

# NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES

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## **THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BBQ/SILENT AUCTION!!!**

A simple thank-you seems hardly enough for the support that you showed New Horizons at our major fundraiser this year. After all of us had experienced two hurricanes in two months, with the last one being the worst to hit our state in over 100 years, we were not expecting the wonderful response that we received. However, you showed up and blessed us in a mighty way! Thanks to many businesses in the area and many individuals, we had just over 140 items in the silent auction. Thanks to those of you who were with us, almost every one was bid on! That in itself is amazing! All in all, we realized just over \$20,500 to use toward providing our amazing residents' homes where they feel independent, yet have 24/7 supervision, and where they feel loved and appreciated, while being encouraged to be all that God created them to be. So, this isn't just a simple thank you. **It is a huge thank you!!!**

**Of course, the biggest thank you goes to our God, who has blessed New Horizons from the very beginning. He has seen us through difficult times and has blessed us with many good times, and shows His love for our organization and His**

**residents on a daily basis. We would not be here without Him.**

This year we were fortunate to have **Henry Vick**, the D.J. who was with us at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. As you can see by the photo below, our residents thoroughly enjoyed dancing to his music, which was enjoyed by everyone.



**Jackie enjoying the day with our administrator, Tiffany Hofeditz**



We are so very grateful to **Central Baptist Church and Christian School** for once again welcoming us with open arms to their gymnasium. They have been doing this for about 15 years, and are always so gracious to us. Their students are a tremendous help unloading cars and getting us set up on Friday, and also helping on Saturday. They really do make life so much easier for us! We are also grateful that **BubbaQue's** catered the event again this year. Everyone always enjoys the meal, and this year was no exception. Of course, all of this would never happen without our amazing volunteers!

This event is always a day where we connect with friends and make new friends, where we just enjoy being together, and where we enjoy seeing our residents interacting with their friends. So, thank you for showing your support for New Horizons and our residents and helping to make it a joyful day!

#### ***THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS***

We are so grateful for our sponsors, who helped ensure that we had a successful event.

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#### **THANK YOU TO THE DONORS TO THE SILENT AUCTION**

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#### ***A SPECIAL THANK YOU***

New Horizons has a very, very good friend in **Chris Haile, R. T., of Elite Radiology**. Chris has been finding ways to bless our residents for several years, and this year is no different. He provided the homes with fall decorations, brightening the residents' and staff's days for the entire fall season. For Christmas, he is providing the turkey and ham for the New Horizons Christmas party. This party is always a great time of fun and fellowship for the residents, their families and the staff. Thank you, Chris, for the love that you share with all of our New Horizons family!

#### ***MONTHLY SUPPORTERS***

We are very blessed to have some special friends who support us on a monthly basis, but we are in need of so many more! While we are good stewards of the funds that we have to provide all of the needs

of our three homes, we have unexpected expenses, just like every other family. Thankfully, we did not have any major damage from the two hurricanes that visited our state in a two-month period. However, we did have damage to our fence. We have also had repairs to roofs on two of the homes and a new AC installed before the hurricanes. There always seems to be something that needs to be done, and it looks like the next major expense will involve the septic system for the ladies' home. Obviously, these are major expenses, and additional monthly donors will give us a cushion for when life happens. Any help that you are able to give will be greatly appreciated!

#### ***ON-LINE DONATIONS***

If you prefer to donate on-line, we are now using ZEFFY, which is non-profit friendly, with all of your donation going directly to New Horizons. Just go to our website, [www.newhorizonshomes.org](http://www.newhorizonshomes.org), click on the Donate button at the bottom of the Home page and follow the directions.

#### ***NEW HORIZONS KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS***

There are probably some of you who have not seen the New Horizons keepsake ornaments of historical places in Brandon. We had these for 18 years, but have not had any new ones for several years. If you would like to see what we have left, our good friends at **McAuley Fine Jewelry** have the ones that we still have in stock, and they would love to sell them to you. They are \$10, and are made by the same company that makes the White House ornaments. 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.***

**If you haven't had a chance to make a donation this year, please consider remembering us in your year-end donations. We are grateful for any and all contributions that help us to finish the year strong. Of course, the most important thing you can give us is your prayers, so please don't forget that!**

**OPENINGS IN THE HOMES**

We currently have openings for four 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 Hofeditz**, at 813-571-2690, for a tour of the homes and an interview to see if the applicant is a good fit. We are licensed as an assisted living facility, and our residents must be able to take care of their own personal needs, participate in daily activities in the homes, and be able to work at a business in the community or attend a day program.

Our residents enjoy the family atmosphere in the homes and are encouraged to use their God-given talents and abilities. They are members of the Special Ministries at First Baptist Brandon and attend services on Sunday mornings. They also bowl on Saturdays and participate in other activities in the Brandon community. **Brian** attends the Presbyterian Church of Brandon and participates in the bell choir there. Our residents went to a performance at a Sunday service there a few weeks ago to support him, and they were blessed by what they heard. We are so proud of him! Several residents also participate in Special Olympics and have the medals to show how well they are doing. We are also proud of them, as we are of all of our residents in their individual accomplishments!

This time of the year is always a fun, festive time at New Horizons. The residents are excited about spending Christmas with their families, and are also excited about upcoming parties and other special events. By the time you receive this letter, they will have enjoyed the First Baptist choir's Christmas presentation. Then they have the New Horizons Christmas party, the party that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Central Baptist Christian School provide for them every year, the Special Ministries Christmas party, and whatever special parties they have at their jobs and day programs. Makes me tired just thinking about it!!! We're so happy that they have such a full life!

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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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