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the newsletter of
Horizons
Unlimited
Spring-Summer
2022



I am hoping we are passed the "COVID" stage and life at Horizons can get back to normal.

We have received word that our daily activities don't meet the states requirements for "integration" with the members. So, we are inviting the Community to come and enjoy bingo with the members on Mondays at the Family Life Center at 1:00 pm. Before the pandemic, the members loved to go to the Senior Center and play bingo with the ladies. The theatre has graciously changed things around for us, so that our members can continue to go to the movies on Wednesday and has opened it the public to view the current movie showing that week. The library has opened up the "every Tuesday" movie to anyone who wants to attend. So, if your Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays are lonely and uneventful, please join them.

In June the members are making a trip to the Chanhassen Theatre in Minneapolis to watch "Footloose". We are really excited about this activity and hope to do more unique opportunities throughout the summer.

Make sure you check out our new memorials at 15th & 21st Street. We appreciate the family members who left memories of their loved ones.

The members (staff also) are all looking forward to Spring/Summer to continue our monthly picnics at the parks.

Here at Horizons, we all wish you a great Spring and Summer.

Carla Firkins, Executive Director

Join us for fun!!

Every Monday: 1:00 pm
Bingo Family Life Center
Every Tuesday: 1:00 pm Movie @ the
Library
Every Wednesday: 1:00 pm matinee @
the theatre

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Christmas Party 2021

Below: Scenes from the many activities the members do weekly. Bowling, movies and bingo are their favorites.



2022 Pancake Breakfast



Thank you to the Iowa Lakes Community College Swim Team. Every year they have volunteered to work the Pancake Breakfast. They do an awesome job!!!



Ways I can help.....

POWER OF ENDOWMENT



Making a gift to the **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** is a sound investment that supports our organization, now and in the future. As our capacity is stretched to meet growing needs for our services, a reliable source of professionally invested and managed funds is a valuable resource to ensuring the mission of our organization is carried out. The endowment fund will help us by providing a steady stream of income.

The endowment fund, administered by the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is a permanent fund that is invested and grows over time through investment returns and donations to the Fund.

One important benefit of making a gift to the **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** is the additional tax benefit you receive through the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit. When you give, you are eligible to receive a 25% Iowa state tax credit through Endow Iowa in addition to the normal federal deduction for a charitable gift.

Gifts qualifying for the Endow Iowa 25% state tax credit are awarded credits on a first-come/first-serve basis until the yearly limit is met. Currently, the wait list has been started for 2024 credits as the 2023 credits have been assigned. Credits are good for 5 years after issue.

Your gift to the **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** is a forever gift, making it possible for our organization serve our community and all those who need our support for generations to come! Just a few ways to give that you may consider include cash or stock gifts, an IRA charitable rollover, or a leaving a planned gift to our endowment fund in your will by naming the **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** as a beneficiary for your retirement account or as a bequest in your Will.

Online gifts can be made fund.cfneia.org/horizonsunlimited. You can also contact Carla Firkins, 712-852-2211 or the Community Foundation's Affiliate Development Director, Terry Gaumer, 319-243-1354. Cash donations may be made by making your check payable to **Horizons Unlimited Endowment Fund** and mailing it to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

Horizons Thanks You

Horizons Unlimited also received a grant from the Arthur W. and Audrey F. Smith Foundation to purchase new flooring in the living area at 21st Group Home, AEDs at Lawler and King Street and new thermostats at Lawler.



Thank you again to the Smith Foundation for these new items!



We want to thank the following individuals and businesses for making a donation to Horizons Unlimited. Thank you again for your generosity.

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Horizons Employee milestones



Kitty Schneider - **K**itty started working at Horizons Unlimited in 1999 in Accounts Payable. Later, after a staff retired, she also took on Accounts Receivable and is now currently doing both positions. Kitty does a great job and is a great asset to Horizons with her positive attitude and fun personality!

Kitty says "Horizons Unlimited has been a great place to work for the last 22 plus years. It is like a second family. Our members are first and foremost important. I have seen a lot of changes over the years and the thing I miss the most is seeing our members on a daily basis! You never had a bad day at work! I also have and do work with a great staff, which makes my job enjoyable. Lasting friendships have been made.

