

# New Horizons Un-Limited

## Volunteer Network Newsletter



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*"Success in life has nothing to do with*

*what you gain in life*

*or accomplish for yourself,*

*it's what you do for others."*

*- Danny Thomas*

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**New Horizons Un-Limited Inc. (NHU)** is a non-profit organization based in Milwaukee with a mission to make information and life experiences more accessible to people with lifelong disabilities, their families and caregivers. To learn more about our mission and activities, please visit the NHU website at [www.new-horizons.org](http://www.new-horizons.org).

**We invite you to volunteer your time and talents for NHU in support of your disability community!**

We are seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks. Which opportunity fits your interests?

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

### NHU Volunteer Network On-Line

All volunteers please report your volunteer hours to NHU on-line. Go to the NHU Volunteer Network page at <http://www.new-horizons.org/volnet.html> and click on the hours report. Please send in your hours now any time you volunteer for NHU.

## THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!

Many of our volunteers have given very generously in July/August of their time and talents to New Horizons Un-Limited. We would like to thank all of you for your support!!!

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our 2008 Summer Raffle a success!!!!** Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard these past months to plan this fundraising event. In celebration of the Harley-Davidson 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, we held a raffle and silent auction at the US Bank Center. Thank you to everyone who assisted in setting up and working at our booths for this special event. We had terrific prizes and we also sold water and soda to thirsty participants.

**Thank you to all our generous raffle and silent auction sponsors and donors!** Please see our donor list and thank you at <http://www.new-horizons.org/hddono.pdf>.

**Thank you to our Access Technology volunteers** who worked very hard to refurbish, clean and distribute 23 used computers to individuals and community organizations. We continue to seek volunteers for refurbishing and our helpdesk. Join us on designated Saturday mornings to clean and set up computers.

**Thank you to volunteers** who assisted with postings on our **NHU Community Forum**.

**Thank you to NHU Research Assistant Volunteers** who researched and evaluated many helpful website resources on Parkinson Disease, Learning Disabilities, and Brain Injury for people with disabilities. Volunteer to research information on specific resources for people with disabilities! Check out the most recent additions at <http://www.new-horizons.org/wnucat.html>.

**Thank you to Office and Clerical Volunteers** who worked on a special mailing of **Access Tech Tips** to computer recipients and our quarterly newsletter, **Communicability** to our NHU Community. We also mailed the **Annual Flower Bulb Brochure** to over 70 gardeners. Volunteers also helped with application packets, database entry, marketing brochures, and put packets together for the Summer Raffle. **Our office and clerical volunteers are much appreciated!**

**A very special thank you** to our office and clerical volunteer, Peg, who has recently re-entered the workforce, but has offered to continue to volunteer when she is able. Special thank you to Stephin who has volunteered in the area of Access Technology setting up computers!

## September - October NHU Volunteer Opportunities!!!!!!

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**November 4, 2008**

#### **Exercise your right to Vote!**

Be sure to educate yourself on the candidates and the issues and exercise your citizen's right to vote!

Your vote counts on disability issues!

For more information on the issues visit:

<http://www.new-horizons.org/elec08.html> .

If you have not registered to vote or need to vote by mail, contact your local or state government for information and dates.



#### **Office and Clerical Assistants and Computer Cleaning and Refurbishing Volunteers**

We will be gathering on **Saturday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>** to work on mailings, print outreach brochures, clean and set up computers for redistribution. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for these mornings.

#### **New Horizons Un-Limited Annual Appeal**

Our Annual Appeal is a special fundraiser for our organization's sustaining and general operational funds which allow NHU to grow. **We could use your help!!!** As a volunteer, you know what our work means to our community members with disabilities! **This year plan to pass the word about New Horizons Un-Limited to others you know!!** Consider 5-10 people you know and ask whether they would fill in a pledge card to include a

gift to NHU in their end of year giving and become a sustaining member of New Horizons Un-Limited.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Bulb Fundraiser**

*Our bulbs will not only bring beauty to your home, but opportunity and hope to hundreds of individuals with disabilities in Southeastern Wisconsin.*

VanBourgondien, our fundraiser partner, delivers the most brilliant spring-blooming flower bulbs around! Our satisfied "customers" come back year after year to order these magnificent bulbs.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Bulb Fundraiser offers a terrific assortment of Tulips, Daffodils, Alliums, Lilies and more! Each package of quality bulbs costs just \$10, with 50% of sales going to New Horizons Un-Limited.

