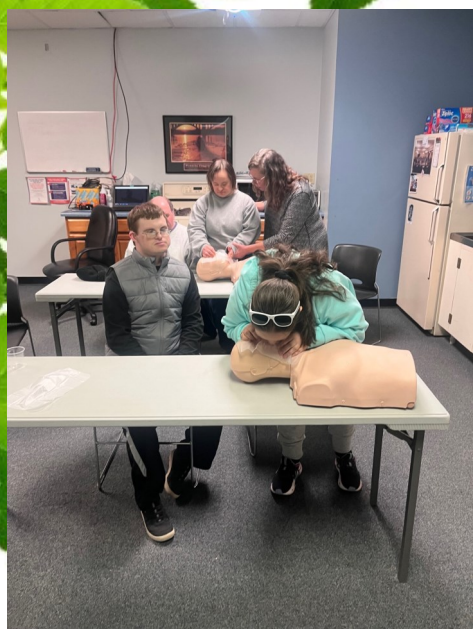
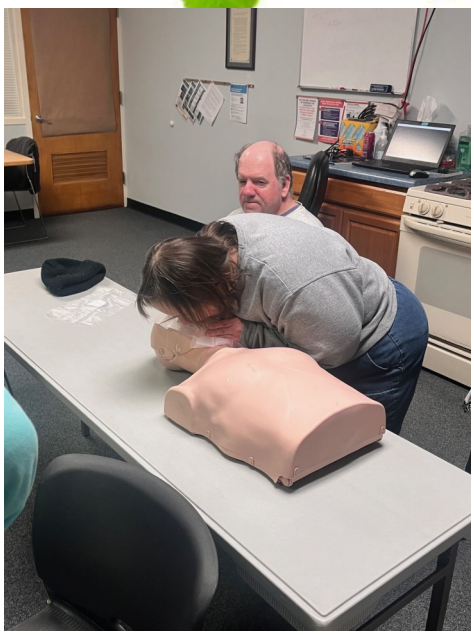
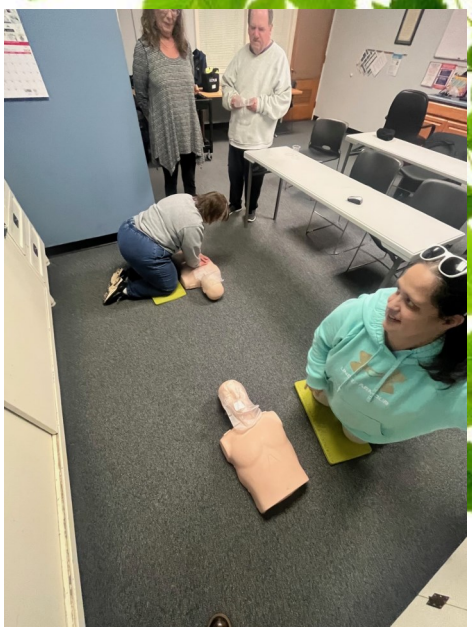
Great River Homes, Inc.
River Drive
April Newsletter

