



What's on the Horizon?

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We Did It! And We Can Do It Again With Your Help

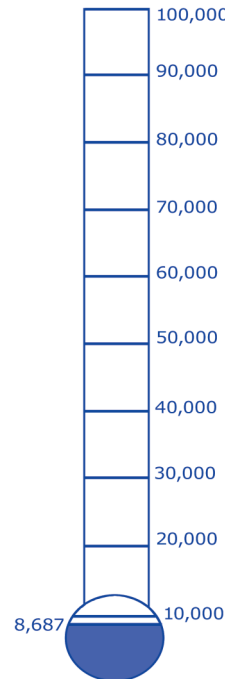
For our 2010/2011 fiscal year, we set a goal of raising \$80,000 to cover the costs associated with our week of summer camp. We are very happy to announce that with the help of some very dedicated Horizon family members, we reached our goal!

This was accomplished by a multitude of fundraisers such as the Horizon Golf Outing and Sock Hop and the Hudetz Family Golf Outing. There were also numerous smaller fundraisers including designated days where restaurants donated a percentage of their profits and catalog shows where direct sales consultants donated a

percentage of their sales. No event was too small and it all came together with great success.

Now that we have celebrated that goal, the time has come to get busy on the 2011/2012 goal of \$100,000. The gauge on the right shows that as of the end of October we have gotten off to a pretty good start. Deposits for events held in October are being processed and should push us over the \$10,000 mark, which is exciting but we have a long way to go! How will you help us fill the gauge?

The gauge on the right represents donations and fundraising profits from August 1 through October 31.



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New 2011-2012 Officers & Board

On October 9th, we held our annual board meeting. At this meeting we discussed the past year, brainstormed ideas, and set goals for the coming year. We also elected the new 2011-2012 board of directors and officers that will do all they can to see that our goals are met and the new ideas are executed.

All of the current board from last year have remained active and in addition we had two former board members rejoin. Welcome back Jessica Janes-Crowley and Kathy Kingston.

The executive board of officers has a slightly new look as well. Lori Moore was re-elected as President, Jen Bernover has accepted the position as Vice-President, Viki Peer remains as Secretary and Kathy Colunto is the Treasurer.

Congratulations to all and best wishes for another great year!



Pictured Above: Back row, Lori Moore, Viki Peer, Jen Bernover. Front, Kathy Colunto.

Our Mission

An organization of people with and without physical disabilities that provides opportunities for individuals to challenge themselves, develop responsibility and grow through interacting and working together.



Horizon Highlight - Kathy Kingston

When MDA cut funding in 1991, Kathy was amongst the first to begin a new organization that twenty years later is still providing adult camping opportunities. In just a few short months, a small group did all of the fundraising, recruiting, and planning needed to put on Horizon's First Annual Summer Camp. "There were no committees. And we didn't have conference calls or emails. Just six of us meeting on my back porch. We all thought we were crazy!"

But, when asked about her favorite memory from the past twenty years, Kathy recalled making \$4,000 at a garage sale she helped plan that first year. "Everyone chipped in and brought stuff to my house. We even had a bake sale. It was just a bunch of friends, having fun on my driveway!"

Twenty years later Horizon has come a long way. But our grass roots nature has remained. Kathy, a single mother and teacher, took a break from Horizon to have a family. But, she has returned

to the Camp Committee in 2010 and rejoined the board of directors this year. She has also put on several small fundraisers. "Those small fundraisers are so important to Horizon. Don't feel like you have to raise thousands of dollars to be good enough. Grass roots organizations need donations of all kinds!"

Kathy continually talks about how much pride she has for Horizon. "We have to keep it going for the memories of all of those that we lost and for those that still benefit from what we do."

Kathy has two suggestions for how everyone can keep Horizon going:

1. Always keep Horizon on your mind as you go throughout your day. You never know when you may find your next donation or fundraising opportunity.
2. Email Kathy Kingston with your fundraising idea. She is going to make a database for the organization to use in the future.

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~Kathy Kingston



Pictured Above: From left to right, Anna Lopez, Kathy Kingston, Ernestine Swearnigen and Chris Gieck.

What's New on the Horizon?

In the past year, *Ellen Westley* has graduated from law school, gotten engaged, began her new job as an associate, and started planning her wedding with her fiancé Dave Brace. Everyday she continues to amaze everyone with how much she can take on and accomplish successfully, and she still manages to stay really involved in the lives of her friends and family (including her Horizon family).



Pictured Above: Ellen Westley proudly displaying her law license.

Patrick Brice is an Ensign in the US Navy and is halfway complete with his primary flight school. He is now living in Texas after completing the first half while living in Florida.

Our past president *Tom Daly* recently popped the question to his girlfriend Margaret Foster. Sorry ladies, she said yes!

Congratulations to volunteer *Kiersten (Sullivan) Solis* on her marriage to her longtime boyfriend Sergio this past summer!

If you have exciting news about someone from Horizon that you would like to share please e-mail it to geri.skudney@associationofhorizon.org.



