

NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES



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24th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

We were blessed to have so many of you join us for our most recent luncheon to celebrate New Horizons. It is always good to get together with friends who share our passion for our residents while enjoying a delicious meal. A huge thank-you to First Baptist Brandon for allowing us to use the dining hall and providing their wonderful AV expert to take care of the sound and slide show for us.



Our program was informative and opened the eyes of many guests as to the monthly expenses of New Horizons, thanks to board member **Shannon Griffith**. She reminded us that with three homes, an office and three vehicles, we can multiply what most of us spend on one residence by four. Of course, as with any home and vehicles, there are unexpected expenses and repairs. This funding comes from the rent that the residents pay, which is minimal, and donations. The Med Waiver money that we receive from the government for the residents pays for the salaries for our staff. **Hence, the need for monthly donors becomes critically important, which is a way that all of us can help! A small amount multiplied by many people becomes significant!**

In addition to Shannon's excellent talk, **Peter Watkins**, board president, gave a brief history of New Horizons, and several family members shared on video how New Horizons has blessed their family and their resident.

The highlight of the program was the performance by our residents, who sang "Lean on Me." They were awesome! We were blessed to have **Suzanne Day** lead them, as **Ryan Fisher** accompanied them on the piano with **Bryan Fisher** on the harmonica. Suzanne leads the praise and worship in the Special Ministries Life Group at FBC Brandon, and Ryan and Bryan are two very talented members of Special Ministries who accompany the group every Sunday!



All in all, it was once again a delightful afternoon! We are so grateful to those of you who worked hard to make the day truly special. Many thanks to everyone who blessed us with your time and donations to show our residents how much you care about them. We felt your love!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual BBQ/Silent Auction this year will be on November 18th at the Central Baptist Church gymnasium. Please mark your calendars now! More information will be in the next newsletter. **Please be considering how you can help by sponsoring the BBQ. Sponsors are so important!**

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.

MEET OUR NEWEST RESIDENT



New Horizons is pleased to welcome Andrew, the newest resident of the Watkins Home. Andrew has been attending a local day program with many of our residents and church on Sundays with us, so he is already a part of the family.

Andrew likes to have fun! He is a very social, charismatic and charming young gentleman. He enjoys riding in his dad's 1954 Corvette, eating out, swimming and watching You Tube videos on his computer. The most important things to Andrew are food and his family, not necessarily in that order!

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to their weekly Saturday bowling and church on Sundays, our residents enjoyed an afternoon with Special Ministries and the **Brandon Jr. Women's Club**. The wonderful ladies from this club have been blessing our Special Ministries with a "Super Saturday" for over 30 years, and we are so grateful to them!



Our residents love a party and dancing, and they enjoyed a special dance in Tampa. Fun times!

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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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