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# NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES

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## *New Horizons Group Homes* *25th Anniversary Celebration*

*Saturday, May 25, 2024*

*5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

*Doors open at 4:30 p.m.*

*at*

*Brandon Elks #2383*

*800 Centennial Lodge Drive*

*Brandon, FL 33510*

*Tickets are \$40*

*May be purchased at New Horizons Office  
or from any Board Member.*

*Deadline for purchasing tickets  
will be Friday, May 17th*

*Please help support New Horizons as we  
celebrate our residents:*

*Dinner and Dancing*

*50/50 Drawing*

*(tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20 available at the door)*

*Door Prizes*

*Dress: Business Casual*

### *NEW HORIZONS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

It is time to celebrate 25 years of having New Horizons provide homes for our amazing residents! While we still have only a few of the original residents, we have welcomed many more through the years and have had to say “good bye” to others who have moved away for various reasons. We are now blessed to have three homes with 16 residents, and we currently have three openings for men. Our residents and their families would agree that our homes have become their resident’s second home, where they are safe, loved and have a wonderful feeling of independence in homes that have 24/7 supervision and operate on Christian principles, where the residents feel comfortable, loved and are treated with respect.

Throughout the years, we have had many people who have served on our board of directors, especially in our early years of dreaming, building and then opening our homes, for which we are very grateful. We have also been blessed to have so many of you support us over the years, showing the very special heart that you have for our residents. God has richly blessed New Horizons by sending so many wonderful people who support us, and He has always blessed us by providing whatever we have needed.

Our upcoming celebration will be a special event in the life of New Horizons, and we hope that many of you will be with us to share in the celebration of New Horizons and our residents. This will be a great opportunity to interact with the residents and their families and see for yourselves how capable and caring they are. We are so proud of all that they have accomplished both inside and outside of the homes. They are definitely a productive and active part of the Brandon community!

**One way to help with the celebration is to become a sponsor.** Whatever you can donate will help to defray expenses and provide funds for ongoing needs for the homes. If you are able to help in this way, just send your donation to New Horizons and indicate that it is to sponsor the celebration.

### *RESIDENT ACTIVITIES*

Our residents have been busy since the last newsletter. In addition to their everyday and weekend activities, which include working in the community, attending day programs and volunteering during the week, as well as bowling on Saturdays and attending Special Ministries Life Group and church at First Baptist Brandon on Sundays while one of our residents attends First Presbyterian Church Brandon, they have also enjoyed several special outings as a group.



**Our ladies at the bowling alley**



**Sunday at Special Ministries Life Group**

In January, our residents enjoyed two outings where they were able to observe some of Florida's very special marine life. They visited the Manatee Viewing Center, where they spent time together viewing the manatees, which are a real treasure of our area.



They also enjoyed an outing to the Florida Aquarium, which is always a fun and educational experience.



February found our residents at the Valentine's Day dance at the Brandon Community Center. One thing that our ladies and men have in common is their love for music and dancing, so this was an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

February also saw them at the Florida State Fair, where they enjoyed a performance by some of their favorite people. Dennis Lee and his band, with Stephanie Ann, never disappoint. As always, this was the highlight of their day! Of course, they also

enjoyed walking around the fair, and probably enjoyed some "fair" food!



March also saw them on the move! A very special event was a lovely luncheon at La Septima, which was provided for them by a wonderful friend of New Horizons. This was a time of sweet fellowship and a delicious meal! We are so thankful for good friends!



They also enjoyed an outing to the Strawberry Festival in March, where they were able to see their favorite entertainers again, sample the famous Plant City strawberry shortcake and visit other parts of the Festival.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*It is our mission to provide a family-oriented Christian living environment supporting adults with disabilities, enabling them to achieve their highest potential for independence through faith, family, choices, dignity and respect.*

**NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

If you would like to receive future letters by e-mail, please send your e-mail information to me at [brenda\\_watkins@verizon.net](mailto:brenda_watkins@verizon.net), and I will put you on that list. Be sure to include your name so that I know who you are. This helps us by reducing our mailing expense; however, if you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, we are certainly happy to send it that way.

**If you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please send me an e-mail or call New Horizons at 813-571-2690.**

**ON-LINE DONATIONS**

We are now partnered with ZEFFY that you can use if you prefer to make donations on-line. They are non-profit friendly, so all of your donation will go directly to New Horizons. Just go to our website, [www.newhorizonshomes.org](http://www.newhorizonshomes.org), click on the Donate button and follow directions.

**MONTHLY SUPPORTERS**

Although the income from our residents and MedWaiver is usually consistent on a monthly basis, our expenses continue to go up, as does everyone's, and we also frequently have unplanned expenses that must be dealt with immediately. **Therefore, we are in need of supporters who are able to partner with us on a monthly basis.** Any amount would be helpful to enable us to maintain the best level of care

for our residents. We so appreciate all that many of you do to help, whether monthly or when you see a need and provide extra help for us. Thank you!!!

**OPENINGS IN THE HOMES**

Unfortunately, we have three openings for men, and we would love to have all three homes filled. If you know of someone who would benefit from New Horizons, please have them get in touch with our administrator, Tiffany Hofeditz at 813-571-2690. Please keep in mind that we are licensed as an ALF and also that our license does not allow us to provide nursing care. Our residents must be able to take care of their own personal needs, help with chores in the home and be able to work in the community or attend a day program. Of course, we have staff in all of the homes 24//7, so our residents are always in a safe, secure environment. Our staff will also provide transportation to medical and other appointments as needed.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to all of you who came out on a rainy day to enjoy breakfast and fellowship at Applebee's! It was a fun morning with delicious pancakes!

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me."*  
**Matthew 25:40**

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Thank you for supporting New Horizons Group Homes. We appreciate your gifts of time and talent. We also covet your prayers.

Amount of contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like to make a contribution using your debit/credit card, please go to our web site ([www.newhorizonshomes.org](http://www.newhorizonshomes.org)) and click on the Donate button. Apr 24

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