



What's on the Horizon?

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Spring/Summer 2015

Summer Camp Volunteers Needed

We are busy recruiting volunteer attendants for our week of summer camp, July 19-25th. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who is looking for service hours please send them to our website so they can fill out an application. No experience is necessary to be a camp volunteer. Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old and be available for the entire week of camp. Remember all volunteers earn 144 service hours for their week at Horizon Camp.

Our medical team is also looking for volunteers. If you are a medical professional who would like to volunteer your time for the week, or part of the week, please fill out the attendant application noting you wish to be part of the medical team. If you have specific questions about volunteering for the medical team please email horizon@associationofhorizon.org

Online applications can be found at www.associationofhorizon.org under the programs tab. Once you fill out your application and electronically submit it you will receive an email

confirming that Horizon has received your application. If you do not receive an email from Horizon then your application did not go through. Please log back into your application and make sure to hit submit. All campers and volunteers need to mail in a hard copy of a completed physical and a waiver that is initialed and signed. Both forms can be downloaded from the Horizon website.



Viki Peer and Anna Lopez representing Horizon.

Upcoming Events

Pre-Camp Physicals Due	June 1
Golf Outing	June 13
Amateur Home Brew Challenge	June 20
Team Leader Meeting	June 27
Camp Set Up	July 18
Summer Camp	July 19-25
Visitors' Day	July 24
Horizon Family Picnic	August 15
Aluminum Can Recycling	September 12

Our Mission

An organization of people with and without physical disabilities that provides opportunities for individuals to challenge themselves, develop responsibility and grow through interacting and working together.



Horizon Family Picnic

Spring is finally on its way! It's time to start looking ahead to warmer weather and fun outdoor activities. Please join us Saturday, August 15 from 11 am to 3 pm for food, friends, and fun.

Once again, we return to where it all began--Camp Hastings on Hastings Lake in Lindenhurst, IL! The renovated site includes a large accessible picnic shelter, playground, and paved walking trails.

We are bringing out music and games and will provide lunch for everyone. It is sure to be a great time for all ages, so bring the whole family along! Please RSVP to Jen at Jennifer.Bernover@associationofhorizon.org so that we can be sure to have enough food. We hope to see you all there!!



Horizon Goes Medieval

We are thrilled to announce that our 2015 Camp Theme will be "Horizon Goes Medieval"! We will embark on a journey together that will include feasting, jousting and merriment.

Please save the date for Visitors' Day on July 24th. We'd love to see you if you're not able to attend for the full week.



Help Give a Week of Fun - Be a Camp Sponsor

If you're not able to volunteer for a week but really want to be a part of our amazing camp, please consider being a camp sponsor. This year we are expecting to host 105 adults with disabilities. At approximately \$875 per camper, the total projected cost is \$90,000. This includes the campsite rental, medical equipment rental, insurance, supplies, activities, and food. In order for Horizon to keep this *free of charge for all participants*, we depend on generous companies and individuals.

Platinum - \$2,500 Your name and/or logo and link to your website will be displayed on our camp webpage for the entire year. In addition, you will receive all the benefits of a Gold Level Sponsorship.

Gold - \$1,000 Your name and/or logo will be printed on a banner that will be on display for the entire week of camp. In addition, you will receive all the benefits of a Silver Level Sponsorship.

Silver - \$500 Your name and/or logo will be printed on the back of our camp T-shirt. This could show thousands of potential customers that your company has generously donated to our camp. In addition, your company will receive all the benefits of a Bronze Level Sponsorship.

Bronze - \$250 Your name will be displayed in our event program that will be handed out to our camp population. In addition, a special thank you will be given to you in our August monthly newsletter that reaches nearly 1,000 potential customers.

For further details to become a sponsor, contact George at George.Czerwionka@associationofhorizon.org or call the Horizon hotline at 773-477-5170.

If a sponsorship does not interest you, we will gladly accept donations of any amount or in-kind donation to be used directly to help support the 2015 summer camp.



