



What's on the Horizon?

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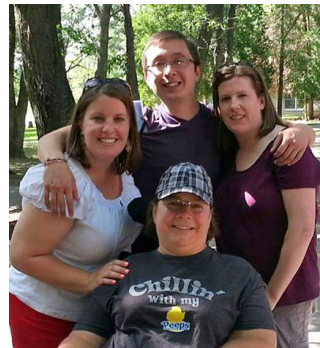
Featured Friend of Horizon

Brenda Bokowski started volunteering for MDA camp when she was in high school with a friend who attended their camp. She attended MDA camp for one year and after that funding was cut for adults. Brenda heard about a group of people who decided to start Horizon in response to the MDA budget cut and began helping them with mailings and anything else she could do to help. Since the first year she attended MDA, Brenda has never missed a year of camp. "I started in 1991 and never missed, even when I was 7 months pregnant with my son and 8 months pregnant with my daughter."

Brenda has been very involved with several different areas of Horizon. She was a board member for several years, serving as co-treasurer for part of that time. She is now a member of the recruitment committee. Brenda has helped out with several different fundraisers, including candlelight bowls, Halloween parties, and golf outings. Out of all the fundraisers she has helped with, "I am most proud of the Night at the Races fundraiser we did for over 10 years," Brenda says. "Each year we raised more money for Horizon."

When it comes to camp, Brenda's favorite part is being with her friends, which she refers to as her "camp family." She loves spending time with and getting to know old and new campers. "Camp has become such an important part of my life. It is part of who I am and it is in my heart."

Outside of Horizon, Brenda is a wife and mother of two children and also has an amazing, supportive extended family. She works at PNC Bank as a Client and Community Relations Coordinator, which includes event planning and working with organizations that the bank gives donations to. She volunteers for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Oak Forest and walks in the 39 mile AVON Walk for Breast Cancer every year. "I am involved in my community and love to help out in any way I can."



Brenda pictured above with Lori Moore (left), Justin Navarro (center), and Geri Skudney (front).

Upcoming Events

<i>Great America Fundraiser</i>	<i>May 17 & 18</i>
<i>Golf Outing</i>	<i>May 31</i>
<i>Pre-Camp Physicals Due</i>	<i>June 1</i>
<i>Family Picnic - Return to Camp Hastings</i>	<i>June 21</i>
<i>Team Leader Meeting</i>	<i>June 28</i>
<i>Camp Set Up</i>	<i>July 19</i>
<i>Summer Camp</i>	<i>July 20-26</i>
<i>Visitors' Day</i>	<i>July 25</i>
<i>Fall Weekend</i>	<i>Sept. 26-28</i>
<i>Heal Team 6 Event</i>	<i>Nov. 8</i>

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.



What's New on the Horizon?

We have a lot to celebrate this year!!

Lydia Kanthak and Donnie Flynn both got engaged to their respective partners.

Jen Bernover, Tom Daly, and Mike Rotondo celebrated their new bundles of joy.

Dawn Burns bought her first house.

Nataly Reyes, Jenn Sutton, Katy Flynn, Dana Westley, Rachel Brown, Kelly Rooney, Maeghan Anderson, and Plamen Chakov are all graduating college.

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



Everyday's a Party - At Least During Camp

Every year we report that this will be our biggest year yet and this year is no different! We had a record number of camper applications received well before our May 1st deadline. We seem to be doing well with the volunteer applications too, but we could always use more. If you are available the week of July 20-26, please help us by volunteering or getting someone else to volunteer for a week that could change your life. Applications can be found on our website.

Camp will cost us around \$80,000 again this year. In the past we haven't been very successful obtaining sponsors to defray this large cost and we could use your help. If you have any leads for sponsors or leads for items on our wish list, please let the camp committee know ASAP. Remember, without the necessary funding year after year we cannot continue positively affecting so many lives!



CAMP WISH LIST

Please contact Jim, our Wish List Coordinator, at Jim.Novalinski@associationofhorizon.org if you would like to donate any of these items.

