

Community Life Engagement



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With the holidays this month and the member Christmas party. Everyone had a lot to plan for. Whether it was visiting family for the holidays or even going on an island vacation! Members looked forward to the Christmas party and chose how they would like to participate. Everyone decided on pizza and pop for lunch. There was also singing, horseshoes, beanbag toss, karaoke and what's a party without Santa! We wanted to make this year special and get back to the true meaning of Christmas so we borrowed some costumes from a local church. With no shortage of volunteers, we had Mary, Joseph and The Three Wise Men. Everyone got into costume, put on the music and sang. Two Santa's is always better than one wouldn't you say! We have to say thank you to a good friend who has played Santa for us several years now and one of our own members also took on the role of Santa Claus and was told by many, he did such a great job, he should just do it every year. So needless to say, it was a wonderful party and a lot of memories were made.

December CLE Highlights



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We have to give PARC Hall employees April Murphy and Melissa Studer a huge thank you for organizing and choosing Horizons again this year to donate Christmas presents to. Members were very excited and thankful for the generosity given to them. We joined PARC Hall for the presentation on December 10th. Some of the gifts included much needed clothes, socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Also donated were gift cards for Pizza Ranch, Dairy Queen and movie tickets for a fun night out. This is PARC Halls way of thanking members for all of the volunteering they do. There is nothing more rewarding than hearing that what you do makes a difference. As much of a difference as we make to them with our visits, volunteering our time with them means just as much to us.

The members became involved again in the Feed Our Kids program this month and are very happy to bag food for the hungry. They are also excited to get back to the animal shelter on January 23. It has been a long time and they have all missed it very much. Members also enjoyed a special gift from the community at the Spencer Area Activity Center. To thank our members for coming over and joining them in activities every week, the activity center gave each member that attends a Christmas card with something special inside. Being involved this way brings so much joy and gratification to Horizons members.

What is the holiday season without making a trip to the nativity scene in Algona. It is something the members have done for a long time and look forward to every year. We also visited some other places to feel the spirit of the holidays. Members took a trip to Arts on Grand in Spencer and The Clay County Heritage Center.

