

NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES

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OUR VERY BEST BBQ/SILENT AUCTION EVER!

Yes, we say this every year, but honestly, our major fundraiser really does get better every year! In preparing for this year's event, we were not sure what to expect, considering the impact that Covid has had, but because our Brandon community and good friends of New Horizons are so generous and committed to our mission, we realized \$30,000! So, thank you so very much for the love and support that you showed by donating, sponsoring, bidding on silent auction items, volunteering and enjoying a delicious meal catered by **BubbaQue's!**



We are so grateful to **Central Baptist Church and Christian School** for embracing us once again. Their generosity is invaluable, and their students are THE BEST! We had a large group who helped set up, worked during the event and cleaned up, and we appreciate their hard work and wonderful attitude!

We are also grateful for **DESCO Printing Co., Inc.**, as they have donated the printing for our fundraisers for many years and to **Taylor Rental Center** for providing tables and chairs for many years.



Of course, the highlight of the BBQ/Silent Auction for our residents and many others is the entertainment. Some of our residents first met **Dennis Lee** many years ago when he and his band provided the music for the proms at Dover Exceptional Student Center, and all of our residents and their friends consider him a best friend as well as an amazing entertainer. When you add **Stephanie Ann** on her fiddle to the mix, you have a group that can't be beat! Dennis and his band and Stephanie Ann have hearts overflowing with love, and we are blessed that they include us in their schedules that include shows throughout our great country.

Last, but certainly not least, we are grateful for our board members, family members and volunteers who put a tremendous amount of time and energy into making this event the success that it was, and to God for continuing to bless the work that we do and our residents and staff on a daily basis.



RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Our residents are enjoying life very much like it was pre-Covid. They are back at work and day programs and participating in various activities around Brandon, including bowling once a week and their Special Ministries class at First Baptist Church Brandon. Some of them helped their friend, Jonathan Alley, hand out candy at the Truth, Trunk and Treat Fall Fest at FBC Brandon.

Our men enjoyed a pre-season football game, **thanks to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers**. Needless to say, this was a special treat for them!



Another special activity for many of our residents was an outing to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, where the highlight of the trip was seeing Winter the dolphin. This outing was a gift from **Chris Haile, R.T. of Elite Radiology**, who has been providing special treats for our residents for several years. The latest included special “fall” themed shirts and decorations for the homes. We really appreciate this amazing friend of New Horizons!



MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

Because we still have openings for four residents (three men and one lady), and because of inflation, we have seen a decline in income while expenses are increasing. Therefore, what we really need right now is for friends to join us as monthly donors. Any amount would be a tremendous help, especially if there are many who could help. We do have some monthly donors on-board already, and they are very much appreciated!

On that note, if you know of someone who might be interested in having a family member become part of our New Horizons family, please have them contact our administrator, Tiffany Hofiditz, at 813-571-2690, for a tour of the homes and an interview to see if the applicant is a good fit. Keep in mind that because we are licensed as an assisted living facility, our residents must be able to take care of their own personal needs and participate in daily activities in the homes. They also need to be able to work out in the community or attend a day program. We currently have three residents who work at various Publix stores, one at McDonald’s and one at a car wash.

As many of you know, our first home opened over 22 years ago, and from the very beginning, we have been blessed with friends who have supported us. We are not in this to make a profit, and without your support and many blessings from God, we would not have survived all of these years. Because of you, we are able to maintain homes that have remained what we envisioned so many years ago: homes with a Christian basis and a family atmosphere, where our residents are encouraged to become all that God created them to be. So, thank you for continuing to bless our residents!

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.



Dinner time can be fun time!

AMAZON SMILE

If you do online shopping, you have a great opportunity to support your favorite charity (New Horizons Group Homes!). Just go to Amazon Smile to sign up to have a portion of your purchases donated to New Horizons Group Homes. This is an easy way to show your support for our amazing residents!

Also, did you know that if you are required to take yearly distributions from your IRA, you can have these sent to New Horizons as a donation and you will not have to pay taxes on them? Just another way to support us.

NEW HORIZONS KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS

Our keepsake ornaments depicting historic locations in Brandon are only \$10 and can be found at **McAuley Fine Jewelry (formerly Martin's Jewelers)**. The following are still available:

- Sharrar's General Store (Fat Willie's Fish Camp - only 1 left)*
- Brandon Woman's Club*
- Valrico Civic Center*
- Brandon Supply Company*
- Bill's Prescription Center*
- Hamp's Garage*
- Brandon Chamber of Commerce*

These ornaments make great Christmas gifts and can be used on the tree or framed for year-round enjoyment.

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"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: \$ _____

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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) and click on the Donate button.

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