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New Horizons 36<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"Make A Difference"  
Charity Auction  
Friday, April 24, 2026  
at Petruzzello's Banquet Hall



New Horizons Dan Knott  
Legacy Golf Tournament  
Thursday, September 10, 2026  
at Pine Knob Golf Club



New Horizons 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Awards Ceremony & Banquet  
Thursday, October 15, 2026  
\*NEW VENUE\* at  
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New Horizons Values Your Support! We are proud to share that, according to our most recent audit, \$0.88 of every dollar donated goes directly to support our programs and services. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve, and we remain committed to using your gift responsibly and impactfully. Thank you for helping us continue our mission!

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### 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: <https://charityroasters.com/collections/new-horizons>



### Looking to Volunteer?

We'd love to have you! If you have artistic talents, creative skills, or simply a passion for supporting others, consider volunteering with our Skills Building Programs. Your time and creativity can make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals we serve. For more information, please contact: Kris Silvas, Director of Programs & Auburn Hills Senior Branch Manager at [ksilvas@newhorizonsrehab.org](mailto:ksilvas@newhorizonsrehab.org).

## Did You Know We're on Social Media?

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Maximizing Employment Opportunities for  
Individuals Facing Barriers to Employment

# New Horizons News



## New Horizons 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet

We want to recognize the incredible award winners that showcased our purpose of *Breaking Employment Barriers* at our Annual Awards Ceremony held this past fall.

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 guest speaker Tyler Keller, who shared a video of his personal journey from a tragic accident that left him with a spinal injury, to how he persevered and thrived through his passion to help others, athleticism, and entrepreneurship. His heartfelt speech of hope and inspiration brought the audience to a standing ovation!

Thank you to our Awards Sponsor, Services to Enhance Potential (STEP), 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 2025 Award Winners

- Markivyan Carroll, School-to-Work Transition Student of the Year
- Kelsey Locke, Work-Based Learning Student of the Year
- Antroine Wallace, Employee of the Year Supported Employment
- David Stirnemann, Customized Employment Employee of the Year
- Cloe Houston, Individual Supported Employment Employee of the Year
- Crystal Katcher, Placement Services Employee of the Year
- Anthony Morgan, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year for Corewell Health, Royal Oak
- Alexander Peaslee, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year for Corewell Health, Troy
- Opemipo Obiri, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year for Henry Ford West Bloomfield
- Arielle Foley, Project SEARCH Intern of the Year for McLaren Clarkston/Oakland
- Mary Milia, Peer-to-Peer Award
- Patrick Feeney, Vocational Achievement Award
- Sara Lezotte, AbilityOne Champion of the Year
- Andrea Voorheis, New Horizons Staff Champion of the Year
- Lowry Center Early Childhood at Oakland University, Customized Employment Business Partner of the Year
- Ford's Garage, Dearborn & Novi, Supported Employment Business Partner of the Year
- Hyatt Place, Auburn Hills, Placement Services Business Partner of the Year
- Kensington Church, Troy, Community Partnership Award



## Auburn Hills Fall Open House: A Huge Success!

We had a fantastic turnout at our Auburn Hills Fall Open House this past October! A huge thank you to all of our amazing community partners, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), Project SEARCH, NOTA, and Special Education Mediation Services, who joined us to advocate for people with disabilities.

This event was truly a team effort, and our team is nothing short of amazing! From setting up to welcoming guests and leading tours, everyone's commitment and enthusiasm shined through every moment.

Our Auburn Hills branch enjoyed sharing with the public all the services and programs we offer, and we are incredibly grateful for the support that made this event so special.

A special thank you to the Clarkston School District for sending staff and students from their Special Education program to join us at the open house—we loved having you!



## Celebrating Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation

Late this past year, we were thrilled to learn that Don Drabik, Rehabilitation Assistant, received the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) Excellence Award!

New Horizons was also honored to be recognized by the BSBP, along with our recent Annual Awards winner, David Stirnemann, for outstanding work in Vocational Rehabilitation.

