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"We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

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Philanthropy: A Sign of Success



Have you been successful? Giving back, because of your hard work and good fortune, can create meaningful change in communities, improve the lives of others, and foster a sense of social responsibility.

Individual donors are a powerful driver in the nonprofit sector with their gifts accounting for almost 70% of all donations. These donations and estate gifts help to fill in the gaps where government funding may not reach, providing essential services to those in need.

The 4 T's of Philanthropy: Time, Talent, Treasure and Ties

While we're not short on time or talent, we could make good use of your treasure and community ties. The usefulness of money may seem obvious but it helps to be specific about what money can do for disabled people.

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"I became disabled at two years old, so I've only known being disabled my whole life. I think one thing that is super important, and something my parents did an awesome job with, is that they didn't expect less of me."

I grew up on a farm, and I remember as a kid they were just like "here are the cows you need to milk." I would need to figure out how to push through the rocky fields. They encouraged me to problem solve, and learn for myself, to what extents my disability does limit me, and where I need to ask for help, versus just doing everything for me."

A Story of Being Human

shares the lived experiences of kids, adults and families impacted by disability. We hope that we may create a better understanding of what it is like to navigate a world that is not built for everyone.

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Here at New Horizons Un-Limited, we use your donations and connections for our Advocacy Efforts.

Advocacy refers to the act or process of supporting a particular cause or proposal and encompasses three main types: Self Advocacy, Individual Advocacy, and Systems Advocacy. **NHU is allocating resources toward creating educational material focused on Self-Advocacy as well as Systems Advocacy.**

We develop various educational resources, such as articles on our website, updates on social media platforms, newsletters, and brochures, aimed to empower individuals and communities to advocate effectively for their needs. At NHU, we also recognize the importance of meeting with our state legislators, making calls and submitting research to congressional committees.

Would you like to do more than make periodic donations? Consider leaving part of your estate to New Horizons Un-Limited. Doing so will allow you to make a lasting impact on a cause that you care about beyond your lifetime while potentially reducing your estate taxes and providing a significant benefit to those with disabilities.

Why You Should Care about Medicaid Funding

The proposed reduction of \$880 billion in Medicaid funding is anticipated to have far-reaching consequences for cities across the United States. In Wisconsin specifically, this significant cut will disrupt the operations of numerous businesses, including medical clinics, nursing homes, and various healthcare facilities that rely heavily on Medicaid reimbursements to serve their communities effectively.

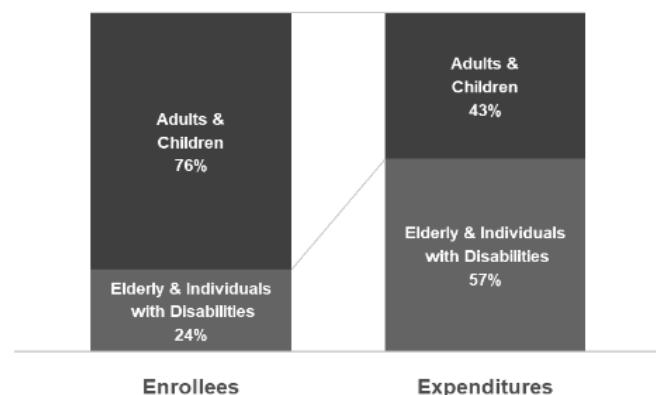
Furthermore, Medicaid funding plays a crucial role in supporting the workforce dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities and older adults live independently in their own homes, rather than being confined to hospitals or institutional settings. A reduction of this magnitude could jeopardize the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of caregivers and healthcare professionals, potentially leading to severe job losses across the country. These workers are indispensable in providing quality care and ensuring that vulnerable populations receive the support they need.

It's important to note that Medicare coverage is limited in scope; it only pays for the first 100 days of care in a skilled nursing home. After those initial days, where do patients turn for assistance? That's where Medicaid, which is administered by each individual state, steps in to cover the costs associated with long-term care. This becomes particularly significant when we consider that, on average, individuals at the end of their lives spend approximately 13.7 months in long-term care facilities. As such, Medicaid is not merely a program for the elderly and disabled—it is a vital lifeline for nearly every American citizen, reinforcing its critical role in our healthcare system.

Medicare Vs. Medicaid

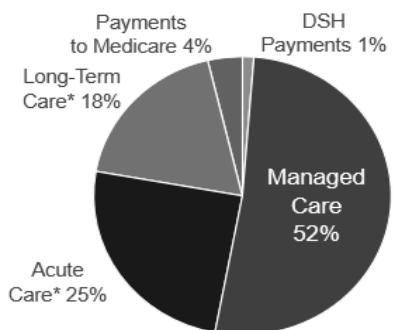
Navigating the world of healthcare can be daunting, especially with programs like Medicare and Medicaid, which play pivotal roles in providing coverage to millions of Americans. While these programs often get mentioned in the same breath and are sometimes confused due to their similar names, they serve distinct populations and offer varying benefits. *Odds are, you will be using both when the time comes for long-term care and hospice.*

Medicaid Enrollees & Expenditures in WI



Total WI Medicaid Spending by Service:

\$11.5 billion



*Fee-for-Service

New! Spring – Fundraising With Flowers



<http://newhorizons.fpfundraising.com>

March is... Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed.

Join us in making a world where all kinds of people have the chance to thrive.

D.D.A.M. is about understanding the relationship between how people function and how they participate in society and ensuring that everyone has the same opportunities in every aspect of life to the best of their abilities.

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