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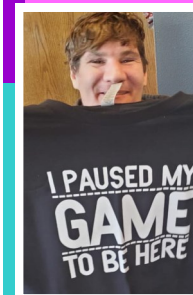
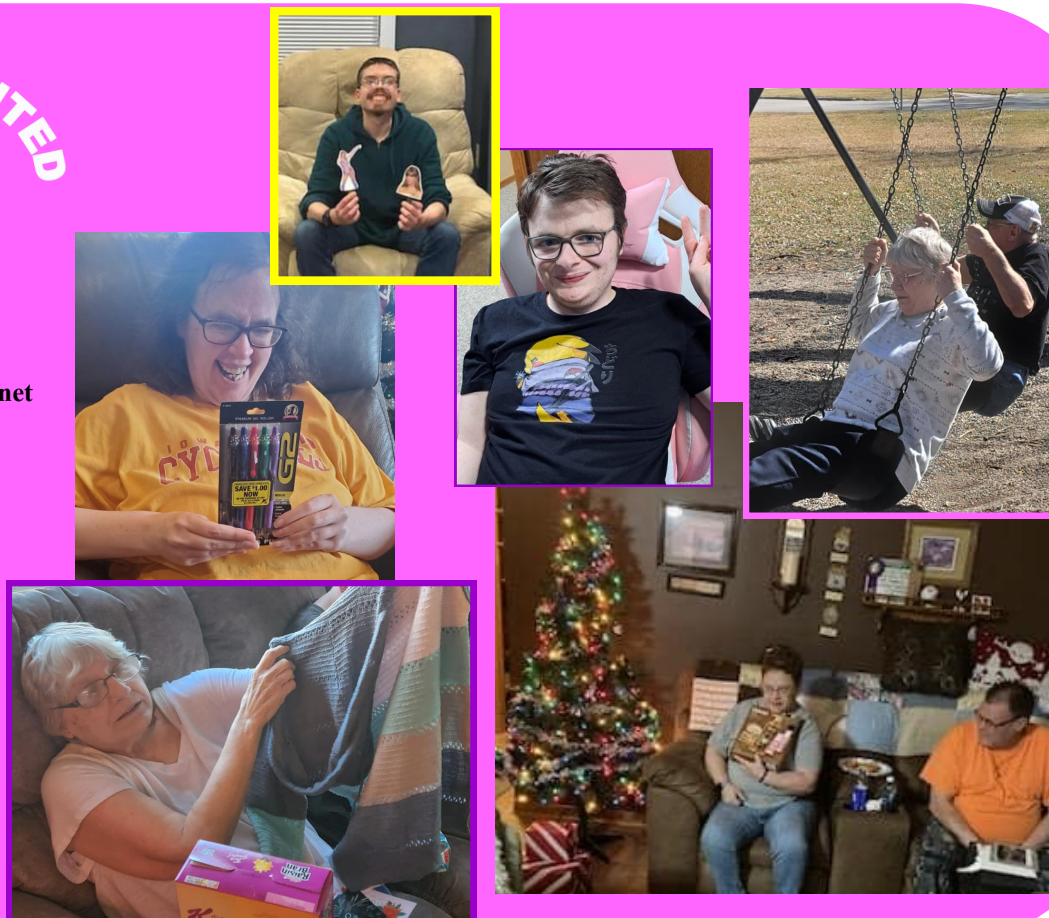
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Horizons Unlimited Spring 2024 Newsletter

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Happy Spring!

What a calm winter we had. I hope our winters continue to be this enjoyable every year.

Horizons has a new family member! He loves to play video games and has a really great sense of humor. Welcome to Horizons Dakota.

Now that Spring and Summer are right around the corner, we will be doing our monthly picnics and making a trip to Okoboji for a Summer Theatre performance and a ride on the Queen which the members thoroughly enjoy! If you have any good ideas for field trips please contact me. The members are always up for a little ride to see or do something unique. We can't thank our local Riviera Theatre and Shamrock Lanes enough for having the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon activities for us. Bowling and movies are some of the members favorite entertainment. Please join us on Monday afternoons at the Family Life Center to play Bingo. Members love to have visitors.