NEW LOCATION



13th annual

Golf
outing and
banquet

Blackhawk Trace Golf Club at Indian Lakes Resort

Golf the finest course in the western suburbs while supporting Horizon.

Saturday, June 13, 2015

**Blackhawk Trace Golf Club
at Indian Lakes Resort**

250 West Schick Road, Bloomingdale, IL

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Full Scramble

(registration begins at 11:30 am)

The Day Includes...

18 holes of golf

Driving range privileges

GPS equipped golf cart

Professional scoring

Shower and locker room
privileges

Putting contest

Hole-in-one contests

Try our new Golf Poker Run



Tee up to be a sponsor

Join the ranks of these event sponsors, for details contact golf@associationofhorizon.org.

THE SCHREINER FAMILY
BUSTER
MARK DRUG MEDICAL SUPPLY

Hallmark GOLD CROWN
Jane's Hallmark Shop
8776 W. Dempster St.
Niles, IL 60714

David and Kara
Fox

Banquet Includes...

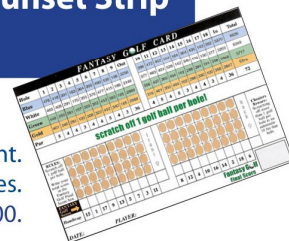
Buffet dinner of:
salad,
sirloin of beef,
baked chicken,
pasta marinara,
potatoes, and
veggie medley

4 hour open bar

Raffles

Silent Auction

Live musical
entertainment
by Sunset Strip



18 hole scratch cards sold before and during the event.

Play golf the scratch off way for a chance to win cash prizes.

First place \$500, second place \$200, third place \$100, and last place \$100.

Registration Form

Please register by **June 6, 2015** or register online at www.associationofhorizon.org

Sign me up for:

☐ Golf & Banquet	1:00 pm	\$150.00
☐ Golf & Banquet Foursome	1:00 pm	\$600.00
☐ Golf Only	6:00 pm	\$85.00
☐ Banquet Only	6:00 pm	\$65.00
☐ Banquet Only (child under 12)	6:00 pm	\$25.00
☐ Scratch Card		\$10.00

Return to: Association of Horizon, Inc. Golf Outing
Mike Trimpe
800 Red Coach Lane
Algonquin, Illinois, 60102

Please include attendee names.

Make check payable to: The Association of Horizon, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____
Method of Payment: Credit Card or Check

☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

For More Information:

E-mail: golf@associationofhorizon.org Phone: Mike Trimpe (773) 477-5170 Web: www.associationofhorizon.org



A Huge Horizon Thank You Goes to Heal Team 6

In November, Heal Team 6, chaired by The Esposito Family, hosted a Dallas themed fundraiser at Lake Forest Sports Cars. Over \$100,000 was raised by a generous, supportive crowd! Excellent cuisine, incredible silent and live auction items, a lively casino and fantastic band made this a night to remember. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this amazing event: Terry and Lori Rozdolsky, The Esposito Family, all our wonderful volunteers, our generous donors and sponsors, and everyone who joined us.



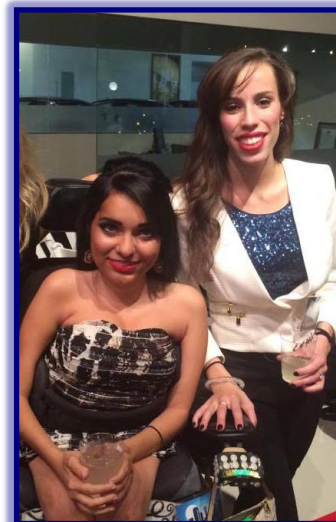
Some of the Horizon volunteers taking a minute to pose with the James Bond, Aston Martin. Back row: Dan Persak, Kelly Rooney, Katy Flynn, Heather Somerville, John Meneghini, Dan Matuch, Mike Abbinanti, Kathy Kingston. Front row: Nick Castro, Dana Westley and Mike Youngberg.



Above: Alex Brown presented Mike Youngberg with an autographed football for being an outstanding volunteer at Dallas.



