

2020-2021 Annual Report Association of Horizon

A Year of
Connecting from
a Distance



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Mission

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

Vision

A community where barriers between people with and without physical disabilities are transcended, limitations are overcome, new abilities are discovered, and an increased awareness of self and others is developed.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As many of you already know the last 18 months have been difficult for many of our members. With this being the 30th year for the Association of Horizon we really wanted to make this a special year despite all the difficulties ahead. We went back to the drawing board and re-defined what it means to be together. Through all the hard work and dedication from the individuals on the Board as well as the continued support from our community, we were able to make this year a 30th anniversary celebration that will not be forgotten. We would like to thank all of our donors for their continued support and our entire camp family for making 30 years a reality. We can not wait to see what the next 30 years of Horizon looks like.

Donnie Flynn

Association of Horizon
President 2020-2021

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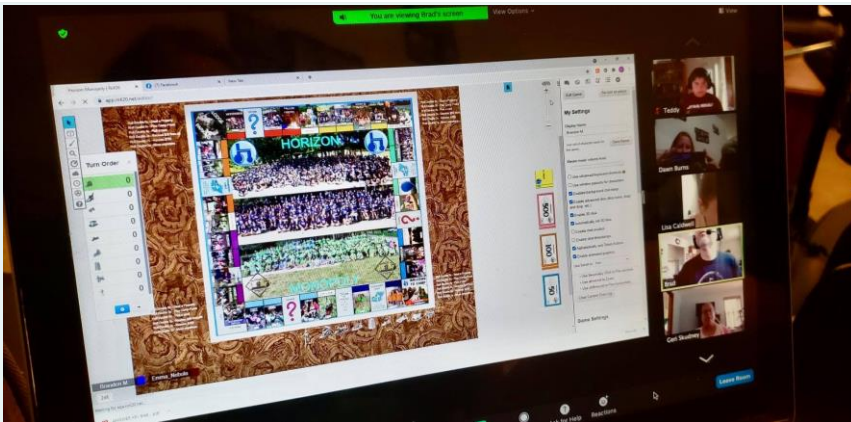
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Michael Meyer

SUMMER CAMP 2021

This year marked the 30th year for Horizon, and we really wanted it to be special. Summer Camp was held from Friday, July 16th through Friday, July 23rd for 8 days of virtual fun! We had 198 participants and as many as 4 pages of faces filling up Zoom. During the week we held some brand-new events like Horizon D&D adventures where TPOC was transformed into a virtual battleground, Horizon Monopoly, a comedy show, and even guest speakers Squirmly and Grubs. We brought back favorite events in the past like Horizon Chopped and Dueling Pianos!

This year we were proud to include disability workshops for the first time which featured guest speakers who joined us during camp to talk about various topics about disability. Some of those topics included how to find caregivers, disability justice, and government resources. All workshops were designed to help the members of our community feel confident to live independently.



Horizon Monopoly game board curtesy of Brad Mickel



Friday night Dueling Pianos show



“Summer camp
#TeamHollywood was a blast!
Although I desperately miss
in-person camp, everyone
always finds a way to make it
feel like home! I think my
favorite part was just the late
night pow wows & viewing
photos of everyone!
Especially guessing the baby
pics.” - Mary Claire Ward

“Camp was good
because there was
more activities to
choose from thanks to
the breakout rooms.
Chopped was super
interesting to watch and
dueling pianos was
easier to watch online
than at in person
camp.” -Josh Kain



HOW WE FACED THE PANDEMIC

Holiday Boxes

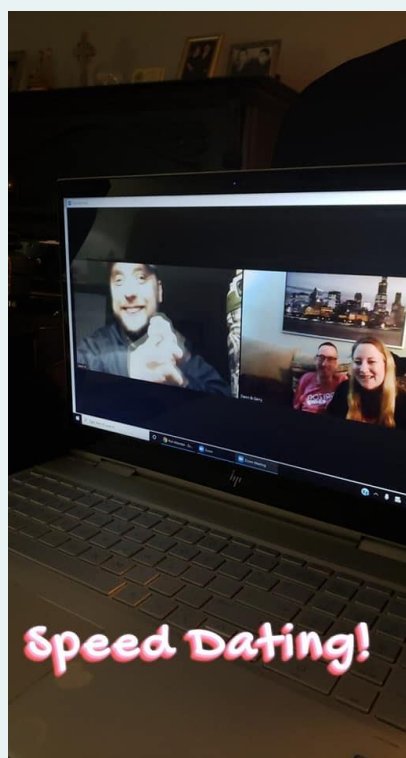
New this year, in response to not being able to gather for traditional events like Shop with a Friend, holiday boxes were sent to campers who attended summer camp and/or fall weekend in 2018, 2019, and 2020. A grand total of 144 boxes were sent. The boxes contained the custom Horizon hat, a handwritten note card, an invitation to the holiday zoom, hot cocoa, candy canes, brownie brittle, Cheryl's cookies, and Carol's cookies (which were donated by Terry Rozdolsky).

