



CommunicAbility

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*"If you can imagine it,
You can achieve it.
If you can dream it,
You can become it."*

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New Horizons Un-Limited Inc. is a Milwaukee-based, non-profit organization with a mission to provide individuals with lifelong disabilities increased access to the information, tools and life experiences that empower them to seek out the opportunities that can improve their lives.

To learn more about what we do for our community members with disabilities, please visit us online at www.new-horizons.org.

No Internet?

We would be happy to mail you the information available online.

If you do not have access to the Internet and cannot visit the websites listed in this newsletter, please contact us directly at (414) 299-0124.

National Interest

Work at home opportunities available to people with disabilities

As an individual with a disability, reliable transportation can be a major obstacle in maintaining employment. As companies are beginning to recognize the value of outsourcing call centers, more work-at-home opportunities in customer care are being made available to people with disabilities.

If you are interested in pursuing such an opportunity there are a few things you'll need to get started:

- An up to date home computer
- High speed Internet access
- A reliable home phone line
- A quiet dedicated space for a home office
- The ability to efficiently operate a computer
- A resume outlining your work skills and experience
- A friendly, positive personality

If you do not have everything you need to get started, assistance may be available from your local Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agency. To locate your local VR Agency, search the web for [your state] + vocational rehabilitation.

There are also several National organizations dedicated to training and placing individuals with disabilities as Call Center Representatives.

One such organization is the National Telecommuting Institute (NTI). To learn more, visit the NTI website: www.nticentral.org.

For more work-at-home opportunities, visit the NHU Employment: Work From Home Online Resource Page at www.new-horizons.org/emptel.html.

Free cell phones and minutes available to eligible low-income individuals

If you are in need of a cellular phone, Safelink Wireless can help. A government-sponsored program, Safelink Wireless utilizes the Lifeline program to provide cellular minutes instead of monthly home phone discounts. SafeLink converts the total amount of discounted service (approximately \$13.50) into minutes, which equals 68 minutes each month. And, thanks to the generosity of TracFone, customers can also receive a free cell phone.

To learn more about this program, visit www.safelinkwireless.com.

Wisconsin Interest

Local Job Club prepares you for employment

IndependenceFirst, the Center for Independent Living that serves Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha counties, provides a Job Club to individuals with disabilities.

Topics include presenting yourself in a positive light, resume development, identifying jobs, interviewing and more.

To learn more call (414) 226-8332.

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Life Planning: It's never too early or too late to plan for the future

New Horizons Un-Limited has developed a new online resource aimed at assisting families plan for events throughout the life span of their loved ones with disabilities.

Link to Organizations

In our Community and Internet Resources, families will find links to organizations that provide assistance for everything from early intervention to transition to adulthood to financial planning.

Visit: www.new-horizons.org/rsclif.html

Discover and Read Books and Guides

In our Library, we have created a list of numerous books focusing on issues that every family faces in ensuring their loved one with a disability leads a fulfilling life now and in the future.

Visit: www.new-horizons.org/boolif.html

We have also linked to several online guides, written by reputable disability organizations, which are available free of charge for download.

Visit: www.new-horizons.org/quilif.html

New Horizons Un-Limited Benefit Raffle

Grand Prize:
32" Sony Bravia LCD Flat Panel HD TV



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20 Tickets for \$20

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March 25, 2010
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