

# Community Life Engagement



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Are we really at the end of October already. It seemed like such a long wonderful summer and a great beginning to the fall with so much warm weather. I don't think anyone thought we needed all of the rain that fell. In some areas of Iowa, it was the wettest month on record. One town received 12.89 inches and hadn't seen anything close to that since 1999 and that was recorded at 12.82 inches. So with that being said we had to find opportunities that kept us inside a lot of the time. That is never a problem with being able to volunteer at the area care centers and playing bingo with community members at the Senior Center every Wednesday and Friday afternoon beginning at 12:45. Community members and Horizons members would love to see you come out and join them. Horizons members also volunteered to count beans for Iowa Lakes Community College this year. This is something they were very excited about and used to do when they were a part of Project Learning. So when they were asked of course everyone said yes!

## A look at the month of October



Members worked very hard raising money for CLE selling cookie dough from the Chocolate Season in Algona. Horizons members had the help of Lori Morey and Joe Veltri and several other Horizons staff in this fundraiser. As you can see pictured to your right this gentleman sold some to a community member while out and about. On behalf of myself, Horizons members and staff we would like to thank everyone who was involved.



Horizons members always love Homecoming festivities and the parade. This year Horizons had their own special place on the courthouse lawn. Here you can see this gentleman practicing on the homemade football toss made by Lori Moreys husband. Everyone had a great time throwing the football.



Members have been working hard with new technology and the mini IPAD we received. We have created our own Community Life Engagement page on Facebook and members have been learning how to post and reach out to friends and family. They have been doing this through pictures and messaging back and forth. They have particularly enjoyed the messaging because they get an instant response. It is also helping them learn new skills like typing that can be used at work and at home. In the new age of technology, it's important to keep connected and this is how most everyone does it now. They can look up coupons for grocery shopping. Perhaps look and apply for a job. See what movies are playing and add it to their schedule or message someone with an invite to an outing. Keep track of an event or read a book with the online library. There is so much to learn and do with this.

