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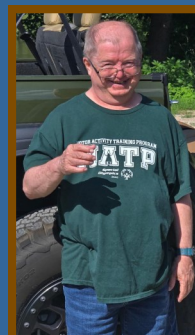
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Happy Fall!



Another fun year has zoomed past us and what a great year we have had. With the Federal and State guidelines we never know what will come next. Twice a month I have a Zoom meeting with the Iowa Association of Providers, who keep us informed as to what is going on at the State and Federal level. I think they like to keep us on our toes.

We had a great summer with a trip to the Queen with a pizza picnic and to the Boone Train Ride taking sack lunches. We also had our monthly Thursday picnics in the park, Monday bingo, Tuesday library and Wednesday movies. Twice a month they have Artists on Board and on November 6th they will have a gallery showing of their work at the Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji.

Now that it is fall, bowling will be every Thursday. We will have our annual Halloween Party, Thanksgiving dinner for families and Christmas Party. On October 29th they will go to Exceptional Opportunities in Algona to celebrate Halloween with their friends.

One apartment at King Street has been completely remodeled and one kitchen at Lawler Street. We have recently added three new members who are all adjusting well.

Thank you to all who have donated to Horizons so that we are able to continue to find the activities our members love to do! Have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends.

Watch for our upcoming Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast on February 8th, 2026.

Carla Firkins, Executive Director

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Boone Train Ride

Join us for fun!!

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

Every Tuesday: 1:00pm Movie
@ the Library

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

Every Thursday: 1:30pm Bowling
@ Shamrock Lanes (Fall-Spring)



Connect with us

Website: horizons-unlimited.net

Facebook: [HorizonsofPAC](https://www.facebook.com/HorizonsofPAC)



Members & Staff enjoying a pizza picnic in the park and then riding the Queen.

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

George Fischer	Michael Woods
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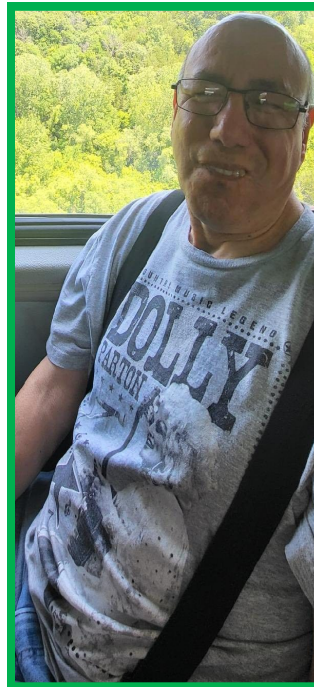
BOONE & SCENIC VALLEY RAILROAD





Jim's Story

Jim has been with Horizons Unlimited since October 1982. We have thoroughly enjoyed his laughter now for 43 years! In Jim's free time he likes to watch movies and go out to eat. He also likes to listen to music and WE ALL KNOW HE LOVES HIS DOLLY PARTON! Lol, he wears shirts with her on them quite often!

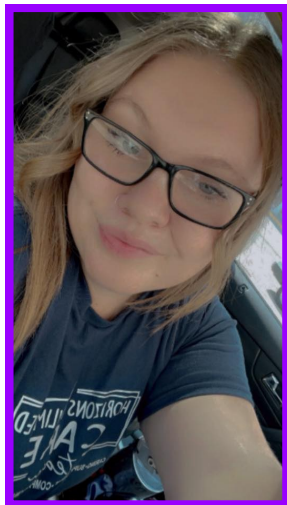


Jim's current job is cleaning the Horizons Unlimited office and he does a great job! Who knows what we are going to get with Jim each week: either singing a song, wondering why all of the semis keep driving by, nicknaming the vacuum or letting us all know he is "Two Bits and a Short" today.



One thing is for sure, he always puts a smile on our face and gives us a good laugh up here at the office!

