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"Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle replied, that "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one, who wouldn't say so till he'd tried."

— Edgar Albert Guest

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New Horizons Un-Limited Supporting Personal Journeys Toward a Brighter Future

New Horizons Un-Limited is proud to work towards a future in which all the doors are open to equal opportunity, full participation, independence, inclusion and economic self-sufficiency for persons with disabilities, guaranteeing the same opportunities as everyone to participate in the mainstream of American life.

NHU holds a spotlight on our efforts to open gateways to full participation and opportunity with two personal journeys from our programs. Learn what your contributions to NHU have meant to affect change toward a brighter future for each of these individuals. Help NHU reach more individuals by giving this year to our NHU 2016 Annual Appeal!

Employment Skills Development Program – Emily's Journey

When people with disabilities find employment, we all benefit. Community members with disabilities are ready and willing to work! NHU cares enough NOW, to ensure brighter futures by offering the opportunities of office and technology skills training and work experiences! Through our partnership with Adonai Employment, a provider through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, NHU has offered our Employment Skills Development Program.

A few years ago, we met a motivated woman from Adonai. She was fairly fresh out of high school, and contemplating her future. No matter the direction her life would take, one thing was clear; she wanted to work. She wanted to contribute.

Like many young people, a lack of experience was holding her back. She had skills and experience, but not "work" skills, not "work" experience. She was stuck.

How was she going to find an employer willing to invest in her potential?

This is where New Horizons Un-Limited comes in. We see the potential that most employers see as work and make that much needed investment. We are often the very first stop on what we hope stretches into a lifelong, fulfilling journey.

We offered this young woman a Temporary Work Experience in Office and Event Administration in 2012. In just three months time, she soared beyond ours and her own expectations. She learned from us and we learned from her. In the end, we all won. We are all better because we had this experience.

Who is this young woman and what is she doing today? (Continued on page 2.)

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Although her journey took her away from Milwaukee for a period of time, almost three years later she is one of our most valued employees, providing a unique perspective, endless energy and drive, and a skill set that could rival many seasoned pros. Now an Administrative Staff at NHU, she works in Marketing, Social Media, Programs, Research and Advocacy.

She is 22 years old. Her name is Emily. She happens to have Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She happens to use a wheelchair for mobility. And, she happens to be a smart, witty, kind, hard working and deserving woman. She is an asset and we are lucky to have her working alongside us.

To know more about Emily, visit her recent publications:

Visit our NHU *Guide for Hiring Personal Care Assistants (PCAs)*, on our website: new-horizons.org/gdehir.html.

Find tips on living with disability on our NHU blog: [How I became a Boss: \(Like a Boss\) Hiring My Own PCA's](http://newhorizonsunlimited.wordpress.com) at newhorizonsunlimited.wordpress.com.

Also on our blog: Learn if we all understood only a little from a disability perspective, how we could remove barriers for people with disabilities.

[From Secret Entrances to Plywood Ramps: Navigating Your Social Life with a Disability.](http://newhorizonsunlimited.wordpress.com)

Computer Grant Program – Charlotte’s Journey

NHU cares enough NOW, to ensure our collective futures by offering the opportunity to our community members with disabilities the information, tools and experiences for lifelong learning through our Computer Grant Program. We encourage volunteering and teaching others to enable people to be confident, contributing citizens. Our community members accept the challenge to invest in themselves!

In 2008, we met a motivated woman who received her first individual Computer Grant from New Horizons Un-Limited. Life is physically challenging for her and she has faced years of living with the struggles of disability. We have continued to support her with her computer needs throughout these many years and each time she has come back for more computer training. Each time she has also given the time to volunteer at NHU, giving back to her community.

She returned again this past year as it was time to upgrade to a more recent computer and operating system.

Recently she let us know how it was going with her new computer. “There are so many things that I am using my new computer to do. I continue to write my book on personal reflections and disability obstacles. I am discovering how to do more like check my bank account statement and play chess. I use Pandora Radio because I love music and it allows me to choose the Christian and Jazz music I most enjoy. I like the Oral Roberts Ministry website as I can study at my own pace. New Horizons Un-Limited set up my computer so the programs I like most, are right on the menu bar.”

“Having the computer relieves my boredom and keeps my mind on things of interest to me. When you keep your mind on your interests, you can keep your mind positive and bring down stress. When you are able to relieve yourself for a while of your troubles, you can come back with a different and more positive perspective.”

She uses her computer to write her book. By writing about her disability and her experiences she is able to look back, as well as to the future. “The writing allows me to see how far I have come, how much I have grown spiritually, emotionally and have helped my self-esteem. This encourages me to go on. I write because people with disabilities can get too inside themselves and feel they are the only ones, but each of us is not alone. I am hoping, what I write, can help others. That is why I like New Horizons Un-Limited, because they are getting the word out about disability.”

Her name is Charlotte, a thoughtful, kind, hard working and deserving woman. Thru NHU she has volunteered and been granted a computer, a tool to assist her to overcome the everyday barriers and grant her opportunities to participate in the mainstream of life. By investing in herself and giving to others, she has found a way to help herself with her challenges. We are privileged to have Charlotte working alongside us.

