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The Newsletter of  
Horizons Unlimited  
Fall 2024



### *Happy Fall:*

We've been busy at Horizons with updates to the new HCBS Home at 1502 Lawler Street. We had a Chamber coffee at our new home and we were very pleased with the turn out we had. Again I want to thank Dan & Mary Cooper for their land donation and to Burhow Construction for building the home and doing a wonderful job. It takes a community to make a vision come true. Thank you to all who were involved. Call for a tour if you missed the Chamber coffee.

We continue to keep our locations looking nice and up-to-date with new windows installed this summer at 19th Street and new gutters at 21st Street.

This fall we are busy with our daily activities and are planning a Thanksgiving dinner for our members and their loved ones. This winter we are having our fun Christmas Party with a visit from Santa and a pizza party. On February 9th we will have our Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast and February 11th is our big Valentines Dance with MOJO Productions supplying the music. Bowling has started again @ Shamrock Lanes on Thursdays which our members love! Please feel free to also join them for Bingo on Mondays at the Family Life Center.

I would like to recognize these staff who have worked for Horizons Unlimited for 20+ years. Linda Detrick (46), Jessie Manwarren (40), Sharon Manwarren (26), Kate Simonson (25), Beverly Salas (22), and Carla Robinson (21). We appreciate all that you do for the members and Horizons Unlimited.

If you are interested in helping Horizons and receiving a great tax credit please see page 3 for information. This is a great opportunity.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones, there is always something to be thankful for.

*Carla Firkins, Executive Director*

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# unlimited POSSIBILITIES

### *Join us for fun!!*

Every Monday: 1:30 pm Bingo @ the  
Family Life Center

Every Tuesday: 1:00 pm Movie @ the  
Library

Every Wednesday: 1:00 pm matinee  
@ the Riviera Theatre

Every Thursday: 1:30pm Bowling @  
Shamrock Lanes (Seasonal)



### *Connect with us*

Website: [horizons-unlimited.net](http://horizons-unlimited.net)  
Facebook: [HorizonsofPAC](https://www.facebook.com/HorizonsofPAC)







## Updates on our new HCBS Home



### Horizons Employee milestones

#### Jessie & Sharon Manwarren

**Jessie** has worked here since 1984 and has worn many, many hats over the 40 years he has been here. Currently he is our **Maintenance man** and gets any job done to best of his ability with no questions asked. What Jessie likes about his job the most is getting to go to each home and see all the members and staff. Jessie says "They let me know they appreciate what I fix and the new things I put together and Horizons means to me a team of staff working together to do great things for our members."

Thanks a  
**MILLION!**

**Sharon** has been here since 1998 and has also worn many hats over the 26 years she has been here. Currently she is our **SCL Assistant** and knows what to do to help our members reach their goals.

Sharon enjoys working with members on their living skills to increase their independence. She feels we have staff who are caring and work well together. Sharon says "To me Horizons means an organization that strives to help members achieve their full potential."



**Jessie & Sharon have worked here at Horizons for a total of 66 years!!! WOW, We appreciate you both so much for everything you do for us!**

*We want to thank the following individuals and businesses for making a donation to Horizons Unlimited since the Spring/Summer newsletter was sent out. Thank you again for your generosity.*

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gordon Flesch                 | Apostolic Christian Harvest         |
| Nancy Cozine                  | Ruthven Methodist Missions          |
| PACH                          | Mike Woods                          |
| Rosella Weishaar              | Knights of Columbus—Emmetsburg      |
| Family of LaVonne Ruppert     | Fenton United Methodist Women       |
| Mike & Chris Louscher         | Knights of Columbus—POC             |
| Shayne & Michelle Kogel       | Beth Schultes                       |
| Donald Weishaar               | Neppi's in memory of Margaret Pratt |
| Hills Bank                    | Betty Drew                          |
| Zion Lutheran Church          |                                     |
| Community Foundation of NE IA |                                     |



## Ways I can help....

### Support the Future of Horizons Unlimited with a Matching Gift Opportunity

A gift to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund is an investment in the long-term success and sustainability of our organization. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support and are excited to share a special opportunity for your donation to have an even greater impact. Through the Palo Alto County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA), gifts up to \$10,000 to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund will be **matched at 25%**—helping us grow the fund for the future. Matching funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out! This opportunity is made possible thanks to the continued support of the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC), which provides matching dollars to benefit local nonprofit organizations. In addition, gifts to the Endowment Fund may be eligible for a **25% state tax credit** through the **Endow Iowa Program** (more details at [cfneia.org/giving/endow-iowa](http://cfneia.org/giving/endow-iowa)).

