



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

MARCH 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Got an idea for a
Horizon event?

Email us at

info@associationofhorizon.org

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Recruitment For Camp 09 Has Begun

On January 10th we officially started the 2009 camp season with our annual Recruitment Kickoff Party at Hackney's. About forty people braved the wintery weather to spend an afternoon with some Horizon friends and to be among the firsts to fill out their camp application.

With another age cut made last year by the MDA camp, we are expecting an increase in our number of campers. Therefore, we are also anticipating a greater need for volunteers. We are looking for volunteers who want to challenge themselves by sharing only one week of time to assist adults with physical disabilities. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help others.

Applications are available at the following web address to complete on-line or to print and mail in.

associationofhorizon.org/wordpress/activities/camp-application

This year we are trying to reach out in new areas for our recruiting efforts. If you have any suggestions such as a



Above: Camper Adam Pick gets assistance filling out his camp application at Hackney's.

school, church, workplace or community organization where we can do a presentation please e-mail Brenda or Geri.

You can contact the committee at the following e-mail addresses or by calling the Horizon Hotline at 773-477-5170.

Horizon Recruitment Committee '09

Sheila Caplis (Attendants/volunteers)
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Pictured left to right: Ellen Westley, Sheila Caplis & Alayna Liptak. All happy to see this year's camp season off to a great start.

GoodSearch Keeps Getting Better

GoodSearch was a great success for Horizon in 2008. We had well over 8000 searches and shopping revenue proceeds were nearly \$60 alone, giving us a total check from GoodSearch in the amount of \$159.91.

That might not sound like much but it was free money we got just for doing what we do anyhow...searching and shopping on-line.

If you have set GoodSearch as your search engine with Horizon as your designated charity, we thank you. If you haven't, what are you waiting for? Go to GoodSearch.com today, add it to your toolbar by following the simple directions,

choose Association of Horizon as your "Who Do You GoodSearch For?" choice and start raising money for our cause. It's that easy.

Also, be sure to use the GoodShop link when shopping on-line. There are hundreds of stores to pick from.

We are at \$14.41 for 2009 so far. Let's see if we can exceed last year's total.

GoodSearch
YOU SEARCH WE GIVE

Have an announcement about a current or former Horizon member? Send an email to us at

Horizon@

associationofhorizon.org

You may see it printed in the next issue.

What's New on the Horizon?

Our very own *Kiersten Sullivan* graduated from West Suburban College of Nursing in December. She will be working as an ER Nurse at Saint Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center. Maybe a camp nurse too? ☺

Congratulations *Matt Settler* & *Nellie Faynblit* on their recent engagement.

Kim (Nelson) Whitmore & hubby *Corey* became new parents to *Quentin Charles* on January 4th. Even

though he came a few weeks early, he weighed in at 6 lbs, 13 oz. and 19.5 inches.

Thomas Gerard Hanenburg kept his parents, *Tim & Jen (Kowalewski)* waiting till January 16th for his arrival. He was well worth the wait, all 8 lbs, 3 oz. and 20.5 inches of him.

We are always in need of male volunteers so hopefully 16 years from now we can recruit these two!

Holiday Party 2008/2009

The 2008 Holiday Party was another great success. The only thing I would have liked to have seen was a lot more people, so this year I am letting everyone know the 2009 Holiday Party will be held once again at the Avalon Banquets on December 12th. Please mark your calendars now so we can make this year the best ever gathering.

Marcy Davis

Below: After passing out gifts to all the children, everyone had a great time at the Holiday Party singing carols with Santa.



Summer Camp 2009

The 2009 Association of Horizon **Summer Camp** will be held **July 19th to July 25th**. The theme for the week is "TV Shows". Start brushing up on your TV trivia, the camp committee will most likely be testing you throughout the week.

As Camp Horizon continues to grow, we are able to offer this wonderful and unique camping experience to more people each year. This year shouldn't be any different. Timber Pointe is in the process of making some improvements to their campsite, including three new cabins and a new shower house. The extra cabins will provide more living space and can increase the number of participants by 40 people. If you plan on attending, or know someone who is interested in attending camp this year, please complete your application as soon as possible.

Applications are available on our website to complete on-line or to print and mail in. Just click "Summer Camp" under the Activities tab. Remember, you can also visit the website to see who has sent in their application. Please note, it does take some time to process the applications and post them on the site.



Campers hanging out in the shade on a beautiful sunny day.



Fishing is one of many activities our campers enjoy.

Planning and organizing summer camp is a year-round task and the camp committee has devoted people who want to make each year better for all. If you would like to help the committee, we welcome you. Visit the Association of Horizon website (www.associationofhorizon.org) to send an e-mail requesting more information on how you can help, or leave us a message on the Horizon Hotline 773-477-5170. Horizon can also use your assistance even if you are unable to attend camp. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas for activities, individuals to help with camp set up & closing, along with individuals to help solicit donations. It takes a lot of work to make camp happen and any assistance no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated. Once again, Horizon is offering its T-shirt sponsorship program. If you know any company who may be willing to participate please contact Michael.Trimpe@associationofhorizon.org.

The committee looks forward to seeing everyone at camp. So mark your calendars now for Summer Camp 09. If you can't come for the week, you're welcome to join us on

Friday, July 24th for Visitors Day.

Year-Long Raffle - Update

We are past the 1/2 way mark in our first Year-Long Raffle. Congrats to all the winners so far. Even though 90% of the tickets were sold, we only had two winning numbers that came up unsold. To see a complete list of winners, click on "Horizon Lottery Winners" under the fundraising tab on our website.

We will have tickets available soon for the next year which will run from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010. If you are currently participating and would like to purchase the same number, send an e-mail to geri.skudney@associationofhorizon.org with your name and ticket number.

Save the date October 10, 2009

For the 12th Annual Night at the Races

If you want to join this committee

send an e-mail to

NATR@associationofhorizon.org



We're Going Green, To Save Some Green

In an economy where everyone is trying to find ways to save money, Horizon is moving forward in one of our long time goals. We are starting to send our newsletter electronically as a PDF file in an e-mail. We currently have about 60 people in this program.

By sending via e-mail we will be saving trees and saving money as well, thereby leaving more money for our programs.



If you would like to help us by receiving your newsletter in an e-mail, you can do so by sending an e-mail to geri.skudney@associationofhorizon.org from the address you want the newsletter sent to. Just put E-newsletter in the subject line, please include your name and address where we are currently mailing a copy so we can update our records.

Chicago Bears & Green Bay Packers

Fans Find a Common Cause - Horizon

They don't agree on football but they do agree Horizon is a great cause. Two diehard fans of the Chicago Bears & Green Bay Packers came to a mutual agreement. Depending on the outcome of the games, the fan whose team lost would make a donation to Horizon. With both teams winning one game each, it came down to the point differential to break the tie.

Congratulations Packer Fan but Horizon was the REAL WINNER!



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