

HORIZONS UNLIMITED



Spring Newsletter



June 2011

A Special Donor



Ruth Clasen had a lifelong passion for helping others and lived her passion through her career, faith life and community involvement. As a single woman and only child, Ruth had no family in the area but had many cherished friends who enjoyed her company. Ruth was known for her quick wit, incredible memory and her warm smile.

Ruth worked at Iowa Trust & Savings Bank for over 50 years and retired as Vice President in an era when few women held such positions. She enjoyed helping customers with their financial needs and developed many wonderful friendships with co-workers and customers alike.

Ruth was an active member of the Holy Family Catholic Parish in Emmetsburg and held a special place in her heart for Catholic missions such as "Food for the Poor" and "Covenant House." She felt strongly about the ability of these organizations to have an impact on the lives of individuals. Ever the giving spirit, Ruth contributed to a variety of community causes throughout her lifetime. When Ruth passed away this past January, her philanthropy extended to Horizons Unlimited as well. It was then we were notified we were one of her chosen beneficiaries and that she had left \$16,564.32 to Horizons to help our residents. We are deeply grateful for Ruth's stewardship, generosity and concern for others.

A planned gift to Horizons Unlimited helps assure the future needs of adults with disabilities will continue to be met for years to come. Contact Sonya Dettmann if you would like to discuss how you can help or if you have questions at 712-852-2211 or email her at sonyadettmann@horizons-unlimited.net.

A few months ago a boy named Mighty Max Low was in the news and all the social media outlets. He is a 12 year old boy from Neola, Iowa that has been battling leukemia since kindergarten. He and a friend came up with a way to help pass the time while he is bedridden – get people to write him get well cards. His goal is 1 million! DayHab consumers (below) joined in the campaign and sent Max a bundle of homemade inspirational cards.



Bill Huberty took Jason Ryker and Greg Jones (above) to Pet Kingdom in Algona to purchase an aquarium and supplies for the Day Habilitation program at Horizons. The individuals in DayHab enjoy the fish.



Bill and Jason pick out accessories for the aquarium.

Special Olympics

16 Consumers participated in the State Track Meet on May 27th. The event was held at Iowa State University. The softball throw, 25 meter walk, 50 meter dash and the standing long jump were events we participated in. Photos available in the next issue.



HELP SAVE A TREE!

If you would like to receive this newsletter in email form, please send your email address to:
SonyaDettmann@horizons-unlimited.net

Adam Louscher and Gary Bordwell visit with Jack Kibbie at the State Capitol



Give locally and see the difference.

We would like to recognize the following individuals, organizations and businesses that have donated to Horizons Unlimited since November 2010. We sincerely thank each one and apologize if we inadvertently left anyone out.

Levels of Giving

Friend: Under \$25

Ray & Arlene DeWall
Irene Goff
Gerald & Alice McDaniel
Mark & Deb Walsh

Bronze (\$25 - \$99)

Jane Peters * Shayne & Michelle Kogel
Chris & Brenda Hamilton * Rosemary Matthews
Tim Mogler * Linus & Paddy Solberg
Donna Kunz * Dean & Carol Simonsen
Ray & Ernella Van Horn
Jeanne & Maurice Drew
Joe Sikora * Bob & Carol Andersen
LeRoy Wikert * John Hemann
Martha Miller * Gwen Carmichael
Arlene Heldt * Dick Brawley
Mary Jo Greene * Liz Chapman
Dale & Jean Reed * Riek Bekx
LeRoy & Marlene Walker
Elmer & Beanie Steier * Jeff & Lori Morey
Leah Circle of St. John's Lutheran Church
Calista Hammes * Angela Hetrick
Claudia Darrah * Linda Keepers
Richard Carpenter * Jill Swanson
Chuck & Paula Tippie * Dean VerMulm
Fenton United Methodist Women
St. Lukes Lutheran Church LWML
Chi-Chapter Delta-Kappa Gamma
Zion Lutheran Ladies Guild
St. Mary's Christian Mothers
Bethel Lutheran Church Women
Lost Island Lutheran Church, Women of ELCA

In Memory or Honor of:

Shelly Boitnott - anonymously
Kathleen Frederick by Lee Frederick
Ruth Gard by Ann Stillman
Hazel Johnston by Margaret Opeim
Kathleen Bormann by Mary Hartman
Maurice Drew by Larry & Karen Reit, Lois Quam, Phil & Ann Stillman, Donna Kunz & Evelyn Dalton
Margaret Pratt by Larry & Ruth Nepll

Silver (\$100 - \$499)

