

# NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BBQ/SILENT AUCTION!

Once again, New Horizons has been blessed with a successful BBQ/Silent Auction! Our major fundraiser for the year realized just under \$21,000, and this would not have been possible without the support of many people. Our board of directors worked tirelessly to make this event successful, and volunteers and family members were a huge blessing on this special day. We are so very grateful for our sponsors who underwrote the expenses and more, and to the many businesses and other friends of New Horizons who donated items for our amazing silent auction.



It is always a joyful day, as this event brings together friends who are passionate about supporting our residents and the New Horizons program in general. Of course, the best part of the day for our residents and many others is the entertainment. **Dennis Lee and his band** are always a big hit, mainly because Dennis Lee loves our residents, and they love him! This is evident in his interaction with them throughout the day. They also love **Stephanie Ann**, who has a special place in her heart for all of us, and everyone looks forward to experiencing her amazing



Strad-a-Fiddle and her beautiful voice. In addition to the entertainment, our friends also look forward to a delicious meal catered by **Bubba Que's**, and they never disappoint!

We also want to thank everyone who came out to support us by bidding on silent auction items, purchasing the calendars, and participating in the drawing, which was an air fryer/toaster oven donated by **Famous Tate** that drew a lot of attention!

We are so very grateful to **Central Baptist Church and Christian School** for welcoming us once again. They are so generous, and their students are fantastic! They were a huge help with setting up on Friday and serving and cleaning up on Saturday. They are The Best, and this is true of their work ethic and their attitude.

**Last, but most important, we are so grateful for our God who has blessed our organization from the time it was just an idea, over 30 years ago. He has seen us through the good times and the difficult times, and has never failed to bless our residents and staff on a daily basis.**

**We are so grateful for our Sponsors, who ensured that we would have a successful event:**

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**We hope that you will patronize these businesses that provided Silent Auction items:**

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*Topgolf*  
*Twistee Treat*  
*Joel and Beth Tyree*  
*Rick Ward*  
*Brian Watkins*  
*Amy Wilson*

### ***NEW HORIZONS CALENDARS***

We currently have a beautiful one-of-a-kind 2023 calendar for sale. This is a beautiful calendar featuring professional photographs of our residents taken at the University of Tampa by Sara Jin Moore. The residents really enjoyed the photo shoot, as is evident in their smiles in the photos that you can enjoy all year. The calendars are only \$15, and they can be purchased at New Horizons, or you can ask any board member to get one for you. They are going fast, and we would really like to have them all sold by the end of the year. **Many thanks to Sara Jin Moore for donating her time and talent to make this calendar possible, and to DESCO Printing for doing a fantastic job of putting it together at a very reasonable cost.**



**New Horizons Group Homes 2023 Calendar**

### ***MONTHLY SUPPORTERS***

As we mentioned in the last newsletter we still have openings in the homes, which means that income is down, while expenses have increased due to inflation as well as unexpected things, such as a hurricane passing through! While we do have some very loyal supporters who donate on a monthly basis, we need many more! This is an important way that you can help us continue to provide our residents with the best possible care in homes that have a Christian basis and a family atmosphere, where they are encouraged to become all that God created them to be. Our supporters keep us going, and we are truly grateful for their financial support as well as their encouragement.

### ***OPENINGS IN THE HOMES***

We currently have openings for three men. 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 at a business in the community or attend a day program.

We are happy to welcome Kristin as the newest resident in the Mary Lou Creamer Home. She is a life-long Florida resident, moving to Brandon earlier this year. In the past, she has worked at Walmart and Winn Dixie. A bright, honest and talented young lady, Kristin enjoys playing video games, drawing, music, singing, collecting Plushies and watching movies. She is a blessing to the other residents with her positive attitude, always looking on the bright side.



**Kristin**

**If you have not had a chance to donate to New Horizons this year, please consider us in your year-end giving. There are always unexpected expenses that come up that we have no control over, so all gifts that we receive are appreciated and put to good use.**



*Shawn's Birthday and Hurricane Party*

**THANK YOU TO A GOOD FRIEND!**

Our residents enjoyed a delicious dinner the Sunday after Thanksgiving courtesy of our very good friend, **Chris Haile, R. T. of Elite Radiology**. Chris has been providing special treats for our residents for several years, and they appreciate him so much. Thank you, Chris, for your heart for our residents!

**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 residents!

Also, did you know that if you are required to take a yearly distribution from your IRA, you can have it sent to New Horizons as a donation and not pay taxes on it? 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)**, as well as at New Horizons. The following are still available:

- Brandon Woman's Club*
- Valrico Civic Center*
- Brandon Supply Company*
- Bill's Prescription Center*
- Hamp's Garage*
- Brandon Chamber of Commerce*

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

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