Horizons Employee milestones



Katlynn Dady has worked at Horizons Unlimited now for almost 2 years as a Direct Support Professional! Currently she is working between our 19th Street Group Home and our new HCBS Home.

Katlynn says "Working at Horizons I get to stand hand in hand with my clients working towards personal goals of theirs, I get to be a part of activities that they like to do, I get to simply be a listening ear when they need someone to talk to, but what I like most about working for Horizons is the feeling of helping others learn new skills and witnessing their growth along the way. **Not only am I helping them learn, but it's also a learning experience for myself, it's a rewarding job.** The smiles they give when they have gotten the hang of something, or when they have reached a goal that they have been working towards could light up a room, and that's my reward. I also couldn't have asked for a better team of people to work with. I love my career at Horizons and look forward to continuing to grow in this field. "



Deb Naveau currently is our Site Coordinator at 19th Street Group Home but also fills in at our new HCBS Home as well.

She has worked here for almost 10 years and says "Where does the time go? I find my job very rewarding and I enjoy helping the members throughout the day. I strive to make each day a bright light in their life. **I am a better person because of them!** I like the comradery amongst the people I work with also." Deb has three grown children who have blessed her with 5 precious grandchildren. She is one proud grandma watching them grow into successful adults.



Ways I can help....

**Your Endowment Gift to Horizons Unlimited Is a Legacy of Hope
Let's Build the Future Together**

Imagine a future where Horizons Unlimited continues to grow — meeting rising needs, opening new doors, and changing lives for generations. You can help make that future possible. When you give to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund, you're not just donating — you're investing in a legacy of care, opportunity and impact. These professionally managed funds provide long-term, stable support that ensures our mission endures.

There Are Many Meaningful Ways to Give:

- Cash or stock gifts
- IRA charitable rollovers (Qualified Charitable Distributions - QCDs)
- Direct Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA
- Naming the fund in your Will or as a beneficiary of your IRA
- Gifts of grain or livestock

Limited-Time Matching Opportunity!

Thanks to the Community Foundation, every gift to the Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar — from \$100 up to \$5,000! This is a limited-time offer, available only while matching funds last. Don't miss your chance to double your impact!

Make Your Gift Go Even Further

Iowa donors can receive a 25% state tax credit through the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program, plus a federal charitable deduction for those who itemize. That means your gift benefits you — and your community.

Learn more: cfneia.org/donors/endow-iowa-tax-credit

Give online: cfneia.org/donations/horizonsunlimited

Mail a gift: Make checks payable to Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund and send to: Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Let's Talk About Your Legacy

Whether you're ready to give or just exploring your options, we'd love to connect. Let's talk about how your gift can make a lasting difference.

Contact Carla Firkins at 712-852-2211

Or reach out to Terry Gaumer at the Community Foundation at 319-243-1354

The Palo Alto County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

Let's Talk About Your Legacy — 5% Can Change Everything

Here in Iowa, we're on the brink of a historic opportunity. Over the next decade, **\$30.4 billion** in household wealth will transfer between generations. Many of those assets will leave the Iowa and our communities lose out. But if we act now, we can keep those resources working for us.



That's the power of the "5 for the Future" initiative. By committing just **5% of your estate** to local causes like **Horizons Unlimited**, you can help ensure our community stays strong, vibrant, and full of possibility.

Horizons Unlimited is proud to be part of the **Palo Alto County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**. Together, we're building a future where generosity shapes every corner of our community.

Learn more: www.paloaltoccf.org or www.cfneia.org/5-for-the-future/

Let's start the conversation.

Whether you're ready to make a gift or just want to explore your options, we're here to help. Contact Carla Firkins at 712-852-2211 or Terry Gaumer with the Community Foundation at 319-243-1354.



Members having Fun at the Fair!



OUR MEMBERS LOVE OUR MONTHLY SUMMER PICNICS!

Thank you so much to Palo Alto Community Health & Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation for funding the new mitigation systems that were needed at some of our locations! It's great to be in such a helping community!



