Great River Homes, Inc.
14th Street
May Newsletter

May sure came in like a lion! The guys here at 14th street have not been liking the stormy weather that has been happening, they would much rather it be sunny and warm so they can get outside! Of course, they have been able to sneak in some basketball, mini golf, and don't forget the Spring Formal!

Kevin has been counting down the days until his birthday, reminding staff and housemates daily that it is getting closer. He is mostly looking forward to spending time with family for his birthday. He has gotten out in the community by going to the Spring Formal, doing personal shopping at the grocery store, and enjoys taking the long way home! Kevin really enjoyed playing bingo with housemates and visiting friends from 8th Street. At bingo he even got to call the numbers!

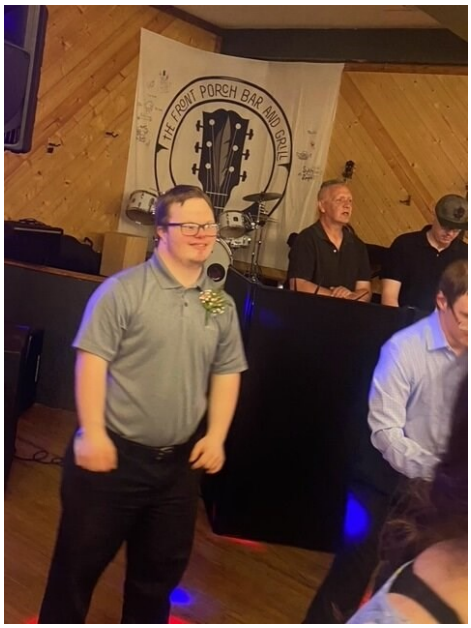
Robert had an extremely busy month. He went over to Irving Street in Lake City to check it out, after having dinner over there Robert decided he wanted to move there. They must have cooked some really good food! On his last weekend here at 14th street, the guys invited 8th Street over for Robert's favorite dinner, tater tot hotdish! After dinner, they played 4 games of bingo, everyone got the chance to call the numbers and Robert won two games. We will miss Robert at 14th Street but we are glad he is happy!

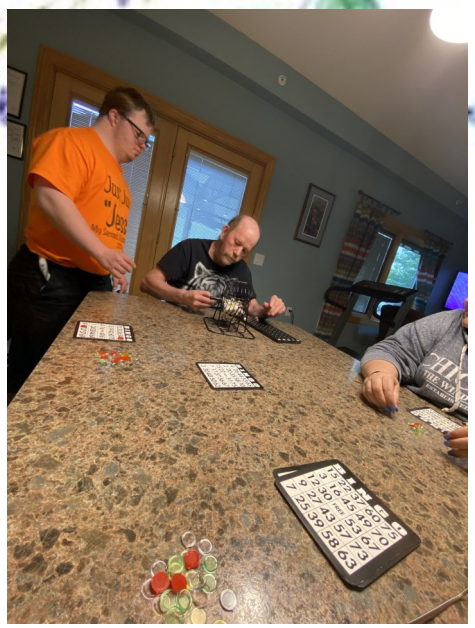
Diego had a super exciting month! His last day of High School was on the May 30th! Diego went mini golfing with a housemate on a day that was full of sunshine and attended the Spring Formal as well! Also, getting to spend the night with one of his volunteers was a highlight this month. Diego went bowling on Tuesdays at Riverboat Lanes and is always excited when his family comes to watch him bowl.

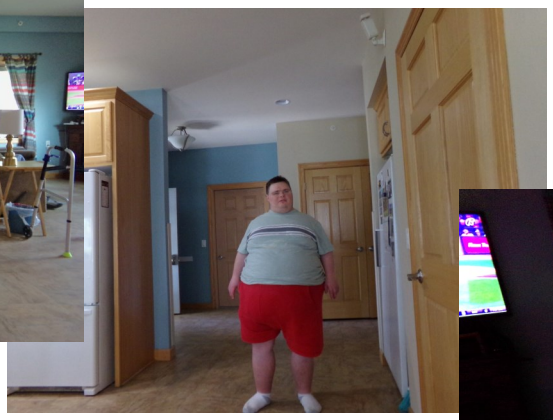
Ben enjoyed the long holiday weekend by going up to the cabin with his family. Ben also went to the Spring Formal with his mom and brother. Ben volunteered for Meals on Wheels and cleaning the Food Shelf. While out and about one day, Ben stopped and bought some flowers to give to his mom on Mother's Day. This made her very happy!

Jesse has been playing a lot of basketball outside when the weather is nice. He went to the Spring Formal, garage sailing with his mom, mini golfing, and has participated in church activities. Not to mention working two jobs!

14th Street is looking forward to the Twins game, the Honkers Game, and the Golf Fundraiser coming up this summer.







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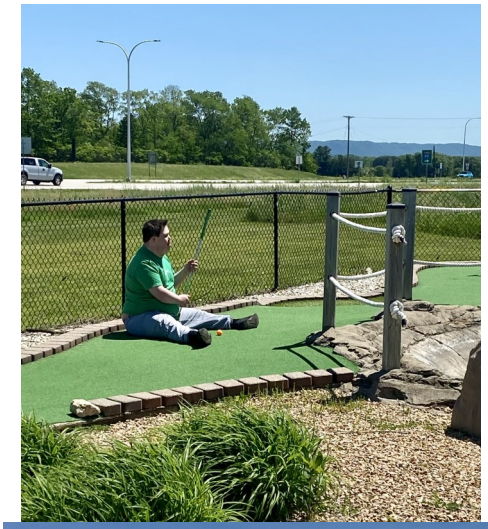

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This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

There are numerous types of bridges in the world including bridges made of ice, vines, glass, rope, wood, cables, steel, concrete, and some bridges are built by using questions.

It has been said, “Questions build bridges”. To question is to engage in a quest for truth, knowledge, understanding, and solutions. The bridges that are built by effective questions are invaluable in creating mutual understanding and enabling progress.

Albert Einstein understood questions build bridges; Einstein commented,” If I had an hour to solve a problem and my life depended on the solution, I would spend the first fifty-five minutes determining the proper question to ask, for once I know the proper question, I could solve the problem in less than five minutes.

Asking bridge-building questions regarding a wide spectrum of areas is a vital role of each team member as we seek to support Ben, Robert, Diego, Jesse, and Kevin in living their best lives. Example: If an individual’s disposition and behavior changes, every aspect of the person’s health, living arrangement, relationships, work setting, and environmental factors such as seasonal changes are questioned; team members spend “fifty-five minutes determining the proper question”.

Knowing that questions build bridges leading to knowledge, understanding, solutions, and ultimately, better lives, please consider spending “fifty-five minutes” developing a question that will help improve the services provided by Great River Homes and forward that question to a supervisor.

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