

# On the Horizon

## Mission

Our mission is to develop and provide living environments that enable the developmentally disabled individual to live life to the fullest. We strive to provide health and safety, habilitation services, a transportation program, and recreational activities that instill a sense of self-worth and inclusion which will enrich their quality of life.

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## Who We Are.....

Horizons, Inc. is a private non-profit organization providing residential services to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. We began in 1976 with a group of aging parents concerned about the need to provide homes for their children with mental retardation and developmental disabilities when they could no longer care for them at home.

We currently serve eight counties throughout Ohio –Ashland, Carroll, Coshocton, Harrison, Jefferson, Knox, Tuscarawas and Wayne.

Horizons, Inc. offers a full range of services and support to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities to help them live in their own home or group homes, and to develop their abilities to the fullest extent possible.

We have trained employees who are dedicated to the cause. Horizons, Inc. employs Homemaker/Personal Care Professionals and Direct Care Professionals to provide services to the individuals. In addition we provide Adult Day Care Services and transportation services for individuals with developmental disabilities, seniors, and others throughout Tuscarawas County.



## Horizons Fall BBQ

On October 5 the day began cool and overcast, but that did not deter Community Development Coordinator/Grant Writer Rodney Sutton, and Board President Colbert Byrom from firing up the BBQ grill borrowed from Walt Roberts of Dennison, Ohio. When the rain began at 8:00 a.m., the coals were already hot and prepared to receive the 80 half chickens and 23

slabs of pork ribs that would be cooked that day.

Special thanks to our two top sellers Charlotte Salsberry (26 BBQ Chicken and 27 BBQ Rib Dinners) and Anette Montgomery (9 chicken dinners), winners of \$100 and \$50 respectively. We also wish to thank Pepsi Beverage Company of

Wintersville, Ohio for their generous donation of five cases of assorted pop. And of course without all of you volunteers and supporters, we could not have had the success of \$1164.00 in sales for a profit of \$632.88 which will help buy Christmas gifts for our individuals with developmental disabilities.

## CARETRACKER



*“CARETRACKER” being used at Avenues of Adventure*

In June 2012, Horizons, Inc. saw the need to provide more timely and accurate information to county, state, and federal agencies which provide much of our funding. This need prompted Horizons, Inc. to seek a grant from Austin Bailey Health & Wellness Foundation, which resulted in a grant of \$17,750 that enabled us to purchase three (3) CARETRACKER units

from Cerner Corporation, two of which are in use at the Intermediate Care Facilities in Bolivar, and one at Avenues of Adventure, our Adult Day Facility in New Philadelphia. We have currently trained approximately 50 staff in the use of this electronic documentation system which has enhanced the services we provide to the individuals with

developmental disabilities, because the speed and efficiency of the electronic system allows staff to return to the needs of the individuals immediately after documentation. This is better utilization of staff time. The system has improved communication between management, and the time-stamped documentation will improve our reporting to county, state and federal agencies.

## Famous Quotes

Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.

Inspiration and genius--one and the same.

To find what you seek in the road of life, the best proverb of all is that which says: Leave no stone unturned.

Do we not all agree to call rapid thought and noble impulse by the name of inspiration?

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it.

If you would create something, you must be something.

Every artist was first an amateur.

## NEW HOME OPENING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

**On October 31, 2013, “Maxwell Home” opened in Steubenville, Ohio.**

**Two ladies will share this home. This home will be staffed, and have a remote monitoring system as well.**



## Halloween Party



Preparations for Horizons, Inc. annual Halloween Party began early with discussions of costumes and decorations for the Dover Masonic Lodge where the event was to be held. As volunteers were sought to decorate and prepare for the event the excitement began to build around the Horizons, Inc. main office.

I am not one who is much into the Halloween season since my children our past that stage, however, I decided I would make an appearance just to get some pictures and a story for the newsletter. I must tell you that I got more than I bargained for, because there was many creative costumes, lots of dancing, a contest and awards, and even a haunted house. Had you been a stranger walking in off the streets you may not have known it was a party for developmentally disabled individuals. Friends, parents, children, and staff all had a good time. To see pictures and video come by the office.



## Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser

Once again Horizons, Inc. is working to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for our developmentally disabled individuals. We currently serve approximately 110 individuals, and although we receive funding for their housing and medical care from Medicaid and Medicare; these monies cannot be used to buy the personal items we all need such as: socks and under garments, new shoes and clothing, lap blankets and comforters, colored pencils, wallets, and handbags, nail polish and cosmetics. Many of our individuals do not

have families or their incomes are fixed and leave no room for extra expenses; therefore, our dedicated Horizons, Inc. staff meets the challenge and dedicates their personal time in selling these Little Pizza Kits to all who wish to help our individuals have a Merry Christmas. See a Horizons, Inc. employee or call one of our offices before the November 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Pizza Kits are a great value. Traditional Pizza Kits make 3 family-size pizzas, and Personal Pizza Kits make 9 pizzas. Make sure you stock up for the

holidays, football parties, birthday parties, sleepovers, and other family get-togethers.

