Great River Homes, Inc.

Irving Street

January Newsletter

It was a celebratory month at Irving Street with two birthdays and my many trips out and about. Cheryl and Darren both had a “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” in January. They had lunch and cupcakes delivered to them at home. They were both showered with cards and gifts that made them feel special and loved. Everyone at the house enjoyed watching movies, shopping at Target, and having lunch at McDonald’s to follow.

Cheryl had a busy month, she went to a mobile grocery pick-up order in Rochester, then to Culver’s for her favorite Shrimp. She enjoyed the time out of the house and was full of giggles. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends this month. She had many visitors including her sister Donna and brother-in-law Steve, nephew Josh and his family, her friend Jean, and nieces Christy and Olivia. She was also able to see Dale and Sharleen over Facetime.

Darren helped with some grocery shopping in Rochester and enjoyed a snack at McDonald’s afterward. He has also been using the peg board, doing some writing, drawing, and watching TV. He spent some time with his parents and always enjoys talking with them on the phone. Darren likes his job and continues to thrive in his workplace.

Bob has been enjoying playing games on his tablet, drawing coffee cups, and watching Westerns and game shows on TV. His favorite activity is drinking coffee! He enjoys his job and continues to go to work regularly. He loves watching out the window for the “chariot” van to arrive.

Linda has been keeping busy by working with the Bristle blocks, looking at magazines, and listening to the TV and music. She enjoyed a drive to Rochester for a mobile grocery pickup order. She loves seeing all her sisters through Zoom chats. She has also enjoyed kicking back in the recliner – relaxing.

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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.

To be effective and successful in whatever one does, a sustained and vigilant focus on the fundamentals is indispensable. One of the most famous quotes from the world of sports is attributed to Legendary Green Bay Packers coach, Vince Lombardi. After the Packers lost a key football game, Coach Lombardi started practice by sharing with the team of seasoned, professional football players: “Gentleman, this is a football.” An indispensable, vigilant focus on fundamentals helped the Packers achieve a championship season as they won the title game by the score of 37-0.

A sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals is indispensable as the team at 14th seeks to support Cheryl, Darren, Bob, and Linda as they develop a wide spectrum of skills and seek to live their best life.

The vigilant focus on fundamentals starts very early in orientation as team members review the “Direct Support Professional Code of Ethics”. The Code of Ethics includes fundamental principles such as person-centered support, promoting physical and emotional well-being, integrity, confidentiality, justice, respect, relationships, self-determination, and advocacy. Upon completion of orientation, vigilant attention to fundamentals is sustained and serves as a foundation for the content of discussion at team meetings, during training sessions, and throughout daily life.

Even though some of us may be Vikings fans, through a sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals, we seek to emulate the success of Coach Lombardi’s teams who went on to win five championships in seven years and never had a losing season.

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