Pictured above from left to right: Supermodel Petra Nemcova, Terry Rozdolsky, Lori Rozdolsky and Steven Esposito.



Pictured on the right: Two of Horizon's Supermodels, Sawsan Abousbie and Mariah Alwahab.

Pictured below: Erica Andres and Geri Skudney test the new wheelchair accessible swings.



We decided to further improve the experience at camp with some of the funds raised by Heal Team 6. This year we added two wheelchair accessible swings so that anyone that wants to swing can. We have also started a conversation with Timber Pointe Outdoor Center regarding the possibility of us partnering with them to build additional cabins. We never want to be in a position of having to turn a camper away because of lack of space.



Why Camp Is So Important, By Sawsan Abuosbie

I've been going to camp for over fifteen years now and I can honestly say it has changed and influenced my life for the better. I used to attend MDA summer camp from the ages six to seventeen because there was an age limit. Just when I thought I wouldn't be able to attend camp anymore, my friends informed me of an adult summer camp, Association of Horizon, that I would be able to attend with them.

Camp is and always has been my number one priority. I know for a fact I would not be the person I am today if had never gone.

Camp has taught me that I am not alone. That I am not limited. That I am not different. That making a fool of yourself can be socially acceptable...for the most part. Because of camp I've met the most amazing people to ever walk (or roll) this earth. Because of camp I've learned to see the positive sides of life.

When I'm at camp it's almost as if I'm on a different planet. Nothing else in the world matters for about 168 hours. It also helps that no one has service to make contact with the outside world with their phones.

Camp is a time to learn and grow. To open your eyes to new experiences. To make people see that adults with disabilities are just as normal as anyone

else. To learn that a physical disability does not make or define a person. Because, mentally, that person is still human. And can understand 100% what is going on around them. Horizon is my life. They are my family.

Camp gave me confidence. I am so confident in what I CAN do. I focus on the cans rather than the cants.

Camp has become a permanent part of my life. A permanent part of me. A tradition. At this point in my life, taking away camp is like taking away Christmas.

I was so completely honored when I was asked to personally give a speech about Horizon at the Dallas fundraiser. It was so easy for me to go on stage and talk about something I love. Something that will forever have a place in my heart. I intentionally did not prepare a written speech for Dallas because I wanted my speech to come from the heart. I wanted people to realize how it's not something that needs scripting. Talking about my love for Horizon is mindless talk. I was able to talk about my personal experience at camp and let people see what is like from my perspective. I could tell that many people were able to see how sincere my speech was and how it had affected my life... and not just because I got a standing ovation. Just sayin'.



Are you a beer brewing expert? Do you enjoy sampling a variety of homemade beer? Then the Batch Match is the event for you. It will be held on June 20, 2015 at Pinheadz; 1211 N. Bridge St. Yorkville, Illinois, from 1-5 p.m..

If you want to enter your home brew, you better start brewing now, because as you know, beer making is an art that takes time and patience. Prizes will be awarded to the top brews of the day. All proceeds will benefit Horizon.

No matter if you're a beer brewer or just a connoisseur of the taste, please join us for all the fun! To buy tickets, go to: eventbrite.com or for more information, please visit: thebatchmatch.com

VISITORS'

DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH

RSVP (773)477-5170 or

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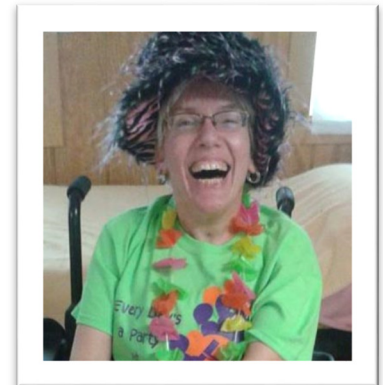


Horizon Love, By Mona Nyman

This will be my fourth summer attending Horizon Camp and I'll keep going for the rest of my life! I'm so grateful to Kathy Kingston for asking me to come! She introduced me to six days of fun, laughs and love.