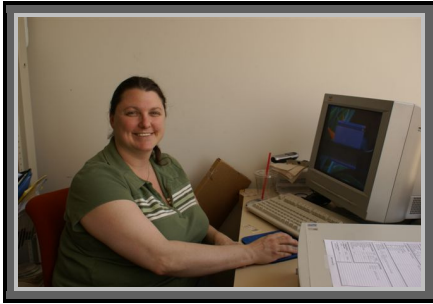
Help us make this year's sale the best ever! Contact the gardeners in your life, your friends, family and neighbors and ask them if they have a spot or two in their gardens for flowers that will not only bring beauty for years to come but also support programs for our community members with disabilities. As a volunteer for NHU, would you be willing to sponsor sales in your neighborhood or apartment complex? **Contact us for a neighborhood bulb sellers kit.** To view or request the full color brochure, please e-mail us at [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org) or download the packet from our website at [www.new-horizons.org/08bulb.pdf](http://www.new-horizons.org/08bulb.pdf). (Available mid-July) **Order before mid September 2008, to ensure time for planting.**

#### **Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU**

**Thank you to everyone who has purchased scrip certificates!** The easiest way to raise money is where supporters raise funds with money they would spend on themselves anyway. Are you planning fall purchases? Cabelas, Ace Hardware, Home Depot, or Sears are available. **Scrip orders are due Thursday, September 18, 2008.**

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## More Volunteer Opportunities!!



### Volunteer Computer Refurbishers

Do you have skills in testing or refurbishing computers, working with software, building computers, or do you have some training in computer building but need more experience in using these skills? Join our computer refurbishers in recreating used computers for people with disabilities. Work at home or in our office. Please contact us if you are interested in refurbishing computers.

### Our NHU Community Forum and Topic Discussion Boards could use your help!!!

If you have an interest in disability issues and have computer access, this task is completed on-line. Post an event, a favorite resource, share a solution you found, review a good book, share an inspirational picture, poem, story or website, instant message others, or find someone else who shares your outlook on life. The NHU Community Forum is there for you!

### Research and Writing

Do you have a lot of resource information, a personal experience or a solution you found on your specific disability? Join our *research and writing team*.

**Specific Disabilities** - We are working on a new area of our website to cover **Specific Disabilities**. We could use your input!!! Please contact us if you would like to assist in research and writing on your specific disability or other disability issues.

**Legislation** - We are interested in providing current national, state and local legislative issues. We could use your input!!! Please contact us if you would like to assist us in research and writing on legislative issues for people with disabilities and our community.

**Newsletter** - We are interested in providing current national, state and local news and events from across the country. We could use your input!!! Please contact us if you would like to assist us in research and writing on news and events for people with disabilities

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

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Help New Horizons Un-Limited (NHU) reach people affected by disability with needed information, resources and opportunities! It's so simple!

*Shop Pick 'n Save.* Select NHU on your Pick 'n Save Advantage Card Application and use it every time you shop. Add NHU's id number (542100) to your Advantage Card today! We would love to hear (via e-mail) from everyone who is saving on their groceries and earning a donation for NHU and our community.

*Use goodsearch.com - A New Internet Search Engine and 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. GoodSearch will give a penny to NHU every time you use Goodsearch to search the Internet.

*NHU Wish List.* We are in need of the following new or used items for the recipients of our computer redistribution program to be better able to use their computers. Give a gift with a specific purpose in mind!

- 56K modems for computers (\$5 each)
- Windows 2000 Licenses (\$5 each)
- Speech Recognition Programs (\$85 each)
- Screen Reading Programs (\$595 each)
- Speaker sets (\$2.50 each)

*Make a secure on-line credit card donation via PayPal.* It's free, secure and so easy! Visit NHU's website ( [www.new-horizons.org/donnow.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/donnow.html) ) and click to PayPal. Complete the online form and you've just given back to your community!

*Send a donation to NHU.* Fill out the NHU Printable Donation Form at <http://www.new-horizons.org/donnow.html> . Please mail with your contribution to

New Horizons Un-Limited Inc.  
Post Office Box 510034,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

For more information on any of these simple ways to give back to your community, send e-mail to [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org)

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