Great River Homes, Inc.
701 Circle Drive
April Newsletter

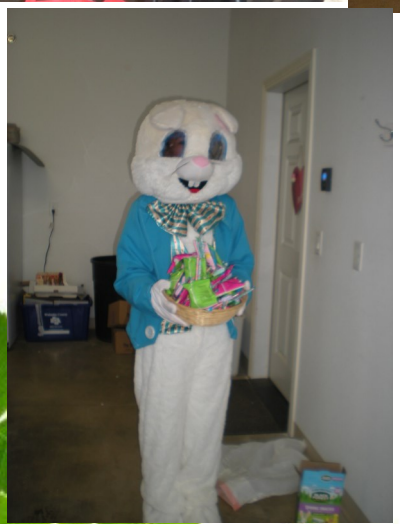
It was a fun month for the ladies at 701 Circle Drive. They were able to spend time with friends, attend events, and have time for self-care. The ladies made it out to an Easter party where they got to see a staff member dressed like an Easter bunny. They died eggs and did some fun projects around the house. They have been getting out more as the weather warms up. These ladies enjoy their days out on the golf cart and saying hi to all their friends.

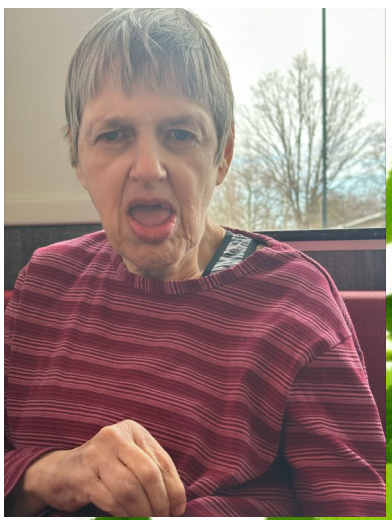
Donna enjoyed going on outings and sitting outside on the bench when the weather allowed. She did a lot of art projects and helped make a picture collage for Great River Homes. Donna loves to help staff out around the house by helping make dinner and doing other chores.

Lavonne has been getting into sewing and has taken on some new projects. She's been very motivated to get out and about in the community this month and has been going on walks when the weather is nice. Lavonne got a fresh haircut and likes to style her hair with fancy barrettes every morning. She has been enjoying her nights when she kicks back and watches her favorite TV show while she practices her writing.

Bernie went on a lot of outings this month and enjoyed getting sweet treats with her staff. She got a new haircut and enjoyed the pampering. Bernie spent a lot of her days playing with her fidget toys and hanging out with all her staff and housemates.

Willie was excited to get out for the night and stay a night at the casino with a friend of hers. Willie has been getting out as much as she can and going on walks around the community. She's been spring-cleaning her room and making sure her plants are watered.





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 Donna, LaVonne, Willie, and Bernie 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 701 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 Donna, LaVonne, Willie, and Bernie to live their best lives.

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