If you know a Horizons, Inc. employee, support them in their sales, because the top seller will receive a \$100 gift card and the second place seller a \$50 gift card. Remember this helps our developmentally disabled individuals have a Merry Christmas. They enjoy gathering around the tree and opening presents just like you and I.



### New Freedom Transportation Services



Horizons, Inc., the Tuscarawas County Senior Center and Society for Equal Access Independent Living Center have entered into a Regional Transportation Coordination initiative with the Ohio Department of Transportation. The goal of this federally funded program is to provide

transportation services, especially but not limited to individuals with a disability living in rural areas. The three-agency collaborative initiative expands hours of operation to seven days a week and evenings for all Tuscarawas County residents. Low-income families, individuals with

disabilities, seniors and the general public can utilize transportation services for: employment, medical appointments, religious services, shopping, family/social functions, and recreation events.

All of these things enhance their quality of life and increase self-sufficiency.

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL CELEBRANTS



1	Jody Pershing
2	Wanda Kincaid Mary Sterling
3	Greer St. George
7	Diana Wills
9	Tim Corpman
11	Anette Montgomery Charlotte Salsberry Kelsey Dean
12	Chastaine Mitchell
17	Gary Smith Sonia Evans
20	Mel Alexander
21	Megan Carpenter
22	Jackie Robinson
24	Amy Brown Brenda Meek Patricia Barlow
26	Carol Kreps Emmalean Patterson
28	Ann Phillips Rebecca Goudy
29	Tim Rothacher
	Tammy Nicholas
30	Norma Poorman Sara Beaber

1	Deborah Landis
2	Sherry Hughes (Bd. Member)
3	Lisa Clark
4	Anne McCabe
6	Mary Mansfield
7	Julie Wilson
8	Jill Campbell
9	Helen Umphryes
10	Brenda Hinerman
11	Amber West
13	Lola Lewis (Bd. Member)
17	Betty Alvey Jennifer Jeffries
19	Margaret MacKay
23	Gwenna Johnson Carol Sefsick
27	Sharon Keifer Sherrie Wheeler
31	Rhonda Mutschelknaus Jessica Sickafoose Raylynn Baker Sara Gill

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Advocates for Ohio's Future applaud the decision of the Ohio Controlling Board to approve funding for Medicaid expansion in Ohio. This decision to allow federal funds to be used to provide health care to over 275,000 low-wage Ohioans strengthens Ohio's workforce, brings \$13 billion into the state, and will increase over 30,000 jobs in Ohio over the next ten years.

We celebrate the opportunity for Ohioans to gain access to health care and the benefits that Medicaid expansion will provide to Ohio's workforce and economy. Medicaid expansion is one of many

health care issues impacting Ohioans and Advocates for Ohio's Future will continue to be involved in efforts to reform Ohio's Medicaid system. Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of over 450 local and statewide organizations that works to maintain vital public services – health, human services, and early care & education – strengthen families and communities in Ohio.

### Health Insurance Marketplace

3 Things to know about the Health Insurance Marketplace:

#### **It's an easier way to shop for health insurance**

The Marketplace simplifies your

search by gathering options in one place.

#### **Most people can get a break on costs**

When you fill out your application you'll find out how much you can save.

#### **Gives you control over your options with clear, apples to apples comparison**

You get a clear picture of what premiums you'd pay and what benefits and protections you'd get before you enroll.

#### **For more information:**

**HealthCare.gov**  
**1-800-318-2596**



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## INSIGHTS FROM DAVE.....

### ***"THE SEASONS OF LIFE"***

I can honestly say fall is my favorite season of the year. I love the colors that surround and dress up our landscape. I love the chill that begins to fill the air. Seasons are truly an amazing thing. You know, as we travel through life we encounter seasons as well. Of course, the springtime of our life when we are young and inquisitive, then summer when we settle into being an adult. Then autumn follows as we see our children grow and we become empty-nesters. Winter is probably the most challenging as we

move into those twilight years and look back on all that we have experienced. I know for me it is never easy to say goodbye to those we love. Another of our dear ones passed away on the evening of October 23, Bradley Schroeder. Brad meant so much to all of us and now he has entered the springtime of eternity, where all is bright and new and will remain that way forever. Rest dear friend. Seasons of life are wonderful, they are a gift to us and when they are past, we enter that springtime forever. What a blessing!!!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **(NOVEMBER)**

**1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> Election Day**

**11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> Pizza Kit Deadline**

**20<sup>th</sup> Pizza Kit Pick-up**

**28<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving**

**Flu Shots Available (Dover Office)**

### **(DECEMBER)**

**13<sup>th</sup> Horizons Christmas Party**

**21<sup>st</sup> Winter Begins**

**25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas**

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