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The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon,  
but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

– Thomas Henry Huxley –

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## NHU Access Technology Initiative - Celebrates 10 Years!

In the Autumn of 2000, with a contribution of computer equipment from R.W. Baird and Co., NHU partnered with the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay to create our first accessible computer training program for individuals with disabilities.

Since then we have partnered with organizations such as St. Clare Management, Common Ground Ministry, Easter Seals Kindcare, Richardson Manor Apartments, and Welcome H.O.M.E. to develop training centers and bring accessible computer training workshops directly to our most isolated community members with physical disabilities in locations throughout Southeastern Wisconsin providing individuals access to employment applications, health care benefits and other Internet tools.

### With the Changes in the Wisconsin State Budget Computer Access Becomes Imperative for People with Disabilities

With the proposed 2011-13 Wisconsin State Budget, access to benefits will become increasingly automated through computer systems. It will become imperative that people with disabilities have the knowledge and the resources to access the state's system. Our work at New Horizons Un-Limited and our partners will continue to try to close the digital divide for the 1.1 million people with disabilities in our state with computer assistance and training.

In 2004, with the help of volunteers from various IT backgrounds, our first computer recipient was granted a refurbished computer for use in her own home. Since then more than 600 individuals have received a refurbished Computer Workstation and NHU has provided Computer training and Help-Desk technical support to each individual recipient to ensure each granted computer continues to be useful well into the future. Our computer recipients are grateful for the opportunity to work from home, for school, to pay bills, connect with family and friends and much more.

[Read a few of our NHU Access Technology computer recipients' comments – page 3.]

## May – June - July - - NHU Volunteer Opportunities!!

To sign up for volunteer opportunities, call (414) 299-0124 or e-mail [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org)

NHU volunteers are reimbursed up to \$8.00 per week for your parking or up to \$9.00 per week for your transportation.

Report your volunteer hours to NHU on-line [www.new-horizons.org/volnet.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/volnet.html)



### Spring Benefit Raffle and Silent Auction US Bank Center Our Event was a Great Success!!!

Special thanks to the  
US Bank Center and Euresst Dining Services.

See our Thank you to Event Donors at:  
[www.new-horizons.org/pdf/donors.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/pdf/donors.pdf)

Special thanks to everyone who solicited prizes, sold raffle tickets, and helped at our event.  
Special thanks to Naomi, Doris, Carrie, Linda, Roslyn, Ruth, Lisa, Mike, Wa, Halli, Scott, Robin, Mamie, Arlene, Patricia, Katie, Carol and Barry.

See photos from our event at:  
[www.new-horizons.org/pdf/rfphot.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/pdf/rfphot.pdf)



### Calling all Golfers! NHU 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Outing June 8, 2011 Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva

While we hope that you will be able to join us for a day of golf, there are many ways in which you can get involved or volunteer for our golf outing.

Talk to the golfer in your life to see if they would like to attend, or talk to a business you know to be a golf sponsor or donate an item for our raffle! Send us contact information for your golfers, sponsors or donors.

Join us for a few volunteer hours at our offices in preparation for this event.

See our golf brochure at:  
[www.new-horizons.org/pdf/golf11.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/pdf/golf11.pdf)

### Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU

**Are you planning purchases** for Father's Day, the lucky graduate or June bride, summer lawn and garden supplies or home building projects? Michael, a New Horizons Un-Limited scrip participant says, "Everyone buys groceries and gas or goes to the movies occasionally or stops at a fast food restaurant or gives gifts throughout the year so why not buy gift certificates from retailers and let NHU receive the discount!"

**Scrip orders due: Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

There are two ways to place your scrip order with us:

1. Use the attached NHU Scrip order form or print from: [www.new-horizons.org/pdf/scripf.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/pdf/scripf.pdf)

2. Place your Scrip order on-line: You can now place your order for scrip for NHU on-line. Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and use our New Horizons Un-Limited Inc. code: (LD7L1C7696L8.)

