

## SAVE THESE DATES



### New Horizons 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Knott Legacy Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at Pine Knob Golf Course in Clarkston



### NEW VENUE! New Horizons 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Rochester Hills Banquet Center



### New Horizons 37<sup>th</sup> Annual "Make A Difference" Charity Auction

Friday, April 23, 2027, at Petruzzello's Banquet Hall



**New Horizons**  
Breaking Employment Barriers

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# New Horizons News

Maximizing Employment Opportunities for  
Individuals Facing Barriers to Employment

## On-the-Job Evaluations Going Strong!

New Horizons' On-The-Job Evaluations continue to gain momentum, creating valuable connections between employers and prospective employees.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Pet Supplies Plus - Waterford, Meijer in Auburn Hills, General Bearing Corporation, Holly Foods, and Tiny Geniuses Preschool in Troy for welcoming the individuals we serve and investing time in aligning job responsibilities with both organizational needs and participant strengths.

Through strong teamwork, consistent scheduling, and meaningful work assignments, these experiences have made a significant impact on individuals with disabilities as they build essential skills in real-world environments.

Opportunities like these are critical in supporting long-term goals, fostering independence, and paving the way toward successful, inclusive employment.

## Attention All Supporters!

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!

### Consider Leaving a Lasting Legacy

New Horizons invites you to support our mission through planned giving. A planned gift can be as simple as including New Horizons in your will, or as structured as establishing a charitable trust or foundation. These gifts are impactful at any income level—you don't need the ability to give today to create a meaningful legacy for the future. When reviewing your estate plans—such as your will, IRA, life insurance policies, and other assets—please consider talking with your legal or financial advisor about supporting New Horizons through a planned gift. Your legacy can help ensure individuals with disabilities continue to thrive for years to come. Learn more here: [www.newhorizonsrehab.org](http://www.newhorizonsrehab.org)

### Support New Horizons Through Kroger Community Rewards!

When you shop at Kroger, you can make an impact—at no extra cost to you. Simply set up a digital account and select New Horizons as your chosen organization in Kroger Community Rewards. Every time you use your Kroger card, a portion of your purchase helps support our programs and services. Get started here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

### 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. Scan the QR code or visit: <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?

**f Facebook:** New Horizons Rehabilitation Services of Michigan

**@ Instagram:** @newhorizonsofmichigan

**in LinkedIn:** New Horizons Rehabilitation Services Inc.



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## Breaking Employment Barriers!

**Congratulations** to one of the individuals we proudly serve on securing employment with Foreman Mills in Pontiac.

Casey has recently begun his new role as a Merchandising Associate, where he is responsible for processing shoes for the sales floor and assisting in organizing the shoe, toy, and home departments. His efforts in front-facing shelves help ensure that displays remain neat, accessible, and welcoming for customers.

Starting at 10–15 hours per week, Casey is already making a positive contribution to the team. We extend a special thank you to his supervisor, Sharon, for her support and guidance as Casey transitions into this exciting new opportunity.

Congratulations to Casey on this meaningful step forward toward continued growth and success.

## Customized Employment & Careers

New Horizons' Customized Employment (CE) program continues to create meaningful and unique opportunities tailored to the interests and strengths of the individuals we serve.

We extend our sincere appreciation to WHMI 93.5 FM and host Lori Rigato for welcoming one of our CE participants, Gavin, for an engaging and memorable experience.

With a strong passion for music, Gavin had the opportunity to meet Lori Rigato, host of the 10–3 show, and observe a live broadcast from the studio as she connected with listeners between songs.

He also met producer Mike Scott, who provided a comprehensive tour of the station.

From the studio to the sales office, Gavin gained valuable insight into the inner workings of a radio station and the many roles that contribute to a successful broadcast. Mike took the time to answer Gavin's questions and share his expertise on the production side of radio, making the experience both educational and inspiring.

Opportunities like these highlight the impact of Customized Employment in aligning individual interests with real-world career exploration.



