

NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES



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25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

What a wonderfully amazing evening our 25th Anniversary Celebration was! From the moment our residents entered the event on a red carpet to music and the cheers of the guests in attendance, until the moment they left to go home, it was an experience that they will always remember.

The Elks Lodge in Brandon was the perfect venue for this event. Everyone who worked/volunteered was so very gracious and accommodating. The food, **catered by the Ladies of the Elks**, was delicious, from the varied and plentiful appetizers to the salads and main course. The delicious desserts from **The Mad Batter Bakeshop** were also varied, delicious and beautiful. The **D J, Henry Kirk**, provided everyone with a most enjoyable evening of music that had the residents and many of the guests dancing the night away! **Party Planet on Lithia Pinecrest Road** did a beautiful job on the balloon arch, a perfect spot for photos.



The most memorable part of the evening was when our very own **County Commissioner, Michael Owen** spoke about his appreciation of our efforts over the years. He then read a proclamation from Hillsborough County commending New Horizons for our impact on the community over the last 25

years. This meant so much to everyone who has been involved for many years.

When he finished, his good friend and ours, **Luis Viera**, who is on the Tampa City Council, spoke about what New Horizons has meant to his entire family, including his brother, Juan, who was one of the original residents in the Alice Storms Home, and his father, **Juan Viera, Sr.**, who was the contractor for that home.



Tiffany Hofeditz, our administrator, read a letter from **Vern Buchannan**, our **Representative in Congress**, commending New Horizons on our accomplishments over the last 25 years. All in all, these commendations for New Horizons made this part of the celebration very moving and humbling.

A huge thank-you to all of our friends who shared this special evening with us. We truly appreciate your love and support with your presence, as well as those of you who support us financially and with your prayers. You have all been a huge part of the success that we have had in providing homes for our residents where they are able to lead independent, yet protected, lives, as they become all that God created them to be. Most importantly, we give God all of the glory for what He has done to make all of this possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

While we have recently had a wonderful celebration, we are now preparing for our next major event. **Our annual major fundraiser of the year, the BBQ/Silent Auction, will be held on November 2, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the Central Baptist Christian School’s gymnasium.** This will be our 29th BBQ and 15th Silent Auction. My, how time flies! There are still those of us around who remember the early BBQs on the New Horizons property even before the first home opened! **We hope you will be able to join us as we continue this tradition, and also hope that many of you will consider being sponsors for the event, which is so very important for ensuring that we continue to maintain our homes at the high level to which we have all become accustomed.**

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Our residents continue to be active members of the Brandon community. Of course, they still enjoy bowling on Saturdays and church on Sundays. They have also enjoyed a pool party celebrating Juan’s birthday, hosted by his mom, ”the hostess with the mostest,” **Maria Viera**. They are also looking forward to joining her for a 4th of July party.

Several of our residents enjoy participating in Tennis for Fun. In May, three of them were chosen to go to Orlando for the State Tennis Special Olympics, and they all came home sporting a gold or silver medal! **Congratulations to Brian, Shawn**

and Michael! We are so proud of you!!!



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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.

“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 also appreciate your gifts of time and talent and covet your prayers.

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