Added Virtual Events

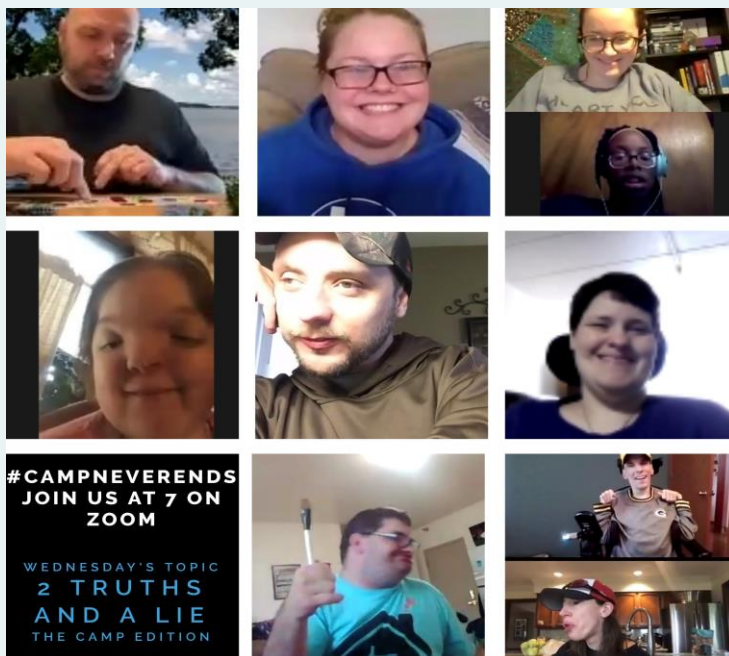
The weekly virtual Zoom chats are such a huge hit we thought to add in virtual parties. We held a holiday party in December as well as a Valentine's Day party in February, both events were loved by all who attended.



Holiday Goodie Box



Valentine's Party



Wednesday Zoom Calls

Horizon Connects Grant

After Horizon @ Home 2020, we learned that some of our community members lacked access to the technology devices they needed to fully participate in our virtual events. The Board addressed this barrier by creating the Horizon Connects Grant, a grant program aimed at keeping people in our population connected with each other during the pandemic by supplying them with the devices they needed. The grant application asked what technology support would be the most helpful for keeping them connected with their Horizon family during such a hard and isolating time. For nearly every applicant, the answer was a laptop. We have already awarded this grant to 8 people: Earlene Barnes, Sheila Bartnicke, Ray Brown, Chris Cartwright, Candy Horath, Yvonne Ouillette, Maisha Payton, Brandon Petrenko.

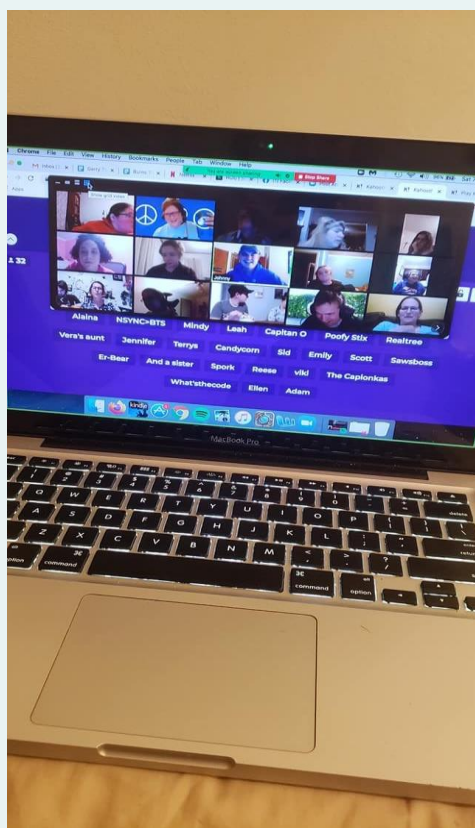


FALL WEEKEND

Our first ever virtual Fall Weekend was held on Friday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 25th. We sent out 90 boxes to those who applied. The fall-themed boxes contained treats, art and crafts supplies, and a postcard to send to another participant. With the extra supplies we also sent out 10 additional boxes to campers who had not yet applied, with a note nudging them to join. We also sent out 10 extra postcards to campers sending them well wishes from their friends at Horizon.