You purchase scrip gift cards from NHU, redeemable for the exact amount you pay for them and the retailer passes the discount savings (percentage listed next to each retailer on the order form) on to New Horizons Un-Limited.

Fill out and send the order form and your check or money order to New Horizons Un-Limited to confirm your order.



## Access Technology - 10 Years

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### Having Access to a Home Computer really has made a difference through the years

**Ginger:** With my disability, I have had an increasingly difficult time in writing due to the tremors. Your technology program has given me the opportunity to be able to succeed in school and all of my volunteer programs. It is people like you and similar programs that make this world a better place. Thank you so much for the opportunity to succeed in going on with my life.

**Doris:** I had hoped to be able to have a computer for home use because my disability made it difficult to go out. I wanted to become more educated in technology. With my NHU home computer, if there are things I do not know, I can look them up on the Internet. I have been able to find out how to care for my kids and grandkids, and find information on such things as caring for my fish. Also, as a caregiver of a person with a disability, I have seen how much a computer can help someone find information on their career interests.

**Roslyn:** The home computer from NHU assisted me in my college education. I am a mother and a student and before my computer grant, I had to spend many hours at school completing assignments. With my home computer, I was able to be far more productive, cook dinner, help my children with their school work and research and work on my school projects from home, making life easier. I have since graduated with a degree and have found part-time employment. I continue to further improve my skills through education.

**Arlene:** My home computer from NHU has made life easier and allowed me to communicate and keep in touch with friends and family that have moved far away, I have been able to pursue my knitting hobby from home with access to "how to" videos and to learn so much from other knitters by joining on-line knitting groups. I donate my work to charities and those in need. I enjoy e-mail, shopping for patterns and listening to music.

## Giving back to your community...has never been easier!

Here are some simple ways to give back to NHU!

Volunteers reach out and make a world of difference!! For more information on volunteering, visit: [www.new-horizons.org/volnet.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/volnet.html)

### NHU Wish List

We are in need of the following **new or used** items. Visit: [www.new-horizons.org/wshlst.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/wshlst.html)

- Windows XP Licenses (\$6 each)
- Speech Recognition Programs (\$85 each)
- Screen Reading Programs (\$595 each)
- Speaker sets (\$2.50 each)
- Vacuum Cleaner (used)

### Pick 'n Save

Pick 'n Save's discount card to charities is no longer available. Purchase Pick 'n Save Scrip Certificates (this newsletter) and NHU will benefit from your purchases.

Use *Goodsearch.com*, an Internet search engine that can raise money for NHU. The next time you search the Internet, visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and select or type in New Horizons Un-Limited Inc. (Milwaukee, WI) from the list and click on verify. GoodSearch will give a penny to NHU each time you search the Internet.

Use *Goodshop.com*, a new Internet shop website that can raise money for NHU. Visit [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) Select or type in New Horizons Un-Limited Inc. (Milwaukee, WI) and verify. GoodShop will give a percentage to NHU when you shop on the Internet.

Make a secure on-line credit card donation via *Network for Good*. It's free, secure and so easy!

Visit [www.new-horizons.org/donnow.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/donnow.html) and click the Network for Good icon. Complete the online form to give back to your community!

Make a donation to NHU. Fill out the form included on the back page of this newsletter.

For more information on any of these simple ways to give back to your community through NHU

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**Both the U.S. and Wisconsin State proposed budget plans will have a significant impact on citizens with disabilities. To stay informed on these legislative issues, visit our What's New: Legislation pages at:**

National -- ([www.new-horizons.org/wnlqnt.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/wnlqnt.html))  
Wisconsin -- ([www.new-horizons.org/wnlqwi.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/wnlqwi.html))

**[Expand your horizons! Visit our Disability News and Events!](#)**

**Please accept my contribution for NHU  
in support of our community  
members with disabilities:**

\$100  \$50  \$25  \$15 Other \$

Name:

Address:

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I am interested in volunteering for NHU. Please contact me.



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