

# NEW HORIZONS UN-LIMITED INC.

## *2016-17 Annual Appeal*

Hello Friend!

Nearly 100 years ago, Henry Ford had a fairly ground-breaking idea. Unlike many of his contemporaries, he believed, and proved through experience, that a person with a disability can “perform just as much work and receive exactly the same pay as a wholly able-bodied man or woman.” With this idea, he employed thousands of disabled war veterans who would have otherwise been cast aside.

He proved that hiring a person with a disability was a smart idea and a wise investment.

Now, nearly a century later, we here at new Horizons Un-Limited are carrying on Mr. Ford’s vision. Through our years of mentoring and training individuals with disabilities, we too have proven that this idea rings true.

In partnership with the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Adonai Employment, we have welcomed dozens of individuals into our office for a Temporary Work Experience (TWE). Each and every one of these individuals has proven what we already knew to be true.

***People with disabilities are capable. They are productive. They are employable.***

One TWE participant in particular proved this beyond a shadow of a doubt. In case you missed it in last month’s Outlook Newsletter, here is her story...

A few years ago we met a motivated young woman. She was fairly fresh out of high school, and contemplating her future. No matter the direction her life may take in the future, one thing was clear; she wanted to work. She wanted to contribute. Like many young people however, a lack of experience was holding her back. She had skills, but not “work” skills. She had experience, but 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 offered this young woman a Temporary Work Experience in Office and Event Administration in April of 2014. 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.

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.

Her name is Emily. She happens to have Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She happens to use a wheelchair for mobility. And, she also happens to be a smart, witty, kind, hard working and deserving woman.

***She is an asset, and we are very fortunate to have her working alongside us.***



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She is not unique.

We have met dozens of qualified individuals with disabilities who are waiting for their moment when they too will be recognized as the asset that they are.

They are waiting for the moment when people will not solely see their wheelchair, or their limp, or their stutter, but will see their unique talents, their vibrant personalities, their tireless determination...they are waiting for the moment when people will see their value.

Do you see it?

***If, like us, you believe people with disabilities deserve a chance to find their place in our communities and our workplaces, you can join us right now!***

Please consider making an investment in the lives of your neighbors with disabilities so that they too may have an opportunity to contribute. Through your donation, our community members with disabilities will be given access to personalized training, hands-on work experiences, in-home computers, ongoing support, information, advocacy, and more!

Together, we can chip away at the barriers and embrace our family, friends and neighbors with disabilities as the capable, productive and valuable people that they are.

Thank you for reading Emily's story and considering our appeal. We hope you agree that when society utilizes the talents of ALL people, we ALL benefit.

May your holidays be merry and bright, and your New Year filled with joy and prosperity!

Sincerely,

New Horizons Un-Limited

Art Miller  
President

***P.S. An anonymous donor has once again offered to match your contribution dollar for dollar! Please contribute by December 31, 2016 to double your impact!***

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