Over the weekend, activities included morning breakfast demos from George C., arts and crafts, karaoke, a costume contest, a scavenger hunt, evening games and trivia, and late-night hangouts. Throughout the weekend, we had approximately 25-50 participants at each of the activities. We even added 10 new members to the Horizon family over the weekend.

Kahoot Game Night

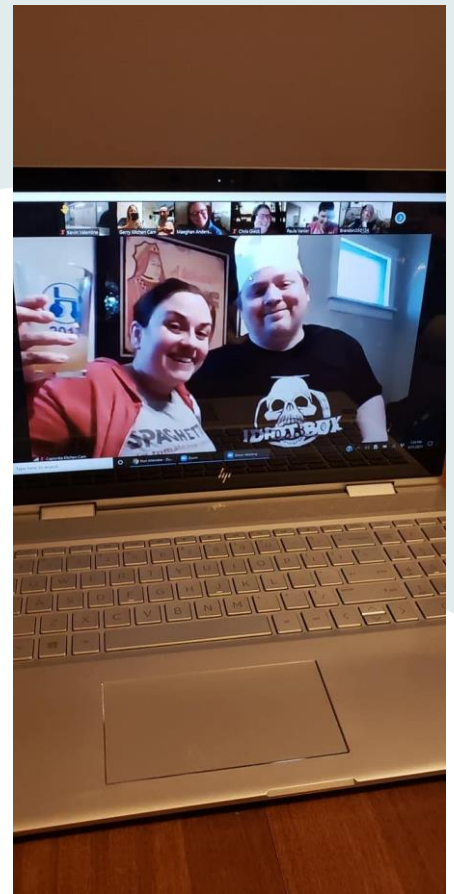


George's Cooking Demo



SPRING CAMP

Horizon's first ever Spring Break Weekend was held virtually on Friday, April 9th through Sunday, April 11th. Throughout the weekend, we hosted various activities including a painting activity led by Daniel Peace, an adaptive yoga session led by Lisa Pickert, and a Chopped battle between Donnie, Gerry, and George. We also had breakout rooms, late night hangouts, games, and a dance party. We had approximately 30-60 participants attend each event, including people who had not pre-registered and 3 people who are new to Horizon. Boxes were sent to all participants who pre-registered including painting supplies and treats. Overall, it was an incredibly fun weekend!



George Winning Chopped



Chopped Basket

Painting Class with Daniel Peace





2021 Winners of Horizon Hope Grant

Elesia Caldwell and
Karlyn Gehring

Karlyn Gehring with Chris
Beres - pictured left

Elesia Caldwell with Alex
Peer- pictured right



Karlyn Gehring

Karlyn was the winner of this year's Horizon Hope Grant for education. She is utilizing the grant for her graduate education in social services where she fosters inclusive communities that work to overcome boundaries and increase accessibility.

Elesia Caldwell

Elesia was the winner of this year's Horizon Hope Grant for equipment. She used the grant to obtain a scooter to allow herself more independence. She is excited to take the new scooter out on family vacations and out on the town for some coffee runs!

Congratulations to both our winners!

Merchandise

While our Horizon community continued to navigate its way through the ongoing pandemic in 2021, Merchandise committee saw a change in its operation to try making products easier to design, produce and order, and raise money from their sales. Erica Andres introduced the committee to One Mission (now CauseTeam). CauseTeam is "A fundraising platform; a place to raise money for your good cause with our branded merch, your custom t-shirt, if you want one, and crowdfunding." At the beginning of 2021, the committee worked closely with the CauseTeam founders to build our Horizon campaign page. Through this page, our community and the public can order Horizon apparel made by CauseTeam, and also make cash donations to our organization, with 40% of all sales going directly back to Horizon. Products currently available are t-shirts, long sleeve T's, crewneck sweatshirts, and hoodies. Since March of this year, Horizon has received \$185 from sales and donations on our page.