We are incredibly proud of Don's dedication and commitment to supporting people with disabilities. Thank you, BSBP, for this tremendous recognition!



## Teamwork in Action

We are pleased to highlight a wonderful example of dedication, collaboration, and successful supported employment.

Individual served, Celine, first began working with the Waterford Department of Public Works (DPW) in a temporary summer position. Recognizing both her strong work ethic and her enthusiasm for the role, Employment Specialist Lynn Drum took initiative to explore long-term possibilities. Through Lynn's advocacy and partnership with the Waterford DPW, Celine's position was transitioned into a permanent, part-time supported employment opportunity.

Celine has been employed at the Waterford DPW since June 2025 and continues to thrive. She approaches each task, whether indoors or outdoors—with commitment, pride, and growing independence. Over time, she has built valuable work skills and has become a reliable and integral member of the team.

We are incredibly proud of both Celine and Lynn. Their shared effort and perseverance demonstrate the powerful impact of individualized support and meaningful employer partnerships.

This is what employment success looks like—one connection, one opportunity, and one person at a time.



## Making A Difference!

A heartfelt thank you to the amazing team from Atlas Copco and our dedicated foreman, Dennis Winkler, who volunteered their time to refresh our conference room and mock apartment at the Auburn Hills branch.



Their generosity, teamwork, and positive energy truly demonstrate the power of giving back to the community. We are so grateful for their support in making our spaces welcoming and inspiring for everyone we serve!



## In Memory of Dr. Peter Muller

Dr. Peter Muller served on the New Horizons Board from 1999 to 2021 and was a dedicated advocate for individuals with disabilities. A graduate of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, he specialized in pediatrics after completing his residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He later founded the Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine in Troy, where he earned deep respect for his expertise, compassion, and commitment to patient care. Dr. Muller provided exceptional support to countless children, including those with complex disabilities, and their families.



## Celebrating Drive & Determination

In mid-October, New Horizons proudly awarded Cloe Houston with the Individual Supported Employment Employee of the Year award at our 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet. Nominated by her Job Coach, Karen Emmert, Cloe has shown incredible energy, self-advocacy, and dedication in her role at Steve's Mediterranean.

### A Superstar On The Job!

From labeling and assembling food containers to processing pita bread and palletizing products, Cloe tackles a variety of tasks with enthusiasm and precision. She has embraced learning every phase of food packing and distribution, always focused on quality work.

### What Sets Her Apart

Cloe welcomes new challenges, learns quickly, and consistently goes above and beyond. Her commitment and positive attitude makes her an inspiration to everyone around her.

Cloe's hard work and determination make a real difference—thank you for showing us what's possible when you combine drive, skill, and heart!



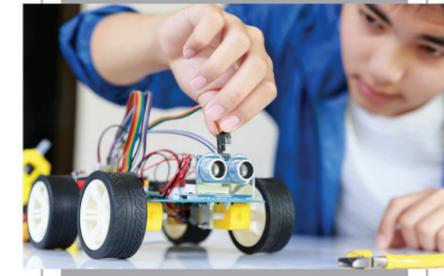
## Join Our STEMM Employer Partnership Initiative

Science - Technology - Engineering - Math - Medicine

New Horizons is seeking employers and organizations interested in helping students with disabilities explore exciting careers in the STEMM fields through worksite tours, job shadows, internships, and other partnership opportunities.

### Program Details

- Tours last approximately one hour
- We aim to schedule 1 - 2 new businesses (within the STEMM fields) each month
- A New Horizons staff member will always be present to assist and supervise



### We are hoping to connect with businesses who can:

- Host worksite tours - typically after school, from 3:30 pm/4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Offer job shadow experiences for students with disabilities
- Explore internships or mentorship opportunities
- Collaborate on career awareness and skill-building activities

Your partnership can inspire the next generation of innovators while helping young people gain real-world exposure to your industry.

Empowering individuals through opportunity, inclusion, and innovation.

### Connect With Us!

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