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and cleaning the food shelf. He has also enjoyed going into the community and helping with grocery pick-up, or going to Kwik Trip. Ben loves to stop at Subway to pick up a sub and bring it back to the house to eat it.

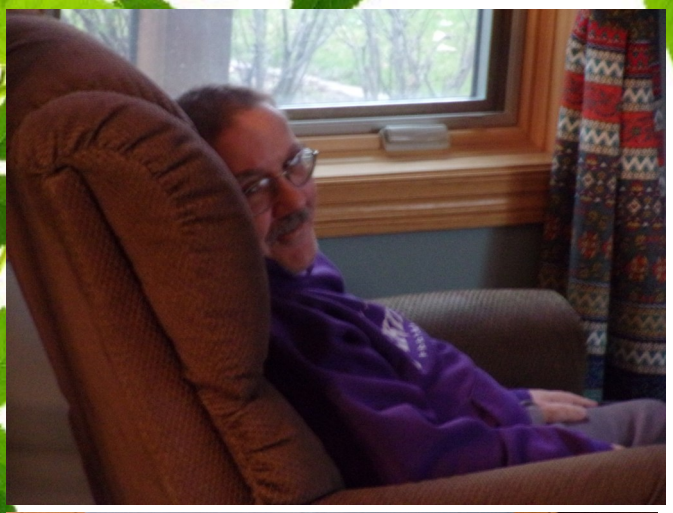
Jesse had a very busy April, he attended the ORC banquet in Winona, MN, and got served a yummy meal of Turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. Jesse got to see his job coach and was very excited to take a picture! Jesse also went to the dance that was held in Red Wing at the high school and danced the night away! Jesse has been working hard at Kwik Trip, and the DAC. He is looking forward to going to the Musical that will be at the Wabasha-Kellogg High School at the beginning of May. Jesse has gotten outside to play basketball with his housemates and loves "racing" staff to get to the bus stop on time.

Kevin enjoyed going to the Fresh Market to purchase his pop and snacks. He worked hard at the DAC, and spent his evenings watching golf and winning $10,000 on his slot machine! Kevin enjoyed going to the Fresh Start Program at the hospital and seeing all his friends and went bowling at Riverboat Lanes on Tuesdays. Kevin says he hopes the weather warms up soon so he can go fishing!

Diego has kept himself busy by going to the movies. He went and saw Godzilla at the Rochester Theatre. Diego also made the beautiful drive to Stockholm, WI to enjoy lunch (and of course dessert) at The Stockholm Pie restaurant. Diego is looking forward to going to sporting events at the school, and around town at the baseball diamonds. He went bowling on Tuesdays and loves it when his family comes to cheer him on! Diego likes to help out whenever he can and is getting really good in the kitchen!

Robert also went to the Fresh Start Program at the hospital, he loves telling the nurses all of his childhood tales! Robert has been singing a lot of Elvis this month, he remembers every word! He has gone out in the community to do his personal shopping; this includes buying something for his sweet tooth. Robert was happy to donate his old chair to the Great River Homes garage sale.

14th Street is looking forward to sunny days so they can get outside to do the things they enjoy. You can be sure to see them around town participating in all of the fun activities! A few things coming up that you might spot them at are the spring formal, the athletic complex grand opening, and the Twins game. We will see you there!



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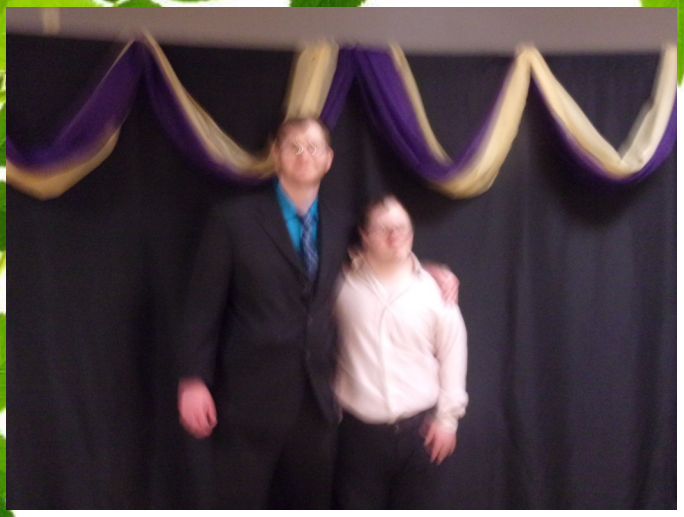

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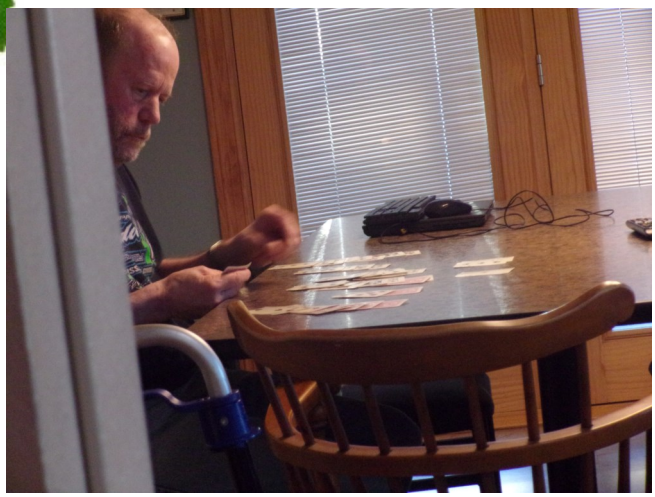

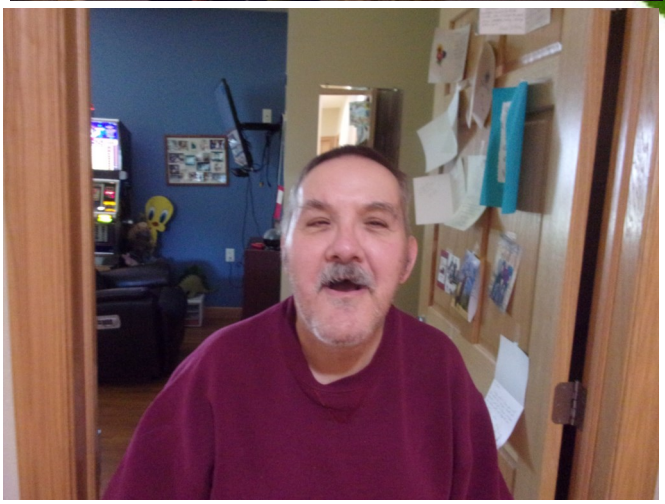

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This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

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 Ben, Jesse, Kevin, Diego and Robert 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 14th 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 Ben, Jesse, Kevin, Diego and Robert to live their best lives.

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