FUNDRAISING

Trivia Night

The first ever virtual Horizon Trivia Night was held on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Hosted by Matt Gullette, Dawn Burns, and Gerry Walsh, the event featured 34 teams from 6 different states, made up of over 100 people playing all together! There were prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Best Team Name. The winning team donated the prize money back to Horizon and the event raised over \$2,400.

March Madness

In true Horizon fashion we asked for the "maddest" silliest/craziest/funniest story from our community in their lockdown. We had 24 initial posts and selected the top 8 to compete in a fundraising challenge. Players raised money for horizon with their posts and the top ones went on to the next round until only one was standing. At the end of the day Lori Moore took the crown raising \$1,090 over the course of the contest.



Trivia Fundraiser



**Congratulations to
our March Madness
Champion, Lori!!!!!!**

 **You da MVP!**



**THANK YOU to everyone who
participated and donated!**

Player	Total Raised
Lori Moore	\$1,090.00
Jeff Pickert	\$ 550.00
Kathy Kingston	\$ 182.00
Emma Sarandeses	\$ 140.00
Geri Skudney	\$ 60.00
Gerry Walsh	\$ 60.00
Plamen Chakov	\$ 45.00
Paula Vanier	\$ 20.00

GRAND TOTAL \$2,147

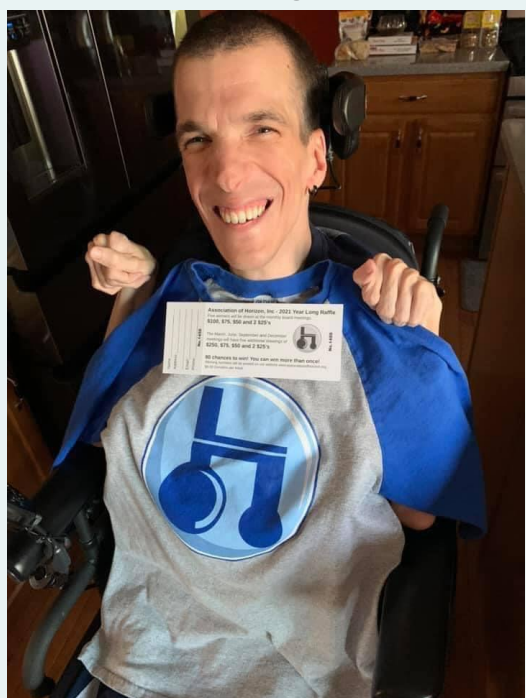
ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Annual Raffle was the largest fundraiser for Horizon. We had a total of 65 sellers and raised a total of \$17,500! This was the first year we made electronic tickets available for sale to help with the social distancing, and it was a huge success. We sold a total of 3,638 tickets and roughly 700 of those we all electronic. Scott Galvin was once again our top seller, selling a total 650 tickets!

SMALL FUNDRAISERS

We had many members get involved creating their own small fundraiser. These events included things like Facebook fundraisers, "Giving Tuesday" fundraisers, and AmazonSmile among others. We even had two members organize fundraisers around sporting events with Dan Persak doing Superbowl and NCAA squares, and Hector Hernandez setting up a fundraiser around WrestleMania! All together these fundraisers brought in \$16,065 proving you do not have to plan something big to help out!

Scott selling tickets



Dan and Hector at camp, most likely discussing fundraising opportunities!



