



Association of Horizon, Inc
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What's on the Horizon?

APRIL 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Golf Outing & Banquet
- Summer Camp 2008
- Night at the Races

Got an idea for a
Horizon event?

Email us at

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2008 Camp Recruitment Update

The recruitment committee was excited to kick off another year with our Horizon Recruitment Drive at Hackney's in January. Good times were had by old friends and new. **2008 camp dates are July 13 - July 19.** The recruitment committee is contacting 2007 camp attendees to find out if you are returning to camp this year. Please visit our updated website at www.associationofhorizon.org to download the 2008 forms.

New in 2008

- You can apply directly online and download the rest of the forms.
- You can check the Horizon website to see if we have your forms.
- You can also see if your friends have sent in their application and if they haven't you can remind them to get them in.

For those who have no computer access, please contact Terry Smith.

You can help us get ready for camp! We love to hear that people are planning to attend camp, but what we really need to see is their applications. The application deadline is set at May 15th. This is necessary so we have time to pair up campers with attendants. Campers are not sent acceptance packets until Horizon is sure that we have an enough attendants to pair up with campers. Horizon is offering an incentive. If Horizon receives your application by the deadline, your name will be entered into a raffle drawing.



Without volunteers Horizon would not be the organization we are today. Volunteers can fulfill their high school service hour requirements and camp looks great on college resumes. Everyone can help us by suggesting a school, church or work place where we can get more volunteers. We will provide the paperwork and PowerPoint recruitment presentation. Contact a committee member if you need forms, have questions or to give us your new email address.

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Will you be the next Horizon's Hope recipient? Check the website for details on how to apply for the 2009 grant.

Congratulations Kara!

The First Annual Horizon's Hope Grant Program is pleased to announce its recipient, **Kara Stout!** Kara submitted a detailed essay explaining her future research and work in the field of occupational therapy. She is embarking on a journey of discovering new ideas and methods for furthering the uses and benefits of occupational therapy. Using her newfound grant money of \$1000 Kara will further her research and education so that she can continue to contribute to the field. The Association of Horizon, Inc. is honored to support her as she makes these gains in the therapeutic world!

Thank you to all of the applicants that participated in the Horizon's Hope Grant Program. We enjoyed having the chance to read through your essays. We are impressed with your accomplishments and future endeavors. For those that applied this year, please reapply for the 2009 Horizon's Hope Grant. We also encourage new applicants to look into this program and become a candidate for the grant as well. Look for our updated application on our website www.associationofhorizon.org in the near future.

Maggie Duffy, Always in Our Hearts

Losing any person is hard; losing someone that made you smile every time you looked at them is devastating. Losing a loving, caring, beautiful person to a deadly disease is also devastating. Maggie always had a smile on her face and her big beautiful eyes inspired us all to do great things. I personally will never forget the time I spent with Maggie. I will cherish those moments forever. She was my first camper and she truly changed my life. Maggie not only fought the many challenges that came her way all her life, but until the day she left us, fought cancer too. She was made to fight and that's just what she did. She was stubborn and always knew what she wanted. As most of you know, Maggie loved to look good. She always had to match. When I was getting ready for her wake, I couldn't stop thinking about what I would wear. I laid my closet out on my bed and finally picked something I thought she would "approve" of. The next day as I prepared myself to say goodbye to my amazing friend, I had the same thing on my mind. I will never know until I meet her again; maybe she'll tell me I looked good or possibly ask what I was thinking. Either way I know she'll be asking why I cried all over my good coat sleeves. I cried because having Maggie in my life was a blessing and I will miss her tremendously. As much fun as we had with her, it was time to let her go. Now she can dance, sing and laugh her heart out! Maggie was an amazing person and will never leave my heart.



-written by Katie Flynn.



20th Annual Taste of Morton Grove

On March 13, the Morton Grove Foundation held its annual charity event to raise money for over 20 local charities. Horizon has benefited from this event over the years. This year's fundraiser included a buffet of gourmet samplings from several of the local restaurants, a wide range of silent auction items along with a live auction. Every year, the foundation works hard to host this sensational event and The Association of Horizon, Inc. would like to thank them for their continued support.

Chicago Wolves Outing a Win!

Horizon held its annual Chicago Wolves outing in February. There were nearly 80 Horizon members & friends in attendance to watch the Wolves defeat the Milwaukee Admirals. The game was entertaining and a good time was had by all. If you would like more information about this event or other monthly outings please visit our web site. We are always looking for new ideas and outings for our community to participate in; feel free to submit your suggestions

Summer Camp 2008

If you have ever attended camp before, or have ever listened to someone talk about Horizon camp, you know it is a magical place. This summer the camp planning committee is going to take that magic and transform the cabins into Vegas hotels. Well, we are at least going to rename the cabins with Vegas hotel names. We are doing this all in the name of what could possibly be the best camp theme ever, "Las Vegas"! Anyone who attended camp in 1998 knows this theme has got to be better than "What's in the bag" otherwise known as the famous bag skits. The activities committee is working on details to help make camp as Vegas as possible. You will be able to "get married" at camp, impersonate Elvis and you will even be given \$500 in unique Horizon play money for the week. The camp committee is once again planning such camp favorites as: spa day, Creaoke and of course casino night.

There is still time to become a camp sponsor. For a donation of \$300 you can get your company logo on our camp T-shirt. Please contact Mike Trimpe at michael.trimpe@associationofhorizon.org if you would like to get in on this opportunity. If you do not have a business to promote in our T-shirt program, but would like to donate items to camp, you can download our entire wish list from our website, or see our "Lucky 7" wish list shown on the right.

If you can't join us for the entire week of camp please try to stop by on visitor's day, Friday July 18th – this year the skits may just be worth the trip.

Top
Lucky 7
Wish List Items
that you can donate
for camp 2008



hoyer lifts

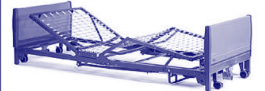
new or gently used



outdoor lighting



long range
walkie talkies
with at least 5 channels



hospital beds

new or gently used



drinks



casino games



gift cards



Our Website has a Fresh New Look

Have you seen Horizon's web site lately? Thanks to the generous people from **Bustercreative.com**, our web site has a whole new design. All of the information about the Association of Horizon, Inc. is available and easier to find. The site is more user-friendly and has several new features. Our homepage is updated regularly, informing our members of upcoming events along with other useful information. Another new feature, which we hope everyone will take advantage of, is the ability to register for Horizon events online. Whether you want to complete your



camp application, or sign-up for any of our fundraisers, members are able to do so using our secure server. There is also the ability to pay for the events or make a general donation directly online using your credit card. We have a new picture gallery section where you can view photos from the last several years and we will continue to add new pictures as they become available. Members are also able to login and leave comments and/or suggestions for Horizon. So, if you haven't visited www.associationofhorizon.org lately, check it out and you will be pleasantly surprised.



We Need You!

For Set Up or Clean Up

Help is needed for camp set up and/or camp clean up. If you are available Saturday July 12th between noon and 4 p.m. or Saturday July 19th between 8 a.m. and noon, please let us know. Volunteers are needed to help move beds, place needed equipment around camp and to set up cabins and activity areas. For more information or to volunteer, please contact :

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