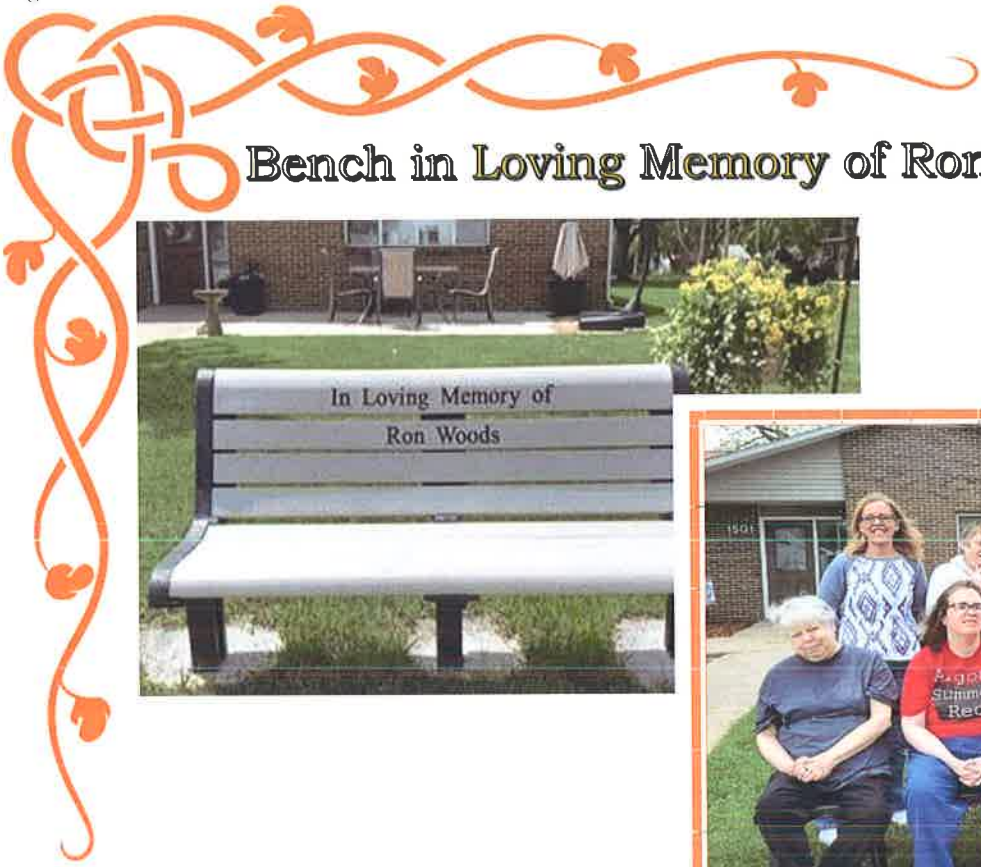
I am looking forward to maybe working part-time or even full retirement in the future to spend more time with my family. With eleven grandchildren, I am sure I will keep busy.



Deb Siepker— **D**eb started working at Horizons Unlimited in 2005 as an RN. Thank you for all you do for us with a smile on your face! I have worked in many different settings in my nursing career. I had no idea what "nursing" meant for people with mental disabilities when I started here. The staff and members quickly taught me that their needs and abilities truly were unique. They needed help and guidance for more than pills and doctor's visits. I always felt so respected in my role here. I felt honored with the trust the staff and members have always shown me. I needed to personally learn every day and often had to look for unusual ways to meet their needs. Such as sneaking in a TB test on a person's back while giving a backrub.

Training staff was a big part of the job over the years, but it was always one of my favorite parts. I saw staff and members rise and learn to do things they never thought were possible. I have seen so many changes in my time here. I understand the need for working towards full community inclusion in all areas. I am proud of the job Horizons has done to help our members experience the support of their community.

In my new free time at home, I look forward to finishing many started quilt tops, enjoying my garden, and spoiling my grandkids. I hope to be able stay in touch with my many friends here. **Thank You** for everybody's support!



Bench in Loving Memory of Ron Woods from Family



Back Patio with memorial & new Grill and Food Donation for BBQ in Loving Memory of Jim Fred from Family



Abbey's Story



Abbey Hefty can be found working at Creative Ends Salon, Hansen's Chiropractic, Homestead, and Kampen Foods and Catering, in West Bend IA. She is a delightful young lady who works very hard at all of her jobs. She is very dedicated to her work and stays focused on her tasks until they are completed. Abbey is also a problem solver, an example of this is when the vacuum cord once got tangled at Hansen's and she was asked if she needed help, but she declined as she was able to get the cord untangled herself without assistance from her staff.

She often has a "Hello" and a "Go Cyclones" or "Go Hawkeyes!" for anyone she sees in Kampen Foods or Homestead, and of course anyone who knows Abbey knows she loves the Cowboys too and can often be heard saying "Go Cowboys"! She isn't just enthusiastic about her sports teams, she is enthusiastic about her work too. You often see her zipping through her tasks, very focused on what she is doing with a smile on her face.

Lisa at Homestead says, "It is a delight to have Abbey work at my business. She brings a joyful smile and enthusiasm to do whatever is asked of her. She loves to tease and laugh and have fun while working."

Pat at Kampen's says "We at Kampen Foods really enjoy seeing Abbey on Wednesday afternoons. She does her work dutifully and we appreciate all she does to take care of us. She's always so exciting and cheering for her Cyclone's and Cowboys. Thanks for all you do Abbey!"



In Abbey's spare time she likes to listen to music, especially Johnny Cash. She enjoys going on rides with her dad in his pickup and watching America Says and Family Feud on TV.

Horizons Unlimited is so happy for Abbey and her wonderful success!

Great Job Abbey!