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This year as you decide on your giving, remember NHU needs your help to reach more people! Remember what your continued support has offered and continues to offer people like Emily and Charlotte, not just the opportunity to overcome barriers to all that life can offer, but also assist them with the tools to face their disability armed with self-esteem and hope.

Please Join NHU in our Grassroots Effort to Care Enough NOW Ensuring Brighter Futures!

What can YOU do?

Our NHU 2016 Annual Appeal for Sustaining Funds will arrive at your door or via your email before the end of the year! As a grassroots, non-profit organization, we rely wholly on contributions from right here in our community, for our organization's sustaining funds which also allow NHU to grow.

We need your help!

Help NHU provide more of our community members with disabilities the tools, training and encouragement they need to move forward in their lives!

Please share our story and fill out our donation form with two individuals who may be interested in NHU.

Print copies of the donation form from our website at new-horizons.org/pdf/appl16.pdf.

The time to act is today! YOUR donation of:

NHU's Information and Referral Program

- \$50 will provide new resources, articles and guides in any given month to individuals seeking assistance.
- \$100 will provide, via one edition of our newsletter, *CommunicAbility*, to reach over a 1000 individual households.
- Do you enjoy browsing the Internet? Volunteer for our Disability Research Assistant team.

NHU's Computer Literacy and Grant Program

- \$20 will provide one hour of in-depth computer skills training to as many as four individuals with disabilities.
- \$30 will provide (5) Windows 7 Operating Systems for refurbished computers for 5 individuals with disabilities.
- \$40 will provide one edition of our *Access Tech Tips*, distributed to our more than 700 computer recipients.
- Volunteer to assist to refurbish or setup computers, answer helpdesk or enter a computer tip.

NHU's Employment Skills Training and Work Experience Program

- \$50 will allow us to promote people with disabilities and their capabilities to employers in a month.
- \$100 will provide employment skills training to an adult student in our work experience program.
- Do you have IT, office administration or education experience? Volunteer to train adult students.
- Be part of the solution! Evaluate your needs as an employer, offer an internship job to a person with a disability!

NHU's Seek and Promote Opportunities to Respite, Recreation and Cultural Activities Program

- \$25 will provide new respite resources information for people with disabilities, their families and caregivers.
- \$500 sponsors an NHU outdoor or museum event.
- Tell everyone you know or meet who might have a connection to our mission, about the good NHU is doing and about your involvement with NHU!

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

Our 2016 Annual Appeal will arrive at your door or email before the end of the year!

We hope that you can assist us this year!

There are many tax advantages for **YOU**, as an **End-of-Year Giving Donor**.

For more information, visit our **NHU End-of-Year Giving Brochure** at

new-horizons.org/doneyg.html

New Horizons Un-Limited – We Appreciate This Past Year’s 2015 - 2016 Donors

**We would like to honor YOU, our SUSTAINING DONORS,
from our end-of-year 2015 Annual Appeal through October 2016 general and in-kind donations!
Every donation we receive, whether \$2 or \$5000, helps us carry out our mission and is very much appreciated!**

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Please contact us if you gave a donation and your name does not appear on this list.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed or purchased from our
2016 Fall Flower Bulb “Planting with a Purpose Fundraiser!”**

**View our 2016 Spring Raffle and Summer Golf Outing Donors and Sponsors Appreciation flyers
and learn more about our fundraising events, at: new-horizons.org/funeve.html**

Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU

Do not procrastinate! This year do your holiday shopping early! There are only a few shopping days between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas in 2016.

Plan now for your holiday shopping!

Scrip orders are due:

Monday, November 28, 2016

Monday, December 5, 2016

You purchase scrip gift cards thru 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 NHU.

To place your scrip order with NHU, print the NHU Scrip order form at new-horizons.org/pdf/scrifp.pdf

Then, fill out and send your order form and your check or money order to NHU.



Spring Benefit Raffle and Silent Auction March 2017 - US Bank Center

We could use your help!!

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 2017 Benefit Raffle / Silent Auction donation letter.**

Do **YOU** own your own business?

Visit our letter for the benefits and opportunities for **YOU** for donating to our event.

Find the printable letter at
new-horizons.org/pdf/rsaltr.pdf

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

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: new-horizons.org/volnet.html

NHU Wish List

Visit: new-horizons.org/wshlst.html Make an in-kind donation of used equipment or make a donation for purchase of:

- Windows 7 Licenses (\$6 each)
- Speaker sets (\$2.50 each)
- Desktop and Laptop computers (used)
- iPad or Android Tablets (used)

Use Goodshop.com to raise money for NHU. Sign up and select or type exactly New Horizons Un Limited (Milwaukee, WI) from the list and click verify. Add your favorite stores to your Goodshop.com account. **Goodshop** will notify you when your store has sales and give a percentage to NHU each time you shop on the Internet. The next time you **search** the Internet, use the **Goodsearch** box and they will give a penny to NHU. They also keep track of how much you have raised.

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NEW! Purchase Visa "Five Back" Card through the Scrip Program listed above with a 1.5% give to NHU and **you** will earn 5% back on your card at participating retailers. Visit new-horizons.org/pdf/visa5b.pdf.

Make a secure on-line credit card donation via PayPal. It's free, secure and so easy! Visit new-horizons.org/donnow.html and click the Donate 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.

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