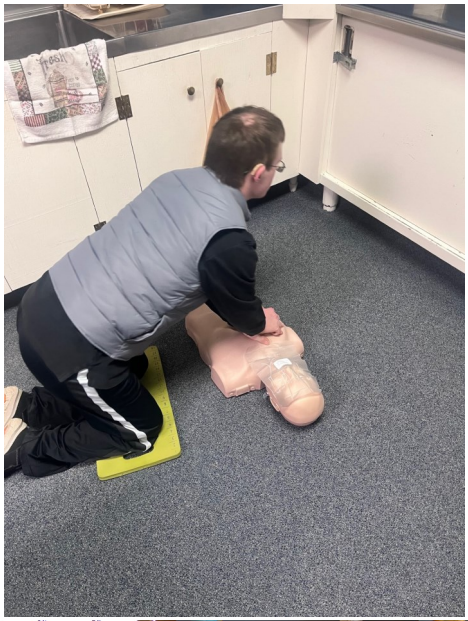
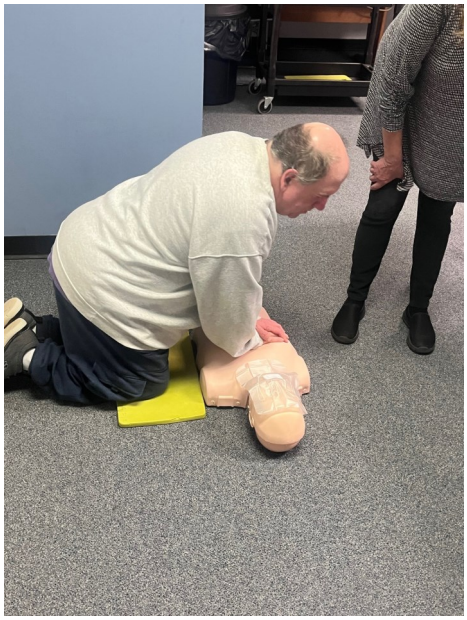
It was a fun and busy month for everyone at River Drive. Everyone participated in many exciting activities and took the time to attend some memorable events! Trevor, Amy, Christina, and Mike have been looking forward to the nice weather coming our way soon. They took advantage of the few nice days we had here and there to spend outside and enjoy a picnic lunch. Trevor has been asking the staff if he and Mike can ride their bikes to work. It hasn't been quite warm enough but he was reassured it won't be long!

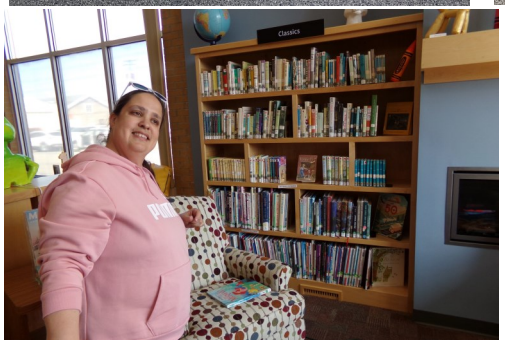
The month started with a great Aktion Club meeting and an exciting trip to the Rodeo in Rochester. Amy, Trevor, Mike, and Christina also chose to volunteer their time with the Aktion Club to help put together meals for Feed My Children in Stewartville. They spent the day filling bags with rice, beans, and other food items. Trevor went with a friend to a movie and out for supper. Trevor, Amy, Christina, and Mike learned some new skills this month at a CPR class hosted by Great River Homes. Nurse Jackie spent time teaching everyone about the life-saving techniques of CPR and they all learned some valuable skills for emergency situations. It was a fun and educational afternoon!

Everyone was able to participate in another volunteer opportunity with the Kiwanis Club and helped by serving pancakes and selling baked goods at the bake sale fundraiser. Trevor, Christina, and Mike had a visitor at the house this month, Bridget stopped by to say hello. They all enjoyed getting to chat and spend some time with her. They also had several outings in Redwing for Community Education including bingo, attending a dinner and dance, and, making May Day baskets. Everyone also participated in their routine outings like going to the library, attending the Fresh Start program, Jesus Cares, church almost every Sunday, and bowling.

Everyone is looking forward to more warm days ahead. Mike is already looking ahead at the summer months and making plans to go fishing. Christina and Amy are very excited to go to Badger Camp. Amy will be going on an exciting vacation to Indiana with her mom in July. They also have some upcoming events to look forward to such as the Spring Formal in May and the Twins game in July.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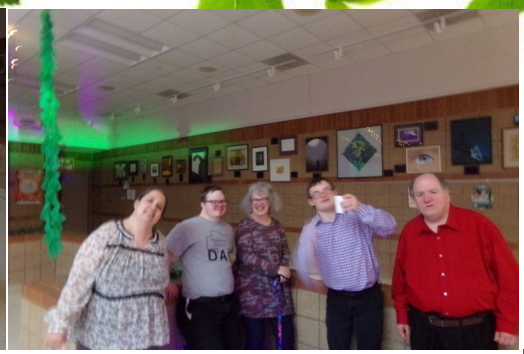

