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Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!"

~ translation of Goethe's Faust lines 214-30 by John Anster, 1835

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New Horizons Un-Limited - Celebrates 25 Years!

Access Information and Computer Literacy and Grant Program



Technology dominates our lives, everything from reading the news, shopping, earning a degree, applying for a job, or paying bills. You name it, it is a mouse-click away, thanks to the Internet. NHU immediately recognized the significance of this tool in the mid-1990's. With the Internet, people with disabilities could participate as members of a virtual community, connecting and learning from others, and potentially end the isolation that can be so common.

We launched the NHU website back then, new-horizons.org. Today it boasts over a thousand topics featuring thousands of articles, links and resources for people with disabilities to find education, employment and recreation opportunities, news on advocacy and legislation, assistance with financial and life planning, housing and independent living options and information for parents, caregivers, educators and employers. In the years to come we have shared the human story of disability and advocated to break down barriers thru the NHU Community Forum, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our NHU Blog. To join people in this common cause, sign up on our website for our Newsletters: Communicability and Advocacy Alerts! at new-horizons.org/indxnl.html

Today our Internet presence receives over 2 million page views, from 200 to 400 thousand visitors a year from more than 90 countries including the United States.

While we recognized the significance in 1994, we had no idea just how prevalent the Internet would become in our daily lives. Now, imagine if you did not have access to the Internet, and on top of that, were unable to access opportunities in your local community. This is just as real today, as it was then, for many people with physical disabilities.

Recognizing this need, since 2004, NHU has provided a refurbished computer and free training and computer support to more than 750 individuals and their caregiver families in Southeastern Wisconsin and across our state. Many of our computer recipients receive additional training, encouragement, and optimism.

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Our recipients vary from those who are isolated in their homes and depend on their computer to pay their bills, contact their doctor, shop on-line and listen to music, to those who are going back to school to improve their lives with education or re-inventing employment.

For YOU our donors we at NHU would like YOU to know you are the recipients of amazing gratitude! Hear what recent computer recipients have said:

"Oh my gosh! This is a wonderful program! You don't know how difficult it is to live in this world without a computer. I will be able to contact my doctor and pay my bills from home. This is a blessing! Thank you!"

"The gift of the laptop helped me find out that I could, in fact, work with accommodations. My current plan is to find a permanent, part-time job as a grant writer where I can continue to do some work from home because of my health. It has and will play a key role in helping me become more financially independent. Thank you!!"

With this important tool each recipient helps themselves to hope and confidence to move forward in their lives!

As a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher, NHU prides itself on the fact that we have extended the life of more than 6000 donated computer parts, cpu's, keyboards, mice, monitors and speakers, since 2004. We take time to ensure each part, upon the end of its useful life, is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU

Do not procrastinate! Do your shopping early! .

Scrip orders are due:

Monday, November 25, 2019 Thursday, December 5, 2019

You purchase scrip gift cards thru NHU, redeemable for the exact amount you pay for them, the retailers pass discount savings on to NHU.

To place your scrip order with NHU, print the NHU Scrip order form at new-horizons.org/pdf/scripf.pdf

Then, fill out and send your order form and your check or money order to NHU.

Please Join NHU in our Grassroots Effort to Care Enough NOW To Plant the Seeds of Hope!

Our NHU 2019 Annual Appeal will arrive at your door or via email soon for year-end-giving. Although we hope you give the same, tax deductions for charitable giving may no longer be available to you. For strategies, see our End of Year and Planned Giving Brochure at new-horizons.org/doneyg.html and your tax advisor.

YOU CAN STILL HELP! Help NHU reach more individuals by giving the enclosed flyer to everyone you know or meet who might have a connection to our mission, about the good NHU is doing and about your involvement with NHU! (or print from new-horizons.org/pdf/anappl.pdf)

Remember what your continued support has offered and continues to offer people with disabilities, to assist them with the tools to face their disability armed with self-esteem and hope.

We need your help!

NHU's Information and Referral Program

- \$50 will provide new resources, articles and guides monthly to individuals seeking assistance.
- \$150 will provide, one edition of our newsletter, CommunicAbility, reach more family members with disabilities and many more via email.
- Do you enjoy browsing the Internet? Volunteer for our Disability Research Assistant team.

NHU's Computer Literacy and Grant Program

- \$25 will provide one hour of in-depth computer skills training to four individuals with disabilities.
- \$30 will provide (5) Windows 10 Operating Systems for refurbished computers for 5 individuals with disabilities.
- \$40 will provide information on our *Access Tech Tips Forum* for our computer recipients.
- Volunteer to assist to refurbish or setup computers, answer helpdesk or enter a computer tip.

NHU's Employment Skills Training and Work Experience Program

- \$50 will allow us to promote people with disabilities and their capabilities to employers in a month.
- \$100 will provide employment skills training to an adult student in our work experience program.
- Be part of the solution! Evaluate your needs as an employer, offer a job to a person with a disability!

NHU's Seek and Promote Opportunities to Respite, Recreation and Cultural Activities Program

 \$25 will provide new respite resources information for people with disabilities, their families and caregivers.

New Horizons Un-Limited – We Appreciate This Past Year's 2018 - 2019 Sustaining Donors

We would like to honor YOU, our SUSTAINING DONORS, from our end-of-year 2018 Annual Appeal through October 2019 general and in-kind donations! Every donation we receive, whether \$2 or \$5000, helps us carry out our mission and is very much appreciated!

In addition, view our 2019 Spring Raffle and Golf Outing Donors and Sponsors Appreciation flyers and learn more about our fundraising events, at: new-horizons.org/funeve.html

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Thank you to everyone who shopped through Goodshop and our Gift Certificate Scrip Program.

Thank you to everyone who contributed or purchased from our 2019 Fall Flower Bulb Fundraiser!

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