Great River Homes, Inc.
Irving Street
May Newsletter

April and May have come and gone, and summer is almost here. Everyone at Irving Street is learning to adjust with all the changes happening but still finding joy in daily life. It was a fun month for the guys with many special events and outings to spend time with friends and family.

Bob and Darren went to the last dance of the season in Red Wing and chose to attend the Great River Homes Spring Fling at The Front Porch in Kellogg. They spent the night dancing and laughing with dear friends. They both enjoyed the movie Kung Fu Panda 4 at the theatre. They went for a ride, stopped at Subway and enjoyed a picnic at Staehli Park in Lake City. Darren and Bob helping the grocery pick up order but prior to that, they enjoyed lunch at the Purple Goat in Rochester. They also decided to treat themselves to a meal at Culver's, Applebee's, and The Front Porch. The were both able to attend Jesus Cares and had fun playing instruments and singing.

Bob has been drawing more masterpieces (coffee), worked on his iPad, and watched some Westerns on tv (and others). He has also been playing cards! Bob went to Red Wing, where he enjoyed a meal at Randy's. He enjoyed a trip to Walmart to pick up some plants and helped get them planted at the house. He enjoyed his shopping trip and waving to all the other customers and employees at the store.

Darren has spent time with his family, has been writing in his journal, and working with the blocks to build. He has filled the house with his music while dancing and singing along.

There is a new addition to the Irving Street house, we would like to welcome our new housemate Robert Lee to our home. He joined us from the 14th Street house in Wabasha on May 28th.

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 Bob and Darren 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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