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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 Disability Awareness and Advocacy!

### Transition Assistance: Student Disability Mentoring Day

New Horizons Un-Limited has renewed its commitment to improve greater public awareness and advocacy for members of our community with disabilities.

**In our present economy, finding employment is a challenge for anyone!  
For students with disabilities finding employment may be impossible  
without transition assistance.**

This summer the Wisconsin Legislature passed laws reducing learning needs specialists in the schools and transition services for students with disabilities.

Transition services that prepare youth to move from a sheltered school environment to an independent work environment are critical assistance throughout the development and the education of students with special needs. Without developmental services in the schools and transitional services, students with disabilities, as they reach employment age, will not be prepared to become contributing members of society and will therefore have to rely on state aid into adulthood. Many of these individuals will not be equipped with the important life skills needed to live independently in the community and could therefore fall into costly institutional care, only exacerbating the financial costs of the state.

Without learning needs specialists in the schools, children with less severe disabilities that would have had developmental assistance in the past will go unidentified and will also be greatly hampered in education and fail to transition to employment, therefore creating more individuals exacerbating the financial costs of the state.

*(Read more on Disability Mentoring Day continued on page 2.)*

## New Horizons Un-Limited Advocacy Alert!

**Both the U.S. and Wisconsin State budget plans will have significant impact on our citizens with disabilities. Stay informed!**

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

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))

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**This fall NHU partnered with IndependenceFirst and Miller Engineering ITG Inc. for Disability Mentoring Day.**

NHU has offered opportunities for young adults with or without disabilities to learn office skills and computer refurbishing skills through volunteer positions at our office. We have offered employment training workshops, student internships through area colleges, universities, technical schools and transition employment agencies, and assistance filling out employment applications on-line.

In 2012 New Horizons Un-Limited will continue to work to:

- Promote the development of building natural supports and good expectations.
- Promote secure gainful employment for students with disabilities.
- Promote the employability of students with disabilities to employers.
- Promote telecommuting as a viable/beneficial option for employers.
- Focus on other basic needs required to become a contributing, employed member of society such as education, transportation and communication.

Our work at New Horizons Un-Limited and our partners includes providing transition and employment information and resources for students with disabilities and their parents. Please share the information from our **Life Planning Transition** section on our website at [www.new-horizons.org/rsclif.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/rsclif.html)

### New Horizons Un-Limited – 2010-2011 Sustaining Donor Appreciation

**Corporations and individuals have shown their support of New Horizons Un-Limited!  
Sustaining Donors from our 2010 Annual Appeal and General Donations throughout 2011**

#### Foundation/Corporation Donors

Electrical Energy Experts	Integrity Floors, Inc.
Goodsearch.org	Roundy's Supermarkets

#### Individual Donors

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#### Access Technology Computer Equipment Donors – eliminate e-waste, give a gift that keeps giving.

Josephine Anderson	Claudia Roehl
Paul Pellien	Curt Washicheck

For our Spring Raffle/Silent Auction and Summer Benefit Golf Outing donors,  
visit our website at: [www.new-horizons.org/funeve.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/funeve.html)

**New Horizons Un-Limited Volunteer Network Corner**

**Spring Benefit Raffle and Silent Auction  
March 2012 - US Bank Center**

Are you a loyal customer of an area business? As you visit local businesses for before and after holiday sales, **ask for a contribution with our new March 2012 Benefit Raffle / Silent Auction donation letter** [www.new-horizons.org/pdf/rsaltr.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/pdf/rsaltr.pdf)

Send us the information of the businesses that agree to donate for this event and we will contact them.



We have a new sign (above) to stake among your flower bulbs in support of NHU. If you have planted a garden from our **NHU Fundraising with Flower Bulbs Sale**, contact us for one of our new signs

**Thank you to all our volunteers and our NHU community who ordered flower bulbs!**

Next spring; be sure to send a picture of your garden to us via e-mail. We will feature NHU gardens in our **2012 Fall NHU Outlook Newsletter**.