Gift cards for Walmart, Jewel or Michael's

10 cases of individual juice bottles, Gatorade

600 hamburger patties

fresh hamburger buns

20 lbs. of sliced cheese (preferably large blocks of pre-sliced cheese no individually wrapped please)

20 bottles of ketchup (large)

10 bottles of mustards (large)

6 jars of relish (large)

8 jars of pickles (large)

100 individual containers of applesauce/pudding

1000 sturdy paper plates

1000 napkins

100 industrial shop towels

12 boxes of Kleenex

9 cans of Lysol spray disinfectant

24 rolls of paper towels

45 packs of baby wipes

8 packs of large adult diapers

2 outdoor extension cords

10 rolls of masking tape

4 hoier lifts

color dyes for tie dye (Rit Dye, red, blue, green, yellow, purple)

drawing paper/sheets

white poster board

beads

scrap booking supplies:

card stock, stickers gel pens, photo mats, and other "embellishments"

embroidery floss

Sharpie markers - variety of colors

glow-in-the-dark fabric paint pens



2014 Horizon Hope Grant Winners

The Board of Directors is proud to announce this year's winners of the Horizon Hope Grant: Viki Peer and Chris & Elaine Ballantyne.

The Horizon Hope Grant is an opportunity for the Board to give back to the amazing members of our organization. Applicants may either be students obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree or an individual with a physical disability in need of a specific accommodation.

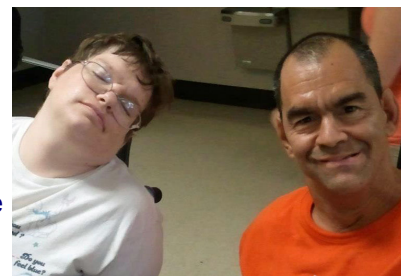
This year we received applications from a number of deserving applicants. We would like to thank all those who applied, as well as our selection committee of distinguished alumni.



Our first winner, Viki, has been one of the most involved members since first attending camp six years ago. She is currently a sociology student and will be applying for graduate school in the fall. She will put the grant funds toward her tuition. In Viki's own words: "Whatever I end up doing in grad school, I will draw on the lives and lived experiences

of the hundreds of people I have met through Horizon. I want to work towards a more equitable society, a society where barriers are transcended every single day, not just one week of the year."

Our second winner, Chris & Elaine, are a husband and wife duo who in their application expressed how they often feel isolated and their request to become more involved with Horizon outside of the one week of camp. In their sentiments, "We would love to use the internet to find out right away when someone in our Horizon family is having a baby, or is getting married, or is simply, going through a hard time." Chris & Elaine will use the grant award towards internet in order to remain connected and communicate with the Horizon community.



Congratulations to our winners! We look forward to more applications next year.



12th golf outing and bbq gleneagles - lemont

Whether you're a single, twosome, threesome or foursome...
sign up today! 1:00 pm Shotgun Start - Full Scramble
(registration begins at 11:00 am)

Saturday, May 31, 2014

The Day Includes...

- One game of golf with a cart
- Bag Drop Service
- Goodie Bag
- Locker room privileges
- Ball Busters and Split the Pot
- Four on course hole in one contests
- BBQ includes; brats, pasta salad, home-made potato chips, and dessert
- 1 1/2 hours of open bar, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Awards Ceremony
- Silent Auction



Enjoy an afternoon of golf for Horizon Camp

Gleneagles Country Club

13070 McCarthy Rd., Lemont, Illinois 60439



Funds raised from this event will support Horizon Camp. We have been providing camp for over 20 years because of generous donors like you.



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 \$300, second place \$200, third place \$100,
and last place \$100.

Registration Form

Please register by **May 21, 2014** or register online at www.associationofhorizon.org

Sign me up for:

- | | Time | Price |
|---|---------|----------|
| ☐ Golf & BBQ | 1:00 pm | \$125.00 |
| ☐ Golf & BBQ Foursome | 1:00 pm | \$400.00 |
| ☐ BBQ Only | 5:30 pm | \$35.00 |
| ☐ 18 hole scratch cards, send me _____ cards | | \$10.00 |

Please list attendee names on the back of this form.

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

Return to:
Association of Horizon, Inc. Golf Outing
Michael Meyer
520 Rees Street
Hinckley, Illinois, 60520



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Method of Payment: Credit Card or Check

☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

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For More Information:

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Male Volunteers and Health Team

We are still in need of male volunteers. If you are a male at least 16 years old and would like to be a volunteer personal aide for a camper with a physical disability then apply online today at associationofhorizon.org. All additional paperwork such as waivers and pre-camp medical forms can be downloaded from our website as well. We are also looking for additional help on our health team, if you are a nurse or doctor and would like to join our volunteer health team please contact info@associationofhorizon.org

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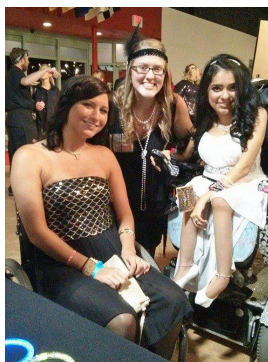
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Gatsby Event Big Success

Horizon would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Heal Team 6 for hosting the Gatsby event in October. The gala raised over \$50,000 and would not have been possible without the generous support of Steven, Melissa, Stephanie and Michael Esposito, Terry and Lori Rozdolsky, and all of our sponsors and guests. Over 500 people enjoyed the delicious food, exciting casino, and fashion show and showed off their glamorous 1920's attire.



