

Great River Homes, Inc.
River Drive
April Newsletter

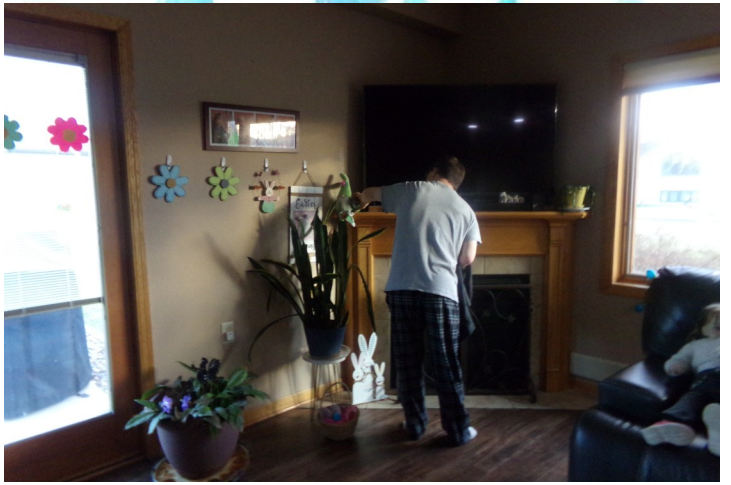
April was a busy and exciting month filled with many fun activities, family visits, and community events for everyone at River Drive. Everyone enjoyed participating in April Fools, cooking activities at Red Wing High School, and attending several events throughout the community. Christina spent time with volunteer Linda, while Mike enjoyed lunch with his family. Easter was celebrated with many family visits, as Amy spent time at home with her mom, and Christina, Mike, and Trevor also enjoyed spending time with their families. Trevor continued to spend additional quality time with family throughout the month as well.

Everyone enjoyed going bowling together and participating in game night and Spring BINGO at Red Wing High School. Trevor spent time with his mom after DAC, and everyone enjoyed dinner with their friends. Trevor also had an overnight stay with a family friend and later enjoyed dinner at the central office with friends. The house stayed active in the community by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, where Christina and Mike attended, and by planting flowers and plants at Red Wing High School with Amy and Christina.

The month also included special visits and community connections. High school students brought tie blankets and everyone appreciated the thoughtful gesture. Everyone attended the Kiwanis breakfast and bake sale and later enjoyed attending a play in Durand with Shelly. Mike spent time with KayRine after bowling, and Amy's family brought pizza over for dinner. Everyone also participated in Jesus Cares activities, and Trevor enjoyed going out to eat and playing pickleball with Paige. Christina attended BINGO with Shelly from DAC and got a haircut during the month. Mike and Trevor attended Kevin Passe's Celebration of Life. Kevin was a dear friend they had known and loved for many years. Mike, Trevor, and Christina attended the Lucky Hearts Dance at Red Wing High School to finish off the month with fun and laughter.

As we move into spring, we look forward to more opportunities for activities, friendships, family visits, and community involvement. As we head into the warmer months, everyone is excited to see what next month will bring!









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!

Would you be interested in an “extra” \$120,000? The “extra” \$120,00 does not involve any trickery, and it may not be as difficult as one may think; if, during a forty-year period, one spends an average of \$1,000 a month on groceries, one can save \$120,000 by buying items that are on sale for an average of twenty-five percent off their usual price. Buying one loaf of bread priced at \$3.99 for the sale price of \$2.99 may not seem like much, but small, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction have a very impactful cumulative result.

In a similar way, when it comes to supporting Mike, Trevor, and Christina in living their best life, there is no such thing as a “small” thing. “Small” steps towards effective time management by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on the time available to enrich the lives of those being supported. Likewise, “Small” nuances in wording, body language, and tone of each interaction by team members have a very impactful cumulative effect on priceless relationships. Proactively addressing “small” health or safety issues has a very impactful influence on each person’s well-being. There will always be room for improvement, but team members seek to focus on the “small” things, knowing that “small”, persistent, and consistent steps in the right direction help the individuals we support live their best lives and “small steps” are worth infinitely more than \$120,000; they are priceless!

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