Annual Raffle Update

We are coming up on the end of the third year of our annual raffle. Shown on the right is the list of all the winners to date for 2011. Even though we fell short of selling all of the tickets, with the generosity of several winners and the luck of the draw on some unsold tickets, we are on track to earn just under \$5000 on this raffle this year!

So back by popular demand, we will have the 2012 annual raffle! If you are interested in purchasing and/or selling tickets, contact Geri Skudney at Geri.Skudney@associationofhorizon.org.

Horizon Apparel

Don't know what to get that special Horizon fan in your life for the holidays? Why not give them an official Horizon logo shirt. We have several designs to choose from. Just visit our website Horizonapparel.info to shop for the holidays or to shop for yourself!! Place your order by December 9th to have in time for the holidays.



We all use text messaging daily, now you can receive important news and updates on future fundraisers. All you need to do is text "Horizoninfo" to 90210 on your wireless phone to be entered. No more than a few messages will be sent per month. What a great way to stay informed!

Winning number	Date Drawn	Name	Amount Won
513	1/1/11	Isabella Vincent	\$100
019	1/7/11	Mary Jo Grigonis	\$50
254	1/14/11	Brian Schaffer	\$50
608	1/21/11	Tony Grigonis	\$50
634	1/28/11	Judy Trefz	\$50
927	2/1/11	Linda Miguez	\$100
520	2/4/11	Kathy Crespo	\$50
554	2/11/11	Scott Uhlman	\$50
681	2/18/11	Marissa Fasula	\$50
930	2/25/11	John Graf	\$50
113	3/1/11	Mr & Mrs George Czerwionka	\$100
980	3/4/11	Mary Jo Grigonis	\$50
655	3/11/11	Sherry Chatz	\$50
948	3/18/11	not sold	
017	3/25/11	Laura Czerwionka	\$50
567	3/31/11	MaryKay Malas	\$250
129	4/1/11	Mr & Mrs George Czerwionka	\$100
608	4/1/11	Tony Grigonis	\$50
225	4/8/11	Barbara Supergan	\$50
456	4/15/11	Moose	\$50
198	4/22/11	Tanner Novalinski	\$50
829	4/29/11	Frank Czerwionka	\$50
425	5/1/11	Iris Reynolds	\$100
733	5/6/11	Sherry Zurawski	\$50
811	5/13/11	Tom Daly	\$50
169	5/20/11	Russ Phillips	\$50
336	5/27/11	Beth Simac	\$50
285	6/1/11	Kathy Leibforth	\$100
620	6/3/11	Bill Morris	\$50
905	6/10/11	Ish Hand	\$50
256	6/17/11	Sheila Caplis	\$50
796	6/24/11	Kay Grist	\$50
629	6/30/11	Vilma Juarez	\$250
283	7/1/11	Amy Przybylo	\$100
248	7/1/11	unsold	
132	7/8/11	Michelle Muckey	\$50
136	7/15/11	Carol & Mark Mulac	\$50
064	7/22/11	Diane Ferguson	\$50
085	7/29/11	Aimee McNallen	\$50
514	8/1/11	Amy Czerwionka	\$100
519	8/5/11	unsold	
684	8/12/11	Renée Reiff	\$50
100	8/19/11	Oronzo Peconio	\$50
138	8/26/11	Keli Abell	\$50
401	9/1/11	Kevin Bruno	\$100
291	9/2/11	George Czerwionka	\$50
592	9/9/11	Jerry Wilhelm	\$50
605	9/16/11	John Czerwionka	\$50
400	9/23/11	Carolyn Lawrence	\$50
989	9/30/11	Cynthia Lisle	\$250
663	9/30/11	Michael Ryan	\$50
580	10/1/11	Deanna Conn	\$100
487	10/7/11	unsold	
297	10/14/11	Mary Jo Grigonis	\$50
657	10/21/11	Sheryl A. Payne	\$50
614	10/28/11	Sherry Stackhouse	\$50
863	11/1/11	Dave Richert	\$100
143	11/4/11	Marty and Tish Wambach	\$50



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Whether we want to admit it or not, the holiday season is upon us. The good news is, this is the best time of year to raise money for Horizon and you don't even have to do more than what you are doing already.

Will you be researching great gift ideas on the internet? Maybe purchasing some of those gifts on-line? Looking for menu ideas for your holiday feast? You get the idea. Since you'll be doing one (or more) of these anyhow, why not do it through GoodSearch and raise money for Horizon?

It's so easy and it only takes minutes to set up. Simply go to GoodSearch.com, fill out a little info and select Association of Horizon, Inc as your designated charity. After that, GoodSearch will donate to us every time you search the internet or shop your favorite store through their site. You can even install the GoodSearch toolbar so you never forget to use the service!

So what are you waiting for? Set it up today!



Join us Wednesday, December 21st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at bd's Mongolian Grill in Bolingbrook.

(Located at Bolingbrook Promanede--near Bass Pro Shop) 619 E. Boughton Rd.

Phone: 630-972-0450

-We will have 50/50 raffles as well as other raffle prizes

-\$3 from each order placed will be donated to Horizon

-Don't miss Horizon members as guest grillers!