Each time this year we wait patiently to see if the government will raise our rates. At this time we are still waiting. We have some great lobbyist who work 100% for members in the state of Iowa. We have Zoom meetings every Wednesday and Friday mornings with other providers to discuss items that are coming up in the state and any concerns we may have. Right now the concern is children. There are so many without homes and need that one on one or extra supervision. There isn't very many places for children with mental or physical disabilities to live. It is a very sad situation right now.

We have a couple members who have started new jobs in Emmetsburg. Thank you to these establishments: Forge & Build and Studio Hairsay.

Here at Horizons, we all wish you a great Spring and Summer.

Join us for fun!!

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

Every Tuesday: Movie @ the Library at 1pm

Every Wednesday: Movie matinee @ the Theatre at 1pm

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

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Website: horizons-unlimited.net


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Valentine's Dance with MOJO Productions

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2024 Pancake Breakfast

Thank you so much to the **Iowa Lakes Community College Swim Team** for all your help to be able to have another successful pancake breakfast!



ARTISTS ON BOARD

Thank you so much to PACGDC for the grants for windows that will all be more energy efficient!



It makes a total difference at the office from traffic noise and heat from the sun!



Ways I can help....

Making a gift to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund is a sound investment that supports our organization now and in the future. As we strive to meet growing needs, having a reliable source of professionally managed funds ensures we can continue our mission. Administered by the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, this permanent fund grows over time through investment returns and donations.

One unique benefit of donating to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund is the extra tax advantage through the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit. You can qualify for this Iowa state tax credit and the standard federal deduction. For more information about the Endow Iowa state tax credit, please visit <https://www.cfneia.org/giving/endow-iowa>.

Your donation to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund is a lasting gift, supporting our community for generations. You can give in several ways: cash or stock gifts, an IRA charitable rollover, or by naming the fund as a beneficiary of your IRA or as a bequest in your Will.

To donate online, visit fund.cfneia.org/horizonsunlimited. For more information, contact Carla Firkins at 712-852-2211 or Terry Gaumer with the Community Foundation at 319-243-1354. To mail a cash donation, make your check payable to Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund and send it to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. Thank you.

We want to thank the following individuals and businesses for making a donation to Horizons Unlimited. Thank you again for your generosity.

- Don Nauss

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Horizons Employee milestones

Becky Goeders is our Residential Manager at Pleasant Street Group Home. She has worked for Horizons Unlimited for 5 years and been the manager for 3 years. Becky has 5 children and keeps very busy with her 15 grandchildren.



Becky says “Horizons has been a great place to work and it is like a second family to me! Our members are first and foremost the most important thing. I love seeing smiles on their faces when they accomplish their goals or just because they are happy to see you. You never know what type of day you are going to have as no day is ever the same. I have great staff to work with here.”



Audrey Hansen is currently our Site Coordinator at 21st Street HCBS Home. She has been with Horizons for 16 years and has worked at our 21st Street location most of that time she has been at Horizons. When Audrey isn’t working she is a busy full-time mom to her two children.



Audrey says “What I like most about working for Horizons Unlimited is the members and staff. I can be having a rough time and seeing them greet me with a smile on their faces makes my day better in a hurry. Another thing that can make my day is knowing that I can help at least one member succeed with their daily tasks or goals.”



We are truly blessed for donations like ones from PACH, Knights of Columbus and PARC Hall for our members!

Members Story

He started working at Pizza Hut in May of 2023. Greg's job is filling containers of sauces for to-go orders. Greg knows his job and gets started immediately; of course after greetings and hugs are completed.



Greg's enthusiasm he brings to the workplace is something that cannot be learned.



Greg will always meet you with a smile and brings life and color to the workplace. His work ethic, attention to detail and love for people have helped make his workplace a success with customers and co-workers.



Christmas 2023



Members enjoyed celebrating **Christmas** with a pizza party, dessert and gifts. Then Christmas Bingo with homemade snowmen gift bag prizes and ended with **SANTA** coming for a visit!

