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New Horizons 35th Annual
"Make A Difference"
Charity Auction
Friday, April 25, 2025 at
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New Horizons Dan Knott
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New Horizons 61st Annual
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Maximizing Employment Opportunities for
Individuals Facing Barriers to Employment

New Horizons News



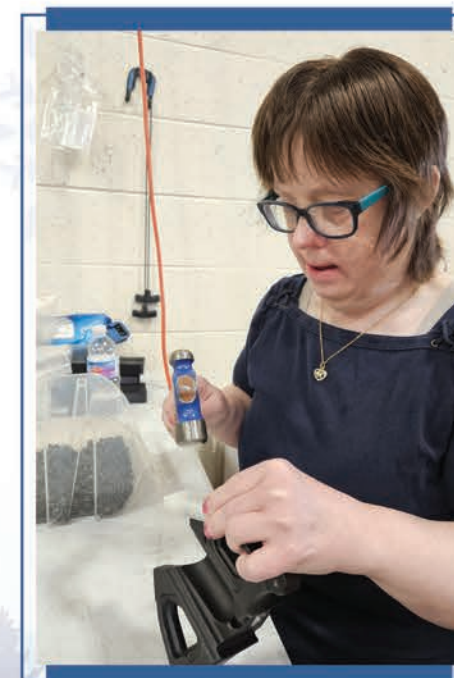
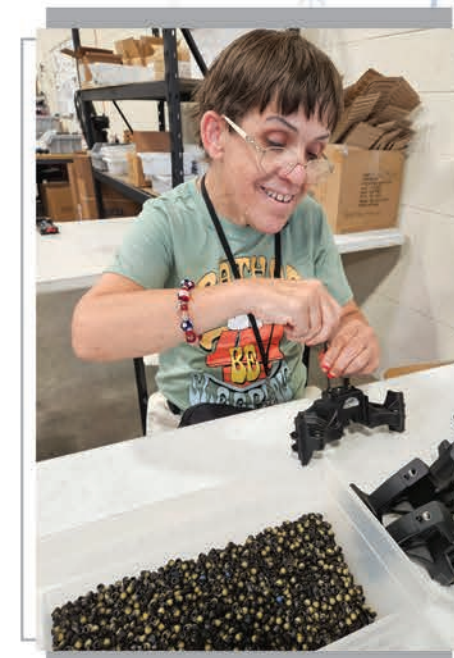
Perseverance and Hard Work Help Break Employment Barriers!

We would like to highlight the vocational successes of two individuals served from the Novi Branch, Helen Hepburn and Beth Downey, for obtaining competitive integrated employment positions at Tool & Die Systems (TDS) in Wixom, MI.

TDS is a manufacturing facility that assembles various parts used for hunting cross bows, and where efficiency and timeliness are of utmost importance. Helen and Beth demonstrated the necessary work skills to achieve this amazing job opportunity along with fantastic productivity levels.

We are happy to note that Helen and Beth are valued members of the team at TDS; they have proved to perform well above the necessary production levels for their positions, often able to exceed the expected production outcomes each day!

We would like to thank Nick Rosochacki, who was instrumental in helping to set up this employment opportunity for the Novi Branch. Your partnership and advocacy with Novi Branch Manager Taylor Wilhlem, and the entire team, has been seamless!



ATTENTION ALL SUPPORTERS

New Horizons values your support! We are proud to report as per our most recent audit, for every dollar donated, \$0.88 cents goes directly towards programs and services, giving you the confidence of knowing your donation to New Horizons MAKES A DIFFERENCE! In addition to donations, here are some other ways you can support us:

Establishing Planned Giving?

New Horizons encourages your support of services at New Horizons through planned gifts. Planned gifts can be as simple as a bequest of funds, or as sophisticated as a charitable trust or foundation. Planned gifts are useful at any income level, even if one's current ability to donate is limited. When discussing your property, IRA, insurance policies, and other assets with your legal and financial advisor, please tell them you wish to leave a legacy through planned gifts. Check out our website link for more information: www.newhorizonsrehab.org

Have An Employer Matching Gift Program?

We encourage everyone to check with your employer to find out if they offer a "matching gift program" to potentially double the impact of your donation!

Shop at Kroger?

Set up a digital account to connect your Kroger account to community rewards and select New Horizons as the chosen organization. Check out the link to set it up: www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards

Have A Business or Know Someone That Does?

Consider New Horizons for your employment needs and hire our candidates! Go to www.newhorizonsrehab.org and click on the "Hire Our Candidates" button or call us at 248-340-0559.