Camp is so much more than a week's vacation for me. It's an escape from my everyday world; a place where I'm seen as Mona and not just as a woman with Cerebral Palsy. It's wonderful to have a place to go to where I don't have to explain anything or fight to get

people to look past my disability and just see me. But the best part of Horizon, even better than the Wednesday night boat ride, the amazing race night, and the late night cookouts, are the people I've met! They are some of the most amazing people you'll ever meet! Everyone, from board members to attendants to campers, is committed to making it a positive experience for all! Horizon has given me a second family that I'll love for the rest of my life!

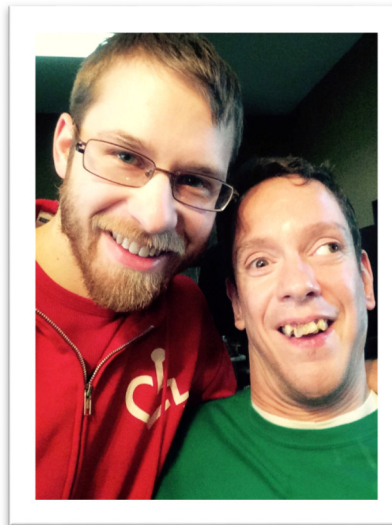


Pictured above: A typical picture of Mona at camp, always smiling.

Daniel Matuch Awarded 2015 Horizon Hope Grant

The Board of Directors is proud to announce that Daniel Matuch has won the 2015 Horizon Hope Grant! We received a number of qualified applicants, but Daniel's essay was selected by our judging panel. A volunteer for nine consecutive years, Daniel has truly demonstrated how he lives by Horizon's mission and vision. In his own words, Daniel stated: "I believe that differences are valuable and that uniqueness should be celebrated." Daniel will use the \$1,000 grant towards his studies. He is currently pursuing a Master of Theological Studies at the Moody Bible Institute.

equipment, assistive technology, or construction for adapted living.



Pictured above: Daniel Matuch visiting with one of his many favorite campers Christopher Beres.

The Horizon Hope Grant gives the Board of Directors the opportunity to give back to our community of campers and volunteers. Applicants must either be a full-time or part-time student attending a college or university for the purpose of obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree or an individual with a physical disability in need of a specific accommodation, e.g., medical

If you are interested in applying, we are already looking forward to awarding the 2016 Horizon Hope Grant! Applications will be available in the late fall.

Horizon Pride



Pick up the newest piece of Horizon Camp apparel, our embroidered baseball cap.

Caps will be for sale at the golf outing and at camp for \$10 each.



Sign up to get our monthly e-newsletter and never miss any Horizon news. Just e-mail horizon@associationofhorizon.org.



Dear Anna,

The Association of Horizon, Inc. thanks the Morton Grove Foundation for their generous grant towards camp. The Taste of Morton Grove fundraiser was a fantastic evening.

Need an easy way to keep up with what's going on with Horizon? Make sure to follow us on social media. That is a great way to find out the latest news, like our hockey outing or our upcoming fundraiser at Great America. Keep an eye on your email, we will be sending instructions on how to save and raise money through Great America.



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Upcoming Events:

Chicago Waves
Game - April 11th
Camper Application
Deadline - April 1st
Attendant Application
Deadline - May 1st
Great America -
May 16th & 17th
13th Annual Golf
Outing - June 13th



2015 Annual Raffle Update

This year we changed things up a bit for our annual raffle. Instead of trying to sell 10,000 tickets and use the lottery to determine our winners, we decided to just sell 5,000 tickets and randomly draw the winners at our monthly board meetings. Even though we have fallen short of our goal to sell 5,000 tickets, the raffle has gotten more people involved. We had just over 90 campers and volunteers that helped us sell this year. The top 10 sellers, who sold 100 or more tickets are Sheila Caplis, the Flynns, Slawomir Jedryczka, Joshua Kain, John Lee, Lori Moore, the Novalinskis, Geri Skudney, Mike Trimpe and the number one seller overall George Czerwionka, with 566 tickets sold!

