# New Horizons Un-Limited Outlook



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## "It is never too late to be who you might have been." – George Eliot, (English Novelist)

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## New Horizons Un-Limited Supporting Opportunities for People with Disabilities via Employment Training and Work Experience



Employment is a challenge for people with disabilities in the U.S. From employers to employees, from instructors to students, and from agencies to those grasping for an opportunity; however, there are changes on the horizon.

We recognize that employment may not be possible for everyone, but we also believe that fulfillment can be found in many different ways and at every stage of life. It is our mission to offer individuals the path toward a fulfilling life and gain a greater control of their future and we want to ensure a bright future!

Employers are looking for people with experience, however, often people cannot gain that experience without an employer taking a chance on them. New Horizons Un-Limited provides Employment Training and Work Experience. Temporary workers come to us through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and through our program we train and evaluate their skills in the work environment to see those for which they need additional education or training.

Not all employers see the benefits of investing in a disabled employee and many great hires go by the wayside. The person with a disability may need some accommodations to do the job and do it well. These accommodations can gain a company a great employee.

An employee with a disability may be more loyal to the company because they appreciate the job, and the opportunity to show what they can do. The employee with a disability brings a new perspective to the workplace that could bring fresh ideas to meetings and production. With guidance and support for the disabled, employers will see how hard people with disabilities work, that the work assigned to them will get done, and that they belong. *(Continue to page 2.)* 

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What can YOU do to assist people with disabilities to get the opportunity to gain job experience?

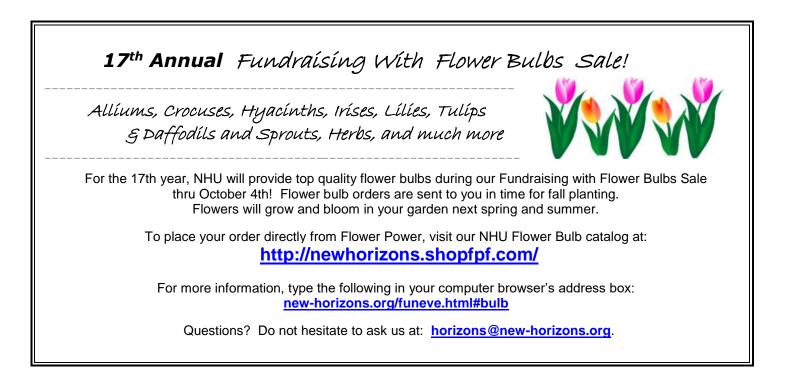
If you are an EMPLOYER, we encourage you to:

- See our page for <u>Employers</u> for resources on Best Practices and Hiring Employees with Disabilities.
- Analyze your company's needs in regards to tasks and skills? Are there tasks for which physical ability is not required? Do you require people who have certain skill sets, certain strengths? What skills do you offer? Is there a way to make a match; skill strengths and job tasks?
- Find out more about people with disabilities, whether it is through a veterans organization or the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). What strengths and skills do these individuals have?
- Contact your local DVR and ask to work with an Employment Provider, write a job description, request candidates, interview and take on a Temporary Work Employee or two and possibly offer some introductory training in exchange for the work they will perform for the next 3 months; no cost to you, the employer.
- In Wisconsin if the person has potential, hire them through the On the Job Training (OJT) in which you can hire for several months and pay only 50% of their wages. The OJT provides reimbursements to employers to help compensate for the costs associated with training and loss of production for newly hired employees.
- As an employer, you can take advantage of various programs that encourage the recruitment and hiring of people with disabilities. This will also make you eligible for tax credits to help cover the cost of accommodations for employees with disabilities. You will need to comply with certain legal requirements for the accommodations. For more information, visit this article from the U.S. Small Business Administration Hiring People with Disabilities at https://www.sba.gov/managing-business/running-business/human-resources/hiring-people-disabilities

Are you, as an EMPLOYER, still skeptical about hiring people with disabilities?

Visit From Reasons to Hire Disabled Employees: Common Myths Debunked By Charlotte Gerber at https://www.verywell.com/reasons-to-hire-the-disabled-109449.

(Continue reading our Employment article at http://www.new-horizons.org/prem19.html.





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# Volunteer Opportunities!!

To sign up for volunteer opportunities, call (414) 299-0124 or e-mail <u>horizons@new-horizons.org</u> NHU volunteers are reimbursed up to \$16.00 per month for your parking or transportation. Report your volunteer hours to NHU on-line <u>new-horizons.org/voltim.php</u>

#### Advocacy Matters, and the Time is Now!

People with disabilities face unemployment, poverty, lack of access to information, technology, education, and transportation and abuse, bias, violence and lack of understanding. Disability is part of the human experience and citizens deserve the rights of any citizen.

Do not become complacent. Do not sit silently. True inclusion can only be achieved if we are all part of the conversation and help find the solution.

Only **YOU** can educate your legislator, tell your perspective with your community or share your knowledge for others with disabilities.

Share your story with NHU via <u>horizons@new-horizons.org</u>

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We would like to hear from you! Please-e-mail us at horizons@new-horizons.org

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

Here are some simple ways to give back to NHU!

#### Volunteers reach out and make a world of

**difference!!** For more information on volunteering, visit: <u>new-horizons.org/volnet.html</u>

#### NHU Wish List

Visit: <u>new-horizons.org/wshlst.html</u> Make an in-kind donation of used equipment or make a donation for purchase of:

- Windows 10 Licenses (\$6 each)
- Speaker sets (\$2.50 each)
- Desktop and Laptop computers (used)
- Surge Protectors (new or used)

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