Enjoy Fresh Coffee?

We have partnered with Charity Roasters to provide fresh ground or whole bean coffee shipped directly to you! Proceeds benefit job training and job placement programs and services for individuals with disabilities: www.charityroasters.com/collections/new-horizons



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New Partnership for Employment

Individual served through the Northern Oakland County Region, Jesus Reyes, had been looking for employment, with the emphasis on outdoor work. Through New Horizons' connection with Blake's Family of Companies, an opportunity to hire individuals into their workforce arose to help during their busy fall season.

Jesus prepared for his interview and was hired on the spot! His duties include maintaining the grounds of the 800-acre farm, orchard, and cider mill. Jesus loves to work outside and is thriving in his various job duties; not to mention thrilled to earn a paycheck!

New Horizons will continue to collaborate with Blake's for additional opportunities to come and for many more individuals like Jesus, whose goals are to become competitively employed.

Thank you to Blake's for this wonderful opportunity!



Branch Open Houses

Our Auburn Hills and Novi branch locations held open houses for the public to learn more about our array of services and programs.

We would like to give a big thank you to the Huron Valley School District for sending staff and students from their Special Education program to our Novi open house.

Another big thank you to the Clarkston School District for sending staff and students from their Special Education program to the Auburn Hills open house.

Congratulations to Clarkston Life Skills Renaissance High School student Gavin, on winning the drawing for a gift basket! Our Director of Programs & Auburn Hills Senior Branch Manager, Kris Silvas, paid a visit to his classroom to deliver the basket to him and boy was he excited!



A Vocational Success Story!

Scotty had been participating in the Skill Building program at the Novi Branch where he improved daily upon his existing skill sets (organization), to which his staff soon recognized that Scotty was ready for employment.

After determining which open positions were available in the community, Scotty was hired as an Operator at Husky Envelope in Walled Lake. This amazing company and the Manager, Jason Tabaczka, were so accommodating and open to offering Scotty a position at their company four days a week earning \$14 per hour!

Since starting his job there, Scotty has become more comfortable in social situations. He now can independently begin his shift, which starts with a facial recognition software punch-in clock at the site.

New Horizons' staff continue to provide all the necessary support for Scotty, but he has come such a long way in improving his socialization—a direct result of the support he receives not only from his New Horizons staff, but also from the team members at Husky Envelope.

Scotty's Job Coach, Rhonda Mitchell, noted that he continues to do well, thoroughly enjoys his job, and being a valuable part of the work family at Husky Envelope!

Scotty is an amazing person, and his vocational journey has led him to a successful employment outcome! We wish Scotty continued success in his vocational goals working at Husky Envelope.



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New Horizons 60th Anniversary Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet

This past fall, we celebrated our milestone 60th Anniversary helping individuals with disabilities break employment barriers! Guests enjoyed looking through our historical albums and decade boards that highlighted our rich history of inclusivity, and perseverance. Individuals served through our various programs and services were recognized for their vocational successes and achievements. Also honored were businesses who supported our individuals through job training and employment opportunities throughout our service areas.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Emcee, Rachel Giordano from S&G Media Group, for presenting the success stories of our award winners and to The Magic Soiree, who performed a lighthearted magic comedy show that provided an interactive guest participation experience. Thank you to our Awards Sponsor, Royal Roofing, as well as all our wonderful donors and supporters who believe in our mission of investing in our communities by providing employment opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment!

The 2024 Award Winners

- Ethan Kersheske, School-to-Work Transition Student of the Year
- Azaria Beresford, Work-Based Learning Student of the Year
- Eric Barerra, Employee of the Year Group Supported Employment
- Jordan Kalie, Customized Employment Employee of the Year
- Rebecca Nyquist, Individual Supported Employment Employee of the Year
- Carolyn Garrett, Placement Services Employee of the Year
- Daniel Crull, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year, McLaren Clarkston/Oakland
- Kendall Weinberg, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year, Corewell Health, Troy
- Emma Lang, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year, Corewell Health, Royal Oak
- Grant Hawkins, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year, Henry Ford West Bloomfield
- Charlene Kuechenmeister, AbilityOne Champion of the Year
- Julie Colliflower, New Horizons Staff Champion of the Year
- City of Inkster-Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, Customized Employment Business Partner of the Year
- Waterford Township DPW, Supported Employment Business Partner of the Year
- Waterford Township Police Department, Supported Employment Business Partner of the Year
- Fresh Thyme Market, Placement Services Business Partner of the Year
- North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), Community Partnership Award



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