Great River Homes, Inc.
River Drive
February Newsletter

February was an exciting month filled with fun adventures at the house! Christina, Amy, Mike, and Trevor have been busy attending a hockey game, Disney on Ice, the movie theater, and the Grumpy Plunge to name a few! The house helped Mike celebrate a birthday this month and he was showered with love by his friends and family!

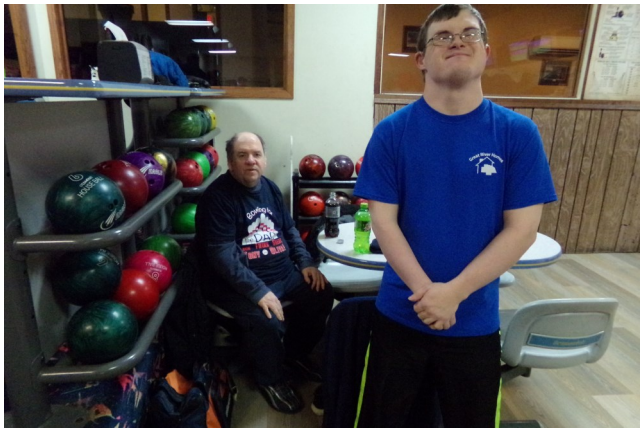
To get into the Valentine's Day spirit the house hosted another craft night. Everyone enjoyed time spent with friends and making sweet Valentine's Day cards for their friends and family. They all enjoyed delicious pizza for dinner as well. Everyone had a great time watching the Rochester Grizzly's hockey game at the Rochester REC Center. This was a new activity for most of the individuals and it was a hit! They were joined by their friend Zack and everyone was thrilled to watch the Grizzlys skate to victory! Everyone's favorite event this month was undoubtedly Disney on Ice! They all had a blast and came home wanting to share stories about all the characters they saw in the show. The Aktion Club was thankful to Amy and Trevor for bringing yummy chocolate chip bars. They also made disability posters to hang up, which was a great way to gear up for our day at the Capital next month in March. At the end of the month, the house volunteered to help with the Grumpy Plunge. They helped with selling merchandise and beverages and the event was a great success thanks to their help! The house got a little refresh this month with new floors and some new paint. Everyone is loving the new feel of the house and is glad the construction is done!

Mike celebrated his birthday weekend by volunteering at the Grumpy Plunge. He was also able to enjoy a few delicious meals, on Saturday he went with his Uncle Lonnie to Eat at the Alma Hotel and on Sunday Mike went with his sister Deb to eat lunch at the Front Porch in Kellogg. He had a great time celebrating his birthday surrounded by friends and family.

Christina and Amy enjoyed multiple girl's nights out this month. First going to the movie “Mean Girls”. It was a cute movie with a good message and the girls had a few laughs. The second was a shopping trip to Rochester where they both bought some decorations for Easter and St. Patrick’s Day. While Amy was able to spend time with her sister over the weekend, Christina joyfully put up her new decorations.

Mike and Trevor also got to have a guy’s day out. Mike and his friend Jason went to the movie “Aquaman 2” while Trevor and his friend Zack saw “The Jungle Bunch”. Everyone enjoyed their movies and time spent with friends. Trevor also had a new experience with his friends from 8th Street, the hot air balloon festival in Hudson, WI. He enjoyed watching the colorful balloons and his time spent with friends.

Everyone at River Drive is also very proud of their accomplishments at the new Fresh Start program hosted by Gunderson Clinic. Amy, Christina, Mike, and Trevor all take the program very seriously and have been great at keeping up with the consistency of exercise and healthy eating. They try hard every day to exercise multiple times a day, and even when they aren’t excited about it, they understand that eating healthy and exercising is very important.



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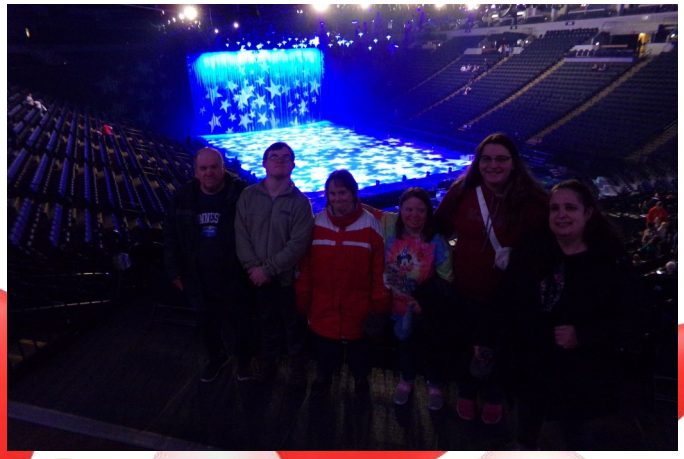

This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

Cleary defined boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Many of us are familiar with the fact that the Rio Grande River forms much of the boundary between Mexico and the Texas. What many of us in the Midwest may not realize is that due to flooding and erosion, the course of the Rio Grande River has often changed over the decades. One of the more significant changes in the course of the river led to more than 600 acres of Mexico suddenly being located on the American side of the Rio Grande. The ever-changing course of the Rio Grande has led to confusion regarding boundaries and associated disagreement between the two nations.

What is true geographically and politically is also true in human services; Clearly defined professional boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Team members strive to maintain clear and consistent professional boundaries as they interact with and support Christina, Amy, Mike, and Trevor. There are many factors team members need to consider as they maintain professional boundaries including sharing of personal information, use of nicknames, types and purpose of touch, tone of voice, avoiding keeping secrets, accepting gifts and favors from individuals, clothing choices, avoiding spending unscheduled time with individuals, and providing behavior support in a non-emotional, professional manner. If professional boundaries are allowed to erode, confusion and associated disagreements will occur. "Be Friendly, but not a Friend" encapsulates the concept of professional boundaries.

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