## ★★ 36<sup>th</sup> Annual "Make A Difference" Charity Auction! ★★

It was a spectacular evening *Under the Big Top* at our carnival themed "Make A Difference" Charity Auction, held in late April.

Guests experienced the fun and excitement of live entertainment during *Crazy Craig's Juggling Variety Show*, where he wowed guests with juggling, stilt dancing, unicycling, jaw-dropping chair balancing, and magic tricks. A vintage-style caricature artist Aaron with *Thatz-U*, added to the charm, sending guests home with a one-of-a-kind keepsake from the night.

Attendees also enjoyed our signature cocktails—the **Cotton Candy Martini** and **Ringmaster's Punch**—along with a delicious buffet and dessert table filled with sweet treats.

It was all fun & games for guests at our Game Zone booths featuring fun raffles and great prizes, congratulations to the raffle winners including our **Golden Ticket Dream Vacation Raffle** winner Alan Reiner!

We are proud to share that this incredible evening raised over \$85,800, supporting our job training and placement programs for individuals with disabilities. Thanks to your generosity, **88 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to programs and services.** You truly *make a difference*.

A heartfelt thank you to our top *Big Top* sponsor, **Fifth Third Bank**, and all our generous sponsors, donors, guests, and Board of Trustees—this event would not have been possible without you. **THANK YOU!**

We hope you'll join us again for our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual "Make A Difference" Charity Auction on Friday, April 23, 2027!



## Project SEARCH Mock Interviews

New Horizons had the pleasure of welcoming 20 students through its collaboration with Project SEARCH to the Auburn Hills branch for our annual mock interview event.

This year's job fair featured student interns from Corewell Health Troy, Henry Ford West Bloomfield, and Corewell Health Farmington. Participants had the opportunity to present their resumes, practice answering interview questions, and explore potential career opportunities across a variety of industries.

The success of this event was made possible by the participation of 20 dedicated employers from across Southeast Michigan. Their time, support, and commitment to

inclusive hiring play a vital role in preparing students for meaningful employment opportunities.

Project SEARCH is an immersive program that includes three 10-week rotations, during which students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are placed within a host business. Through these experiences, participants develop essential, transferable skills such as responsibility, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication.

New Horizons also extends its sincere appreciation to our exceptional staff members and skills trainers for their continued dedication and advocacy in supporting the individuals we serve.

## STEMM Worksite Tours Creating Success

New Horizons' STEMM worksite tours continue to create meaningful, life-changing experiences for students as they prepare for bright and successful futures.

Over the past two months, New Horizons has partnered with FANUC America Corporation and McLaren Oakland to provide immersive, hands-on learning opportunities through guided worksite tours.

During their visit to McLaren Oakland, students explored several key areas of the hospital, including the laboratory, imaging, and maintenance departments.

These experiences offered valuable insight into the diverse range of career paths available within the healthcare field.

At FANUC America Corporation, students gained firsthand exposure to advanced manufacturing and automation, while learning about the wide array of opportunities in robotics and engineering.

Experiences like these play a critical role in bringing STEMM careers to life; helping students build confidence, expand their perspectives, and take important steps toward future employment success.



## A Successful Year at Macomb Academy!

Macomb Academy students celebrated their final day in early May after completing a 10-week Job Readiness class with New Horizons instructors, Laura Beelby and Nick Mattingly. Meeting twice a week, students developed valuable skills in workplace behavior, professional dress, communication, resume writing, and interviewing techniques.

We're especially proud to share that every participant demonstrated incredible commitment—no missed days and full engagement throughout the program!

Students Christian Batson, Mariam Nassar, Abigail Thomas, Jolana Jenkins, Omarion Johnson, and Jayda Williams showed remarkable dedication and growth over the past 10 weeks—truly inspiring to witness.

This has been our 5th year working with Macomb Academy in helping to provide not only the Job Readiness class, but work site development and transportation. Macomb Academy was founded to help ease the transition for young adults with special needs who have completed high school but are not yet ready for college, the workforce, or independent living.

Congratulations to all participants on their hard work and achievements as they take the next steps toward independence and employment success!



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