Do you have a gardener in your life that would like our quality flower bulbs? Have family and friends sign up to receive next year's **2012 NHU Fundraising with Flower Bulbs Sale** brochure. Call or send email to [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org)



**Thank you volunteer, Lavall!**  
Lavall is a student at UW-Milwaukee majoring in Computer Science

**Improving Tech Skills toward Employment**

We would like to thank all our 2011 computer refurbishing volunteers: Fred, Barry, Roslyn, David, and Lavall who volunteered to improve their skills and gain experience.

Our Access Technology volunteers worked very hard this year to refurbish, clean and distribute used computers to individuals with disabilities. In addition, our volunteers continued to support our **NHU Computer Helpdesk** offering computer support via phone or repair to our over 700 computer recipients. We are extending the lives of the computers through repairs, upgrades and daily phone support. Over 40 computer recipients received computer repair services this year.

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for computer refurbishing, setup or helpdesk. For more information on our Access Technology Computer Grant Program, visit our website at:

[www.new-horizons.org/accesstech/](http://www.new-horizons.org/accesstech/)

Support NHU! Download the GoodSearch Toolbar Today!

Visit [goodsearch.com/toolbar/new-horizons-un-limited](http://goodsearch.com/toolbar/new-horizons-un-limited) to get started...



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November - December – January 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)

Soon you will receive our 2011 NHU Annual Appeal letter in the mail!

Our Annual Appeal is a special fundraiser for our organization’s sustaining and general operational funds which allows NHU to grow. We hope that you can assist us this year!

Please ask your family members, neighbors and friends if they would like to join NHU to narrow the Digital Divide for people with disabilities:

- Provide computer grants and training to individuals that would not otherwise have access.
- Eliminate eWaste by returning upgraded computer equipment to members in need in the community.
- Include people with disabilities in access to the Internet and information that can improve their lives.
- Provide training, education and technical support to individuals and organizations in the community.
- Provide hands- on office skills and computer repair training to individuals preparing for employment.

To ensure delivery of our 2011 NHU Annual Appeal letter, fill out the form below with those individuals who would like to join NHU in our mission to include people with disabilities in our community access to opportunities. Return this form to us before December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Join the 2011 NHU Annual Appeal

As a non-profit organization we spend every penny we receive on programs to benefit our community. More specifically, we spend every penny we receive to ensure that your family, friends or neighbors with a disability are given access to the resources and tools that can help them learn, grow and improve their daily lives. Ask family, friends or neighbors to join us.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Address	E-mail Address

Please note the name, address, e-mail (if applicable) of each individual that would like to join NHU in our mission to include people with disabilities in our community access to opportunities. Return by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. New Horizons Un-Limited will mail or e-mail an annual appeal letter upon receipt of this form.

## Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU

**Do not procrastinate! This year do your holiday shopping early!** There are only 21 shopping days between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas in 2011. Plan now for those holiday purchases! **We will offer two scrip order dates to help with your holiday shopping!**

**Scrip orders are due:**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

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.

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.)

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

### End-of-Year Giving Benefits for You the Donor and the Charity of Your Choice!

**Soon you will receive our 2011 Annual Appeal letter in the mail!** Our Annual Appeal is a special fundraiser for our organization's sustaining and general operational funds which allow NHU to grow.

We hope that you can assist us this year! There are many tax advantages for the end-of-year giving donor.

For more information on the benefits and tax advantages on end-of-year giving, visit our website NHU End-of-Year Giving brochure at [www.new-horizons.org/doneyg.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/doneyg.html)

**Please watch your mail in early  
December for this year's  
Annual Appeal letter!**

## 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, Coppins, Metro Market, more*

Purchase grocery store 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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in support of our community  
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I would like to designate my contribution for the following use:

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



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are given access to the opportunities that will  
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