Horizon is thrilled to announce that we have been chosen as one of the charities benefitting from Heal Team 6's next event: DALLAS-Stetsons, Stilettos and Sport cars. Dallas will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Lake Forest Sports Cars. Watch our website and upcoming newsletters for more information. Please save November 8th for this incredible evening!



CAMP Visitors' Day Friday, July 25

Please join us for an afternoon touring the campsite, hanging out by the pool, and checking out what we have been talking about all year long. If you would like to stay for lunch or dinner, just RSVP so we can set a place for you. Help us wrap up a great week of camp by coming down to TPOC and being a part of our wonderful memories. We would love to see you. **RSVP (773)477-5170 or horizon@associationofhorizon.org**



New Apparel

Are you ready for some bright new ways to show your Horizon pride?

We have been busy working on some new designs that are sure to get noticed.

Follow us on our social media sites for updates on how and where you will be able to purchase these new items.



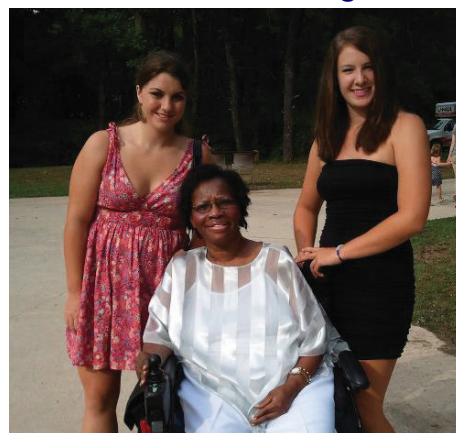


In Memoriam

Having a big family is a beautiful thing because you have so many people you love and so many people that love you. It also means you're going to have to say goodbye to a lot of people you love, but for all the pain losing them causes, you wouldn't trade all that love for anything in the world. This year Horizon had to say goodbye to a great number of friends. We will carry their memories in our hearts and they will always be with us at camp.

Ernestine Swearingen

"Hey sweetie," was the high pitched welcome Ernestine Swearingen used daily to greet loved ones and strangers. She was one of those kindred spirits that would brighten any of your worst days. Ernestine was one of those people who could be serious one moment and suddenly burst forth with her booming voice with a random comment that would have everyone in ear shot roaring with laughter. Her beautiful spirit and equally bright personality always left us in awe. Dear Ernestine may you rest in peace and may we all live up to be the people you inspired us to be. - Rachel Brown



Monika Butkute



Monika Butkute was everything you could ever want in a friend. Monika would care for you when you were down, laugh with you when you needed a laugh and she wasn't afraid to stand up and fight for you when you needed a hand. Monika was one of the strongest people you will ever meet despite physically having some of the worst pains due to her Muscular Dystrophy, but you could never tell that she was in pain because she was always smiling and loving life. Strong, courageous and plain happy to be alive, she lived life to fullest. Monika Butkute was a true Gift from God to us all that were lucky enough to have known her. Monika is not gone, she's just loving life from a different angle and her spirit will live forever! - Hector Hernandez

Jay Cohen

I think I loved Jay Cohen from the first moment I met him... His raspy voice, his gentle smile, his quick wit, his kind heart. I could spend an eternity just "being" with him. He'd say, "There she is...How ya doin'?" Or "What's happening beautiful?" Made me melt every time...Jay was able to do so much with his words, his mind, and his heart. He created an online business, but more importantly, he created an online community. He loved being with people, getting to know and understand them. He also loved going out for fine foods, root beer, and a poolside cabana in Las Vegas. I can only hope that all those who he has touched, carry a little Jay in their hearts, and in their ways. I know I will. - Lisa LaMantia





Pauly Faso

Pauly Faso was one of the kindest people I had ever met. He was paired up with me my first year and at first I was intimidated by him, but within minutes we became friends. Pauly would always make me laugh with his contempt for camp food, and just hearing his little chuckle from hearing a dirty joke in the cabin was enough to make everyone else laugh. Pauly had a rich history with camp, being around since the very beginning. He touched the lives of the people that were fortunate enough to meet him and get to know him. Pauly ultimately changed the course of my life for the better and will be missed dearly by everyone in our Horizon family. Rest in peace Pauly. - Joseph Demonte