#### How to Participate

If you would like to participate in this matching gift campaign, you can make a donation by:

- **Online Gift:** to make a donation online, visit [fund.cfneia.org/horizonsunlimited](http://fund.cfneia.org/horizonsunlimited).
  - **Cash or Check:** Please make checks payable to **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** and mail to:  
**Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** 3117 Greenhill Circle Cedar Falls, IA 50613
- Alternatively, you can mail or drop off your gift at:  
**Horizons Unlimited** 2107 Main Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

#### Types of Gifts Accepted

Endowment gifts can take many forms, including:

- Cash
- Stock transfers
- IRA charitable rollovers
- Gifts of grain

**Note:** Endowment gifts are separate from annual giving, but they represent a special way to ensure the long-term impact of Horizons Unlimited in our community.

#### Planned Giving Opportunities

For those looking to make a lasting impact, you may also consider leaving a **planned gift** to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund in your will or by naming the fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. The Community Foundation staff is available to work with you and your legal advisor to identify the best giving options for your circumstances.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact:

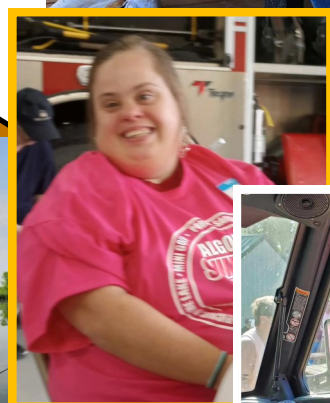
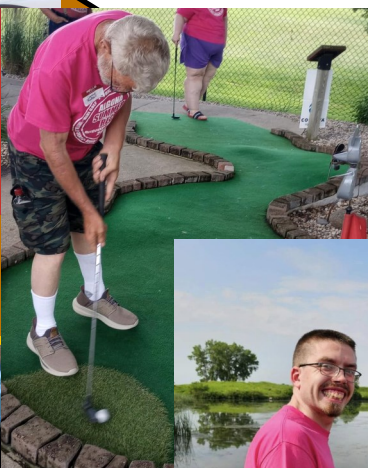
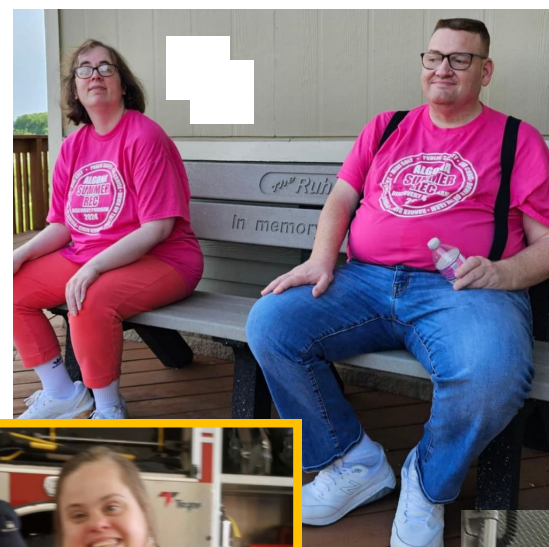
- **Carla Firkins** at 712-852-2211 ext. 110
- **Terry Gaumer**, Charitable Advisor with CFNEIA, at 319-243-1354

**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Horizons Unlimited. Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable future for our community!**





## A composite image. The top portion shows a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a baseball cap and a dark t-shirt with a logo, sitting in the driver's seat of a white truck. The bottom portion shows the side of a red fire truck with the word "ALGONA" in large, yellow, outlined letters. A black door handle is visible on the left. On the far right, a person in a pink shirt is partially visible.



**Eathen** has been with Horizons Unlimited for over a year now and 19th Street Group Home. He likes fishing and reading books. When working he is spending time in his room playing video games.



A woman is standing outdoors, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a camouflage jacket over a high-visibility yellow and orange safety vest. On her head is a beanie with an American flag pattern. She is holding a pair of black work gloves in her hands. To her left is a large black recycling bin with a recycling symbol on it. In the background, there are other recycling bins and a parking lot with several vehicles, including a white SUV and a silver pickup truck. The sky is clear and blue.