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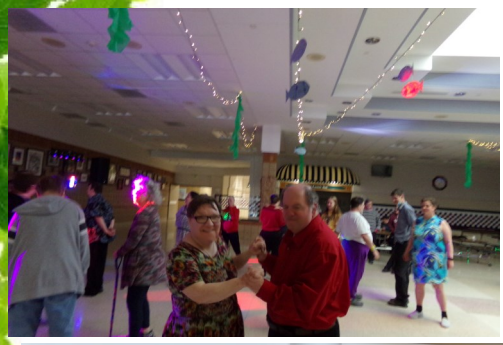

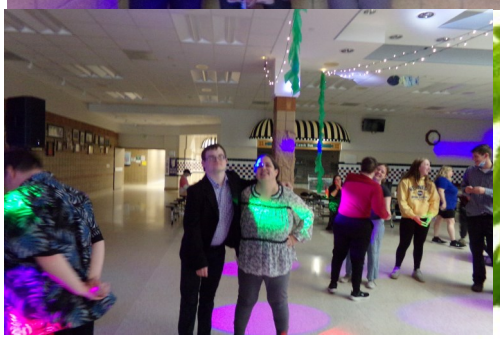
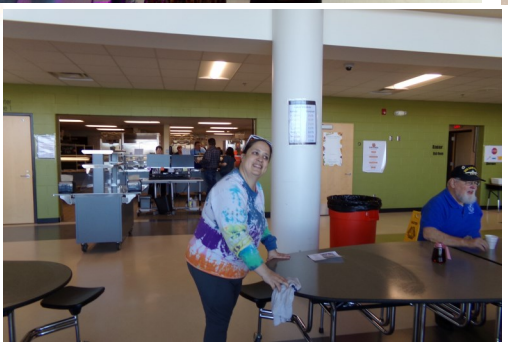

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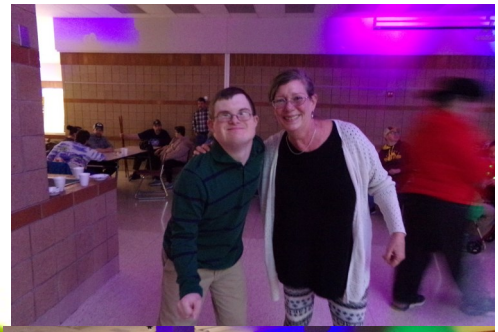

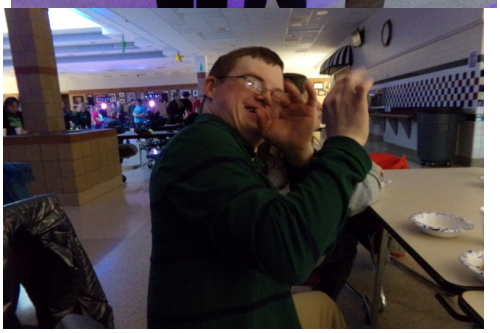

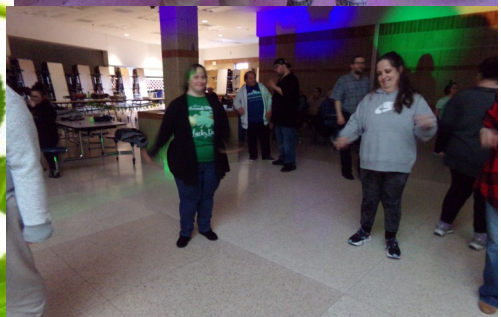

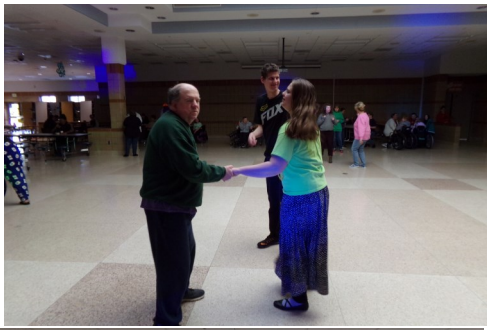

This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

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 Amy, Mike, Trevor, and Christina 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 River 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 Amy, Mike, Trevor, and Christina to live their best lives.

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