Beth Drerup



Beth was a friend that I was lucky enough to be paired with a few times. With Beth, it was always a team. 'Team Beth' invariably had a great week. We laughed, we cried from laughing and we made sure that everyone looked good in spandex! So many of my camp memories involve 'Team Beth.' She will be missed and I am glad that I was fortunate enough to be part of many wonderful 'Team Beth' weeks. - Jen Hanenburg

Mark Gray

Mark was a hard worker. He was with the adults at the Hastings MDA Camp and came with us to Horizon in 1992. I started the weekend get-away then, and Mark was one of the cooks and he continued when we moved to Timber Pointe. Mark loved to fish, play poker, have an occasional beer and his latest passion was boxing. He also would bring his toolkit and would help repair what he could on wheelchairs during our week of camp. - Lea Svihla



Sandy Golden



Sandy Goldin was my first camper and I will never forget her. She was absolutely fearless! She was determined to participate in everything at camp and never let her disability stop her. She drove her chair with her mouth and didn't seem to care if she ran it off the sidewalk or through a mud puddle – she meant to get where she wanted to go! - Bonnie Lopez

*Frank Manikowski*

Frank loved the outdoors and enjoyed a great conversation. He would mostly listen in, but chuckled every-so-often letting us know that he was a part of the conversation. When he wasn't joining in, he would love to watch the beautiful women pass by Proctor. Of course, he wouldn't be doing any of this without his cup of coffee by his side. It could be early in the morning or late in the afternoon, Frankie loved his coffee and the ladies. It was great teasing him about being a Cubs fan. He would always tease us South-siders right back. He was a man who loved the company of other people, a simple, yet wonderful man. - John Meneghini

*Jimmy Liptak*

Jimmy Liptak's life embodied Horizon's mission and vision - he not only transcended the barriers between people with and without physical disabilities, but he also led others to do the same. As a member of the MDA/Horizon community and as a teacher, Jimmy always pushed others to exceed their potential in a comfortable environment filled with laughter. Jimmy was equally compassionate as he was adventurous. And boy, did he love adventure - whether biking along the Lake Michigan path and swimming in its waters in his native city Chicago, or hiking a trail in Leeds, Massachusetts where he lived with his family, Jimmy cherished outdoor exploration (instilling just a slight fear of imminent harm in his fellow thrill-seekers). His light shines on through his wife, Rachel, and his children, Hannah, Riley and Alayna. He is dearly missed.

- Ellen Brace and Kathy Kingston

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die" - Thomas Campbell

2014 Annual Raffle Update

We are happy to announce that we had 75 people step up to sell raffle tickets this year. Although we fell short of our goal of selling 10,000 tickets, we will still raise about \$17,000 for camp. Our top 10 sellers deserve a big round of applause: George Czerwionka (426), Sheila Caplis (300), the Novalinski brothers (280), Mike Trimpe (231), Slawek Jedryczka (200), Lori Moore (181), Michael Meyer (151), Anna Lopez (130), John Lee (100) and Dan Persak (99). All of these people have been around supporting Horizon for years except for one. Slawek is so new to Horizon that he hasn't even attended camp yet! That's right, he is a new camper applicant and he is among the top sellers! We truly appreciate his dedication to our cause.



Pictured above: Lori Moore and Viki Peer selling raffle tickets at the CBOE



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Horizon Family Picnic— Return to Camp Hastings

Spring is finally on its way! It time to start looking ahead to warmer weather and fun outdoor activities. Please join us Saturday, June 21 from 11 am to 3 pm for food, friends, and fun. This year, we return to where it all began--Camp Hastings on Hastings Lake in Lindenhurst, IL! The old campsite is gone, but Lake County Forest Preserve has completely restored the grounds and added a large accessible picnic shelter.



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!!



Coasters for a Cause! Horizon members, families, and friends are able to purchase discounted tickets for only \$29. The ticket prices are only available for May 17th or 18th.

This is a savings of \$35 per ticket, and there is more good news. After 20 tickets have been sold, Great America will donate \$5 for every ticket to Horizon. It is simple to purchase tickets, just visit www.sixflags.com/greatamerica. Once you are on their website, enter the promo code: HORIZON, located at the top of the screen. Please note this offer is only valid when purchasing tickets online and when you're done you can print them on your printer.

It is that simple. Let's all enjoy the day at Great America knowing you saved money while raising money for Horizon Camp.