Great River Homes, Inc.
613 Circle Drive
April Newsletter

The ladies had a great month springing into action with community involvement! The ladies had a blast at the dance in Red Wing, where everyone kicked up their heels and danced the night away! A successful fire drill was conducted, ensuring everyone's preparedness in case of an emergency. Stopping for a sweet treat at the Panther Drive-In in Durand, WI, was the perfect spot for ice cream on a beautiful spring day.

Jenny's Joyful Journeys

• Volunteering Heart: Jenny dedicated her time to Feed My Starving Children, helping nourish children in need.

• CPR Certified: At the Central Office, Jenny learned life-saving skills like CPR and AED usage.

• Swimming Success: At the Rochester Rec Center swim meet, Jenny won 2 first places and 1 second place, cheered on by her family.

- Community Engagement: Jenny and her housemates captured the spirit of Wabasha, taking photos for the Give Local Poster.

Paige's Pleasant Pastimes

• Easter Festivities: Paige enjoyed an Easter Party, decorating eggs and winning bingo.

• Neighborhood Explorer: From walks around the neighborhood to enjoying ice cream at Panther Drive-In, Paige savored the spring weather.

• Social Butterfly: Paige cherished conversations with her family and dinner with friends at 12th Street.

Katy's Kaleidoscope of Activities

• Family Time: Katy spent quality time with her family throughout the month.

• Easter Celebrations: At the Easter Party, Katy showed her artistic side by coloring eggs.

• Dance Delight: Katy joined the fun at the Red Wing dance, sharing smiles and moves with everyone.

KayRine's Kudos

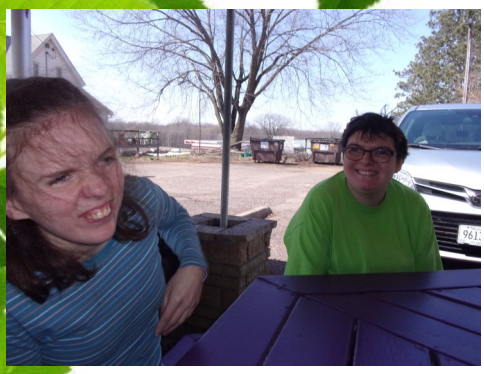
• Birthday Bash: KayRine celebrated her birthday with a special meal at Perkins and a joyful haircut experience.

• Learning Lifesaving Skills: Like Jenny, KayRine also learned CPR and AED at the Central Office.

• Llama Love: On a trip to Lark Toys, KayRine enjoyed seeing the llamas and sharing laughs with housemates.

• Volunteering Heart: KayRine's dedicated her time to Feed My Starving Children, helping nourish children in need.

Looking forward as we move into May, we're excited for more adventures, learning opportunities, and moments of joy. A heartfelt thank you to all staff, volunteers, and community members who continue to support and enrich our lives. Your dedication does not go unnoticed! Here's to a fantastic April and an even better May!



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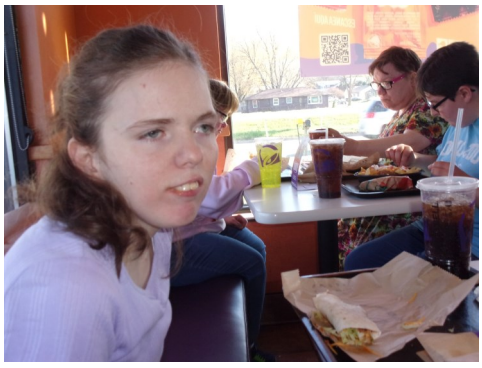

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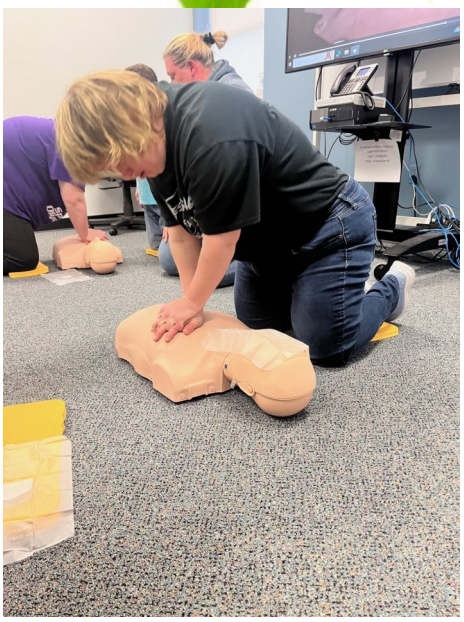

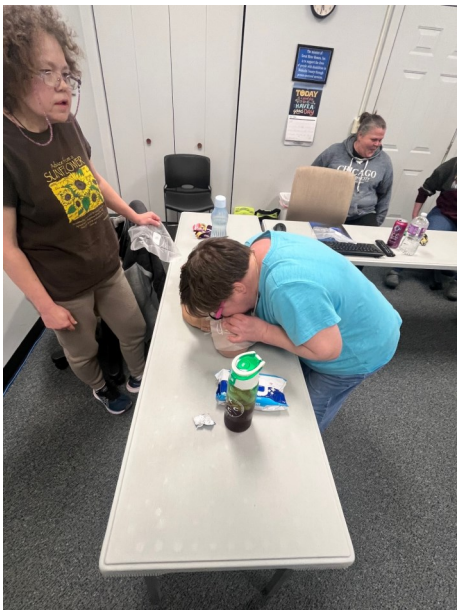

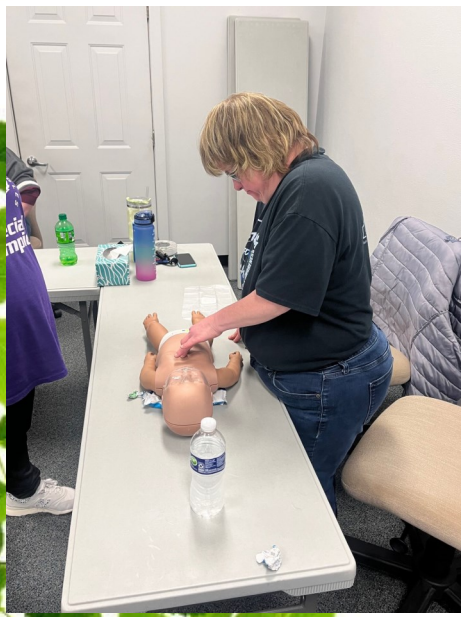

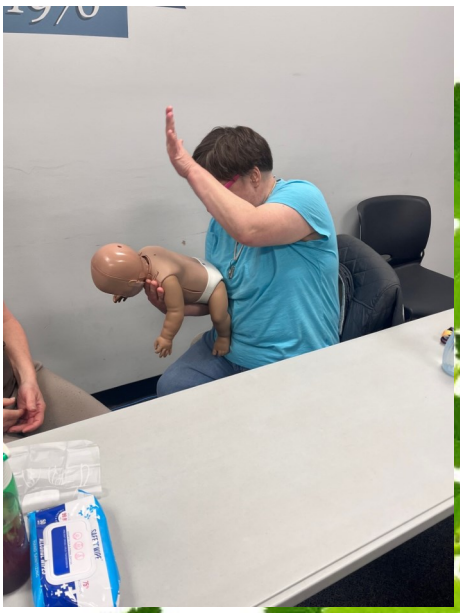

This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

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 Katy, Jenny, KayRine, and Paige 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 613 Circle Drive, 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 Katy, Jenny, KayRine, and Paige to live their best lives.

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