

NEW HORIZONS UN-LIMITED INC.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1994

Re: 2008 Spring Raffle and Silent Auction
Donation Request

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you on behalf of New Horizons Un-Limited, a Milwaukee-based non-profit organization founded in 1994. We provide individuals with lifelong disabilities increased access to the information and life experiences that will enable them to find greater self-confidence and sense of purpose in their lives, thereby enabling them to seek out the opportunities that will improve their lives.

In support of this mission, we will be hosting our 6th Annual Raffle for Opportunity and Silent Auction in March 2008 in the US Bank Center Galleria in Downtown Milwaukee.

As a volunteer of NHU, I am approaching you with the hope that you will consider contributing an item or gift certificate for inclusion in our Spring 2008 raffle and silent auction.

In addition to supporting your local community members with disabilities, your contribution will also provide your company with great exposure. Our event draws hundreds of people from within the US Bank Center and adjacent professional buildings and is promoted via our nationally accessed website.

New Horizons Un-Limited relies almost solely on the generosity of our community. We rely on businesses like yours to ensure that we can continue to bring a largely neglected minority into the mainstream of life.

You would be joining our organization at a very exciting time, with our services reaching more people impacted by lifelong disability than ever before.

- ◆ Since January 2007, tens of thousands of unique individuals, from across the United States and the World, benefited from the guidance offered via our website and information and referral service.
- ◆ Via our Computer Redistribution Program, hundreds of Wisconsin families impacted by disability received a renewed sense of hope when granted a refurbished computer via our Access Technology Computer Redistribution Program.
- ◆ In partnership with the Department of Natural Resources' *Open the Outdoors* Initiative, we have supported the building of accessible cabins in seven state parks, providing thousands of people with disabilities and their families an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors without fear of hidden barriers.

To learn more about how we serve our community members with disabilities, please review the attached materials and visit our website at www.new-horizons.org.

If you have any questions about the event or how your company can contribute to our 2008 Raffle and Silent Auction, please contact Lori Potrykus, the Event Coordinator, at (414) 299-0124.

Sincerely,

NHU Volunteer

P.S. Given our non-profit, 501(c) 3 status, your contribution would be tax deductible under U.S. tax laws.

Top 5 Reasons to Contribute to NHU's Raffle and Silent Auction

5. A gift certificate or merchandise contribution is an easy (and fairly inexpensive) way to show your support for your community members with disabilities.
4. Your company will be exposed to hundreds of potential consumers before, during and after the event via our newsletter, website and on-site displays.
3. Your donation is fully tax-deductible.
2. New Horizons Un-Limited is a reputable, well-respected organization that has been providing quality services to our community members with disabilities for nearly 14 years.
1. Your contribution will support information referral and skills development programs for the tens of thousands of individuals with disabilities living in Southeastern Wisconsin.

**Please Consider Contributing To Our 2008 Raffle and Silent Auction
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About NHU

Individuals with lifelong disabilities are often isolated from information, life experiences, the community, and even each other.

It is our mission to provide individuals with lifelong disabilities increased access to information and life experiences. Information and access which empower individuals towards greater self-confidence, sense of purpose in their lives, and enable them to seek out opportunities to improve their lives that would otherwise not be available.

Arthur Miller, a family member of several individuals with disabilities, founded NHU in 1994. Art envisioned that if given a proper forum and resources, people impacted by disability could communicate with one another, share ideas and solutions, and ultimately, together, conquer the problems they have been facing, too often alone, for many decades.

New Horizons Un-Limited (NHU) is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NHU Goals

- To empower individuals with disabilities to change their own self-limiting perceptions and increase expectations of themselves.
- To make accessible to individuals with disabilities the opportunity to experience life with dignity, as an equal member of society.
- To bring society to respect, value and welcome individuals with disabilities into the community at large.

NHU Vision

We envision a world in which all individuals with disabilities may fully contribute to the community without the daily physical and perceptual barriers that now prevent them from doing so.

Through life-long learning and self-determination, individuals with disabilities can take control of their lives and challenge the perceptions that have limited their independence and participation in our communities.

One day, the inclusion and participation of individuals with disabilities in our communities, our workplaces and our lives will not be an exception; it will be an expectation.

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NHU Approach

Before one can truly realize independence and satisfaction in their lives one must first fulfill the most basic of needs, which include feeling a sense of security, experiencing a sense of belonging, and having self-esteem. Via our programs, we work to fulfill these basic needs so that our members with disabilities may lead a fully independent and satisfying life. To this end, we provide both personal development and social opportunities.

Access Culture and Recreation

One of the most important keys to a long and healthy life is embracing and taking advantage of each and every opportunity life presents. To this end, we have developed Access Culture and Recreation.

Part of this initiative involves collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) "Open The Outdoors" initiative, through which we support the building of very popular accessible cabins for individuals with physical disabilities in Wisconsin's State Parks. There are currently five (5) fully accessible cabins in the State Parks of Wisconsin and two (2) in development.

- Buckhorn State Park in Necedah, Wisconsin
- High Cliff State Park in Sherwood, Wisconsin
- JM Kohler and Terry Andrae State Park in Sheboygan, Wisconsin (in construction)
- Kettle Moraine State Forest – Southern Unit in Eagle, Wisconsin
- Mirror Lake State Park in Baraboo, Wisconsin
- Potawatomi State Park in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
- Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kansasville, Wisconsin (in construction)

In addition, we offer other social, cultural and recreational activities throughout the year and want to expand opportunities to experience the Arts.

Access Information

In an effort to help people with disabilities and their family members find the information and resources they need to fulfill their life needs, we have developed Access Information. Via this initiative, we offer:

- a comprehensive informational website, bringing a multitude of disability-related resources together
- in-depth research and white papers identifying options available throughout all stages of life
- personalized information and referral

We offer information on a range of subjects, including:

- Adaptive Technology
- Employment
- Healthcare
- Homeownership
- Legislation
- Life Planning, and much more

Access Technology

In an effort to bridge the digital divide impacting individuals with disabilities and thereby create greater access to the opportunities that can improve their lives, we have developed Access Technology. Via this initiative, in collaboration with Microsoft, US Bank, Roundy's and other corporate partners, we refurbish and grant Internet-ready, Windows 2000 computer workstations to both individuals with disabilities, for their personal in-home use, and to non-profit organizations to create more widely accessible computer literacy programs and labs.

Some of the refurbishing is done by disabled volunteers. This aspect of our program allows individuals to develop the skills they need to secure employment in computer support and repair functions.

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