Great River Homes, Inc.
613 Circle Drive
March Newsletter

March has been a month filled with meaningful events and heart-warming moments here at Great River Homes Community. As we bid farewell to March and welcome the blossoming days of April, let's take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences and achievements of our residents:

Disability Services Day at the Capital: March kicked off with a significant event as our community members, alongside staff and peers from GRH, participated in Disability Day at the Capital. It was an opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities, ensuring that their voices are heard and respected.

Free Cone Day at Dairy Queen: What better way to enjoy the arrival of spring than with free ice cream? Our ladies had a delightful time at Dairy Queen on March 19th, savoring every lick of their free cones and creating cherished memories together.

World Down Syndrome Day - Celebrating Jenny: On March 21st, the world celebrated World Down Syndrome Day, and our very own Jenny was at the center of attention. Throughout the day, Jenny was showered with love and appreciation, reminding us of the uniqueness and beauty she brings to our community.

Adventures and Outings: From bowling at Wabasha Bowling Alley to hiking at Frontenac State Park, our residents embraced outdoor adventures with enthusiasm and joy. Whether it was meeting new furry friends or belting out tunes by Lady Gaga, every moment was filled with laughter and happiness.

Self-Care and Pampering: Amidst all the excitement, our ladies also took time for some self-care. From getting haircuts to enjoying a relaxing swim at the YMCA, they pampered themselves and embraced moments of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Easter Celebrations: As Easter Sunday approached, our residents spent time with loved ones, colored eggs, and shared laughter with their housemates. It was a time of togetherness and joy as they celebrated the spirit of Easter with their families and friends.

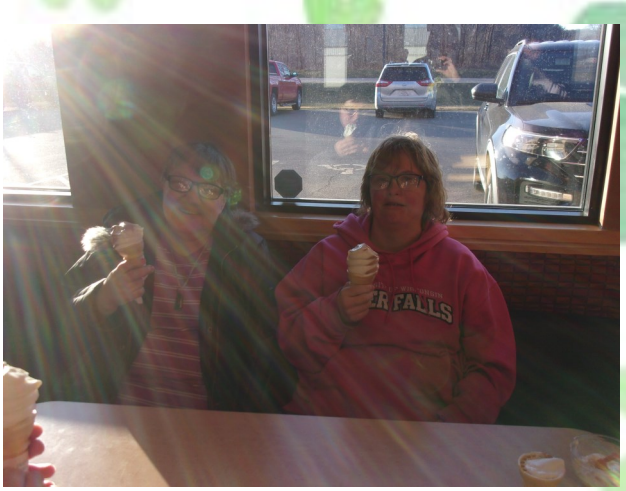
Let's also take a moment to recognize the wonderful accomplishments and experiences of some of our residents:

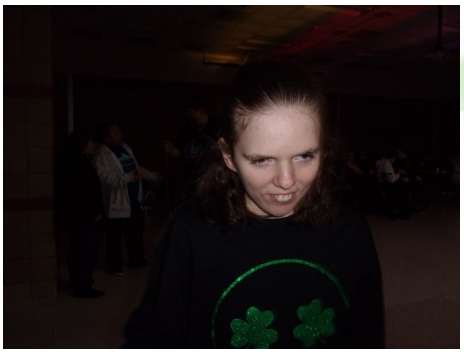
Jenny: Jenny has been enjoying home visits, going for walks, and listening to music. She had a blast bowling, swimming, and even indulged in some diamond art. Jenny's energy and enthusiasm brighten our days.

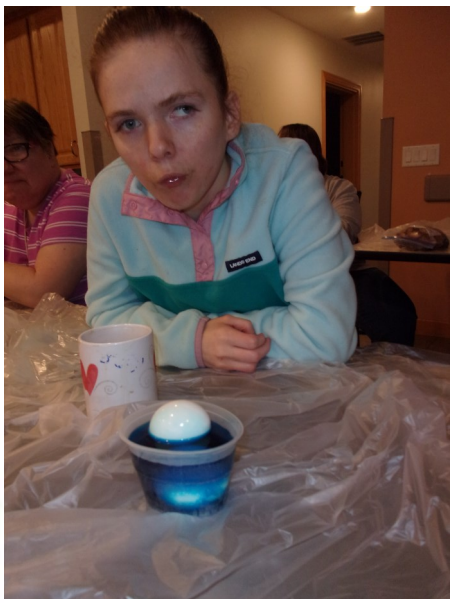
KayRine: From grocery shopping to outings at the library and Aktion Club meetings, KayRine has been embracing every moment with pride and joy. Her adventures at Frontenac State Park and movie outings are just some highlights of her month.

Paige: Paige has been busy with outings, helping with dinner, and enjoying walks in nature. She finds joy in the simple pleasures of life, like coloring eggs and spending time with family and friends.

Katy: Katy's month was filled with laughter and fun, from walks in the park to dance nights and outings with her sister. Her positive spirit and love for life inspire us all.







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.

While most humans have excellent hearing, many members of the animal kingdom have a far superior capacity for hearing. A dog can distinguish specific sounds originating from ½ mile away and thus be at the door to greet you as you pull into the driveway. In a relatively quiet room, a dog can hear your heartbeat. While having a superior hearing capacity is great, as we all know, there is a vital difference between merely hearing and actively listening.

It has been said: "Listening liberates energy." Team members continually strive to develop active listening skills knowing that doing so will liberate Jenny, KayRine, Paige, and Katy 's energy to share what is fun and important to each of them and help each person live their best life.

It has been said: "Listen with the intensity most people reserve for speaking." Another one of the goals of team members is to learn to listen with intensity. Team members need to decode body language, mannerisms, actions, and seemingly meaningless comments that communicate the needs and desires of Jenny, KayRine, Paige, and Katy .

A guiding principle for team members is: "To know the heart of a person and imagine the world to be a better place for them." Team members seek to develop their listening skills and associated empathy to the point where they can, in a sense, hear the heartbeat of the individual they are interacting with.

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