Hometown Electric * Barb Hofstad
Sheila Carmichael * Roger & Sue Faulstick
St. Peter's Women of ELCA
Anonymous (2) * Buchanan Law Office
West Palo Alto Community Fund
Laurens Knights of Columbus
Graettinger Knights of Columbus
West Bend Community Drive
Sacred Heart Altar Society
Women of Bethany Lutheran
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lansink
Robert & Jean Reinhart
Mike & Linda Hood * Linda Brownlee
Brownlee Management * Joan Tunncliff
Max & Coletta Rouse * Martha Wells
Wayne & Evelyn Warmbier
A & W Restaurant * Wells Fargo Bank
Wild Rose Casino & Resort
Iowa Lakes Community College
Iowa Trust & Savings Bank
Dan Cooper Builders * Poet Biomass
Fareway * Hughes Pharmacy
K & W Electric * Slash Point Sales
Jensvold Motors * Farmers State Bank
The Financial Center * Mansmith Pharmacy
Emmetsburg Publishing * Emmetsburg Eye Clinic
Emmetsburg Chiropractic
Burdorf, Parrott & Assoc.
Hughes Brennan & Wirtz
Silpada Jewelry by Cindy Magee

Gold (\$500 and above)

Louscher Family Dentist
Emmetsburg Knights of Columbus
West Bend Knights of Columbus
Steve & Moira Hopkins
Philip & Ann Stillman
Members of Pocahontas ARC
Apostolic Christian World Relief
Bob & Edna Wentzel
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Emmetsburg Unifund Drive
Ruth Clasen Estate

In Kind Gifts

Carol Koenck Microwave
Lutheran Ladies of St. Paul Microwave
Claudia Darrah Microwave
Ken & Janice Kassel Microwave
Emmetsburg Catholic School Christmas Wreaths
Abel Farm Drainage Field Tile
Rack Shack Cases of Water
Apostolic Christian Church Quilts

Grants

PACGDC Mini Grant for 5 laptops
A & A Smith Foundation \$4,000 towards a phone system

Summer Intern

Emmetsburg native, Jackie Barnes, will be interning with Horizons this summer. Jackie is a student at the University of Northern Iowa majoring in Public Administration. She will work in several areas including the workshop area with consumers and also administrative areas. She applied for her internship with the Palo Alto & Kossuth County Economic Development Corporation.



Mansmith Pharmacy Donates Pill Bottle Shredder

Mark Anliker of Mansmith Pharmacy donated \$2500 to purchase a machine that will shred empty pill vials. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires a secure way to dispose of patient information. Previously, Mansmith Pharmacy was sending their pill vials with patient information on them to Echo Plus in Estherville. They went through a process where the names and information was blacked out and then the vials went to the landfill. Mark saw a flier advertising the shredder and after an initial inquiry with CEO, Ron Askland, it was determined we could integrate it into our recycling program. With this new machine you can recycle your pill bottles to Horizons Unlimited and the bottle AND the label with the patient information on it will be shredded. This method not only keeps plastic out of the landfill but makes sure your health information and identity is protected.



Connie Schubert, Confidential Shredding Coordinator, is pictured with Mark Anliker of Mansmith Pharmacy.

Fundraiser Brings In \$4500

On April 28th Horizons Unlimited hosted our first annual Theme Table Fundraiser. 230 people enjoyed the unique, creative decorating talents of 30 individuals. The variety of themes was amazing and the audience was impressed. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal that was prepared and served by Iowa Lakes Community College and students in the hotel/motel program. Our featured speaker, Jill Swanson, was from Rochester, Minnesota. She spoke of how we put ourselves together on the outside, how others react to it, and the choice we make every day in determining what our attitude will be. Numerous door prizes were won by lucky individuals and we thank those that donated them as it made the night even more exciting! The businesses that helped sponsor our event are our heroes. Their \$250 sponsorship helped us succeed in raising approximately \$4500. These funds will help update a variety of projects at our group homes and apartments.



“Sombbrero Fiesta” decorated and sponsored by Slash Point Sales.



“Spring Essence” decorated by Ann Fickbohm. Business Sponsor: Hughes, Brennan & Wirtz.



“Garden Thyme” decorated by Cindy Chapman with Candi Brotherton as helper. Business Sponsor: Louscher Dental.



“Denim & Daisies” decorated by Deb Madden. Business Sponsor: The Financial Center.

To view more photos go to our website:

www.horizons-unlimited.net

Dedicate this Newsletter

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to our beloved friend Mary Mills.

Mary always had a smile on her face and talked with a thick southern accent. She enjoyed being in the kitchen, using the computer and attending group events with her peers. She was united in marriage to Richard Mills. Mary passed away on May 16th, 2011.



Dance Under The Stars

Save the Date! Join us for a fun evening with the **Scott Larson Band** on the green space behind the Country Club. The band will play from 6 – 10pm and we will be serving hot wings to purchase. The event will take place on **Friday, July 15th**. We hope you will join us by the lake for this unique event. Watch for more details in late June.



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