Welcome New Board Member!

Benjamin Lachman

We are pleased to welcome Benjamin Lachman to the New Horizons Board of Trustees. Benjamin is a disability accessibility and employment advocate who is profoundly deaf. Benjamin’s vision is to ensure that people with disabilities have full access to the education, accommodations, and opportunities needed in order to become gainfully employed. He currently works for Fresh Content Society and lives in West Bloomfield with his family.

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Spotlight on Success!

Amanda Kulcharyk

Amanda was referred to New Horizons by Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) for job placement, and worked with New Horizons Employment Specialist, Kathy Strois. In her job search, Amanda graduated from Michigan Career Technical Institute (MCTI) in retail, with customer service and cashier skills. This ultimately led Amanda to being hired at the Meijer in Chesterfield, where she started part-time at $11.50 per hour and will get a raise after 700 hours on the job. Amanda’s Manager expressed to Kathy, that she was more introverted, and not interacting with other employees. Kathy worked with Amanda on soft skills training, and eventually Amanda was initiating conversation with her co-workers.

Amanda now works up to 40 hours per week. She is using her customer service and cashier skills to continue to advance at her job. Amanda says she is now open to new adventures!

Ja’Mee Jones

Ja’Mee Jones, a former School-to-Work student from the Macomb School District, and New Horizons 2015 School-to-Work Transition Student of the Year, has once again achieved success! After completing the School-to-Work program at Eastpointe High School in 2015, Ja’Mee’s worked with New Horizons Employment Specialist Sandy Stone, on a community-based assessment at TJ Maxx, and was hired upon completion making $10.20 per hour with benefits. As Ja’Mee continued to further her education at both Macomb Community College and Dossen School College, Sandy remained in touch and provided moral support. Sandy was overjoyed to receive the news that Ja’Mee completed her bachelor’s degree as a Medical Assistant and graduated on April 26, 2019.

Ja’Mee is now employed as a Medical Assistant at Silver Pine Medical Group with excellent benefits and salary!

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MARO Day at the Capitol 2019

New Horizons staff and individuals served attended “MARO Day at the Capitol” on Tuesday, April 30th. Both the House and Senate were in session that day.

Staff and individuals served had the opportunity to speak with our local Senators and Representatives, on three main issues:

1. Respect the rights of individuals with disabilities and their families to make informed choices from a full array of service options.
2. Support Michigan’s Investment to promote employment opportunities for all working age individuals with disabilities.
3. A staffing crisis currently exists in the recruitment and retention of direct support workers providing behavioral health services throughout the state.

SAVE THESE DATES

New Horizons Dan Knott Legacy Golf Tournament
Friday, September 13, 2019 at Pine Trace/Shepherd’s Hollow Golf Courses

New Horizons 55th Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet
Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Petruzello’s

New Horizons 30th Annual “Make A Difference” Charity Auction
Friday, April 24, 2020 at Petruzello’s

New Horizons

“Maximizing Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities”

To learn more about New Horizons or to donate, visit our website www.NewHorizonsRehab.org.
Project SEARCH Mock Interviews

New Horizons hosted the 5th Annual “Mock Interviews” at our Auburn Hills location on March 21st. The “Mock Interviews” were for the students enrolled in the Project SEARCH school program at Beaumont Hospital of Troy and the Henry Ford Hospital of West Bloomfield.

The Project SEARCH program offers a one-year internship and structured life skills support in a classroom, along with hands-on training among various departments within the hospitals, with job coaching provided by New Horizons.

Representatives from various companies attended the “Mock Interviews”, in order to provide the students with the potential interview questions they may face while job searching after their internship ends.

Southfield High School-to-Work End of Year Celebration!

New Horizons, in partnership with Southfield School District and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), has provided students transitioning from school to work, valuable job preparation and work readiness training for 13 years.

During the 2018/2019 school year, a group of 18 students from Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology, received classroom services on resume preparation, employer expectations, career exploration, and on the job assessments.

Congratulations to all the students and best wishes for their continued success!

Hawthorn Suites of Auburn Hills

New Horizons appreciates Hawthorn Suites inclusiveness and forward thinking, by hiring and supporting individuals with disabilities!

Hawthorn has employed four individuals, from the Auburn Hills Supported Employment Program, to work in housekeeping and curbing minimum wage. They have also offered to be a job training host site for the New Horizons Pre-ETS summer internship program for high school students. Thank you Hawthorn Suites of Auburn Hills!

New Horizons Honored at ARC Dove Awards

We are excited to announce that New Horizons was represented exceedingly well at the 49th Annual Dove Awards hosted by The Arc of Oakland County.

We wanted to share this announcement, as we are so proud of the individuals we serve, who continuously strive to achieve their goals.

New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., “Provider of the Year Award” presented to an Oakland County based provider, residential or vocational, who maintains a consistent, positive, and nourishing community-based setting for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Mohamed Barrie, “Sherdon Dunn Inspiration Award” presented to a student, young adult, or older person who has made a contribution or achievement appropriate to his/her level of development and can serve as an inspiration to others.

*Mohamed Barrie worked with New Horizons Placement Services to obtain competitive employment in food services at Portiac Hospital.

Lindsay Watson, “Vocational Service Award” presented to a job coach, direct care worker, or supervisor who helps individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities obtain and maintain employment within the community.

*Lindsey Watson is the Hiring Representative at the Kroger store in West Lake, MI, and works with New Horizons Placement Services to place individuals served into competitive employment.

New Horizons “Make A Difference” Charity Auction Was A Success!

We held our 29th Annual Charity Auction on April 26th with a “James Bond” inspired theme and Auction Chairperson, Gary Clark, encouraged guests to make it their “MISSION” to support the agency, and did they ever! New Horizons raised over $19,000 for job training and job placement services for individuals with disabilities!

The evening was filled with 12 exciting live auction items and 100 silent auction items, creating exciting bidding throughout the night!

A special thank you to our top sponsors MJ’s Packaging/Sprayco and Magna, and to our many other generous sponsors, supporters and guests that helped to “Make A Difference.”

We hope you will join us at next year’s 30th Annual “Make A Difference” Charity Auction, which will be held on April 24, 2020!