
NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES



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Let Freedom Ring!!!

***New Horizons Group Homes
27th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon***

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Noon – 2 p.m.

***First Baptist Church Brandon Dining Hall
216 N. Parsons Avenue
Brandon, FL***

Tickets: \$25 or \$175 to sponsor a table for eight



We hope that you will join us as we celebrate our amazing residents and the fact that we have been in operation for 27 years! We have been so blessed this entire time with people who have prayed for and with us, supported us, and loved our residents. God has been faithful to supply all of our needs, and He has used many of you to accomplish that.

As we celebrate our residents and the freedom that they enjoy by living on their own, with, of course, 24/7 supervision, we will also be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our great country and the freedoms that we enjoy. You are welcome to join our residents in showing your patriotic colors with your attire!

While you may certainly buy individual tickets, you can sponsor a table and invite seven of your friends to join you. They pay you, you purchase the tickets, and we will provide you with tickets for everyone at your table. No other work is required of you.

To purchase individual tickets or sponsor a table, please contact Brenda Watkins at 813-653-2466.

Deadline for purchasing tickets will be June 6th.

There will also be a drawing for two items. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

We would love for some of you to sponsor the event, so that all of the proceeds can be used to benefit our residents. To do this, simply send a check to New Horizons and note that it is to sponsor the luncheon.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Those of us who have been involved with New Horizons for many years appreciate the amazing strides made by our residents. Not only have they learned the fine art of living with others, they have also become comfortable with being outside of the homes, as they have many opportunities to interact with others in our community. Fortunately, they are enthusiastically welcomed wherever they go. For example...

February saw several of our residents at the local Special Olympics in Tampa. This is always a fun day, and they came home with many medals.

March is always a special month, as our residents enjoy the Strawberry Festival, with the highlight of the day being in the audience of the Dennis Lee Show. Dennis has been a favorite of theirs for many years, and he always makes them know that the feeling is mutual.

The ladies also enjoyed celebrating **Christy's** birthday with a special lunch at Applebee's in Valrico.

March also saw some of our residents participating in the regional Special Olympics in Bradenton, enjoying a fun day with friends and bringing home more medals.



Finally, the end of March found our residents, family members and friends at **Applebee's in Valrico** for what has become our annual Pancake Breakfast. Applebee's is always so gracious in welcoming us and providing a delicious breakfast, and this is a wonderful opportunity to just sit back and fellowship with good friends. **Thank you to all of you who joined us for a special way to start your day and support New Horizons at the same time!**

April was a busy month for our residents. They began by celebrating Easter at church, and many were able to be with their families. Later, the ladies enjoyed celebrating **Kimberly's** birthday at Village Inn, and **Brian** also celebrated his April birthday.



Our **Tennis for Fun** participants enjoyed an End-of-the-Season party for approximately 300 people from throughout Florida which was held in Brandon. This was a special day for them, as they celebrated a fun year with their tennis friends.



That same day, our residents traveled to Wesley Chapel for **Dance Your Dream**, an event that they have enjoyed in the past. Of course, if dancing is involved, our residents are ready to go! This year was no exception, with them enjoying time with their friends from the homes, as well as those in Wesley Chapel!



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.

Finally, they enjoyed a pool party at Maria Viera's home to celebrate Juan's birthday.



May 1st and 2nd saw **Michael, Brian, Juan and Justin** competing in the **State Special Olympics for Tennis in Orlando**. We are so proud of them for being chosen to represent our local area! Congratulations to them, as this is a special honor!



May 1st was also very special for **Kimberly**, as she was recognized for her **30 years of employment with Publix** at their Service Awards Dinner at Gaylord Palms in Orlando. Congratulations, Kimberly!



All of the above activities are in addition to the daily activities of our residents. As you can see, we need a Social Director to keep track of all that our residents do! Actually, we do have one! Thank you, **Tiffany**, for keeping track of all of our very active residents and their various activities!

OPENINGS IN THE HOMES

If you know of someone with a family member who might benefit by becoming part of the New Horizons family, please have them contact **Tiffany Hofeditz, our Administrator**, for a tour of the homes. We currently have five openings, and Tiffany is very knowledgeable about anything concerning individuals with special needs. As you can see, our residents are very active members of the Brandon community, each with their own special abilities, talents and personalities that make them a joy to be around.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

If you would prefer to receive the newsletters by e-mail, please send your e-mail information to brenda_watkins@verizon.net, and we will put you on that list. Be sure to include your name so that we know who you are. This helps us by reducing our mailing expense; however, if you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, we are certainly happy to send it that way.

If you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please send an e-mail or call New Horizons at 813-571-2690.

ON-LINE DONATIONS

We are now partnered with **ZEFFY** which is an easy way to make your donation on-line. Since they are non-profit friendly, all of your donation goes directly to New Horizons, as they deduct nothing. If you would like to try this, simply go to our website, www.newhorizonshomes.org, click on the Donate button and follow directions.

FLASH!!! In order to maintain the high level of care that we are able to give our residents, we need more of you to become monthly partners with us. Any amount that you are able to share with us on a monthly basis would be appreciated! This helps with unexpected expenses. Any amount that you can give this way will definitely make a difference! **Of course, we definitely appreciate any and all donations, no matter when or how much!**

Also, if you would like to help with a specific need, we have several things that need to be replaced in the Creamer and Storms Homes, including flooring and kitchen cabinets. We hope to address some of these needs with the proceeds from the luncheon. Also, you can always call Tiffany and she can tell you of any other needs that we have.

“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: \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____ E-mail: _____

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. May 26

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