Congratulations to the following winners so far: Maureen & Ben Luce, Kathy Bavaro, Rich Yokata, Tim Wallies, George & Berta Durr, Mary Ann Olin, Arwood Edwards, Esther Endress, Jan Basile, Ruth Allee, Donna Loduca, Linda Lee, Christine Longo, Brenda Bokowski, Decker Family, Jeni Cartland, Lori Dwyer, Joe Lucido, Cheryl Maihack, Tony & Shannon Grigonis, Ehren Gemeinhardt, Lori Fleming, Aneta Cherry, Kevin & Linda Caplis, David Fickert, Roland Hardt, Chris Cartwright, Tillie Gonzalez, Raven Jacobson, Elissa Woodward.

Even though the year is nearly halfway over, we still have half of our prize pool to give away. A \$5 ticket will still get you 40 chances to win a portion of \$2,500

remaining. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket please contact us at

Horizon@associationofhorizon.org
If all of the tickets get sold we will make \$20,000 from this raffle. That would send a lot of campers to camp!

aluminum recycling **CANS** for CAMP

Recycle with Rexam at their cans for cash recycling drive to raise money for Horizon, on **Saturday, September 12th** at 8770 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago.



What's New on the Horizon?



A lot of exciting things have happened this year!

Donnie Flynn became a dad to his baby girl named Carmela.

Jim Meneghini is now a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. The bocci team that **Chris Viau**, **Josh Kain**, and **Slawomir Jedryczka** play on won 1st place at the State Bocci Tournament. **Pearl Gannon** won

Ms. Wheelchair Illinois. The GLASA Chicago Fire, the power soccer team that **Joel Rodriguez**, **David Rodriguez**, and **Gerry Walsh** play for, hosted the first annual Chitown Showdown.

A lot of exciting things are happening soon! **Sara Jania** and **Justin Martinez** are graduating high school.

Sawsan Abousbie, **Aly Austin**, **Megan Chan**, **Dylan Chandler**, **Anna Demonte**, **Alicia Gallagher**, **Chelsea Hanno**, **Kayla Martin**, **Chris Reyes** and **Lisa Rodriguez** are all graduating college.

Horizon volunteer **Dawn Burns** and Horizon team leader **Zach Gadson** are getting married to

each other this fall. **Dan Persak** and **Sara Rahn** are also getting married to their respective partners this summer.

Jeff Pickert is finishing law school and will be taking the bar exam this summer.

Meg McDonald will be starting Occupational Therapy school.

Gabby Angelico is moving to Canada to ride horses with an International dressage coach.

Viki Peer is moving to Florida for grad school at the University of South Florida.

We are very proud of these personal accomplishments and we can't wait to see what's next!



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Wish List

10 cases of individual juice or Gatorade
100 cases of water bottles
fresh hamburger/hot dog buns
20 lbs. of sliced cheese (pre-sliced not individually wrapped)
10 large bottles of ketchup
6 large bottles of mustard
5 large jars of relish
8 large jars of pickles, spears or sliced
2 five gallon buckets of dill pickles
100 individual size applesauce/pudding
200 individual snack size cookies & treats
400 individual serving bags of chips
1000 sturdy paper plates (Chinet style)
16 boxes of facial tissue
25 boxes of non-latex gloves
16 cans of Lysol spray disinfectant
24 rolls of paper towels
48 packs of baby wipes
Adult diapers - medium, large, xl, pads

To make a donation please contact Jim,
our Wish List Coordinator, at
Jim.Novalinski@associationofhorizon.org

GIFT CARDS FROM WALMART JEWEL OR MICHAELS

10 travel size shampoo & conditioner
100 shop towels
8 of each size battery - AA, AAA, D
10 rolls of masking tape
Hoyer lifts
Hospital beds
10-15 pool rafts - Kelsyus type rafts & floats

RIT color dyes for tie dye
(red, blue, green, yellow, purple)
drawing paper/Poster board
embroidery thread and beads
Acrylic paints, assorted colors
white ceramic tiles

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card stock, stickers
gel pens, photo mats,
& embellishments"
Sharpies