2020-2021 HORIZON FINANCIALS

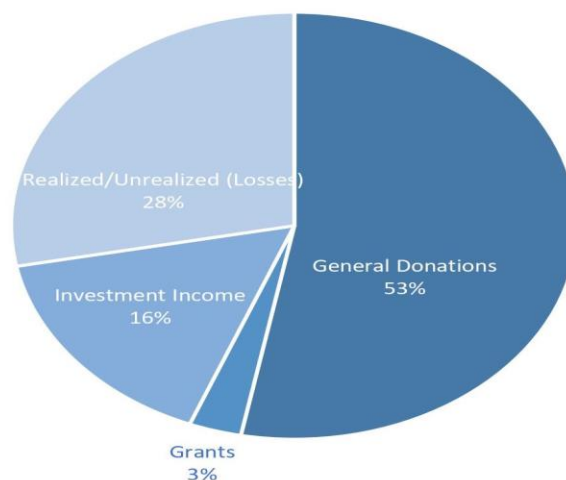
Expenses for year ended July 31,	2021	2020
General and Administrative Expenses:		
Contracted Services	\$ 4,695	\$ 15,417
DonorSnap	900	900
Fees	7,044	7,052
Insurance	1,375	1,375
Mailbox rental	528	528
Meeting Expense	-	371
Newsletter Expenses	616	656
Office Expense	43	33
Postage	462	265
Printing	4,283	4,354
Promotional	-	1,186
Telephone	912	812
Website/NT Access Charges	574	277
Total General and Administrative Expenses	\$ 21,432	\$ 33,226
Program Expenses:		
Monthly Activities:		
Fall Weekend	598	2,127
Hackney's Recruitment Party	-	400
Holiday Boxes	4,340	-
Holiday Shopping Trip	-	1,517
Spring Weekend	1,738	-
Valentine's Party	489	-
Total Monthly Activities	\$ 7,165	\$ 4,044
Camp	26,284	12,675
Donation to TPOC	-	15,000
Horizon Connects	3,384	-
Horizon Hope	2,000	2,000
Storage Rental	1,392	1,392
Total Program Expenses	\$ 40,225	\$ 35,111
Total Expenses	\$ 61,657	\$ 68,337

Net Assets for the year ended July 31,		2021	2020
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$	444,159.00	\$ 380,710.00
Change in Net Assets			
Revenue		112,314.00	131,786.00
Expenses		(61,657.00)	(68,337.00)
Total Change in Net Assets		50,657.00	63,449.00
Net Assets, End of the Year	\$	494,816.00	\$ 444,159.00
Assets as of July 31,			
Cash - Checking Accounts	\$	90,009.00	\$ 64,365.00
Cash - Savings Accounts		100,168.00	100,124.00
Cash - Investments		5,102.00	5,536.00
Investments at Fair Market Value		312,323.00	279,659.00
Gift Cards		1,181.00	1,481.00
Prepaid Expenses		967.00	665.00
Donations Receivable		-	2,900.00
Total Assets	\$	509,750.00	\$ 454,730.00
Liabilities and Net Assets as of July 31,			
Expenses Payable	\$	13,934.00	\$ 8,571.00
Horizon Hope Payable		1,000.00	2,000.00
Unrestricted - Net Assets		494,816.00	444,159.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	509,750.00	\$ 454,730.00

Grants	7/31/2020	7/31/2021
Cruisin' Tigers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Morton Grove Foundation	2,500.00	-
Park Ridge Community Fund	2,900.00	-
PNC Foundation	2,500.00	2,500.00
Starbuck's Foundation	1,500.00	-
	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 2,500.00

Small Fundraising Total	7/31/2020	7/31/2021
5k Race	\$ 300	\$ -
Amazon Smile	394	877
Birthdays	485	-
Giving Tuesday / Facebook	9,006	8,066
GoodShop	13	-
Hallmark - Giving Angel Ornament	342	-
March Madness	-	2,167
NCAA Squares	-	500
Online Auction	145	-
Pop Tops	35	-
Superbowl Squares	-	1,250
Trivia Night (Net of Expenses)	-	1,975
Victoria Secret Contest	10,000	-
Weiss & Company Fundraiser	505	-
Work/Family Fundraising	-	130
Wrestling	-	1,100
Small Fundraising Total	\$ 21,225	\$ 16,065

Revenue for the year ended July 31,	2021	2020
Fundraising:		
Annual Raffle	\$ 12,833	\$ 15,145
Gala	-	12,543
Small Fundraisers	16,065	21,225
Total Fundraising:	\$ 28,898	\$ 48,913
General Donations	44,231	43,940
Grants	2,500	11,900
Investment Income	13,291	11,919
Realized/Unrealized (Losses)	23,394	15,114
Total Revenue	\$ 112,314	\$ 131,786



HORIZON GOALS

2020-2021

Raise \$150,000- Total raised \$112,314 for the year, bringing us to just under 75% for the year.

Sell all 5,000 annual raffle tickets- We sold a total of 3,638 tickets 700 of which were sold online!

Restructure and clarify committees and provide more direct communication to recruit new people- We are still working on this task to ensure we are as efficient as possible.

Horizon would like to increase our connection and outreach with everyone in our community by incorporating more people in a variety of ways: Zoom meetings for committees, encouraging more people to participate in committees, providing more opportunities for social interaction throughout the year- We transferred our Board meetings to the zoom platform to stay connected, and provided technology to people in need with the Horizon Connects grant. We continue to host weekly Zoom calls to keep people together.

Remain informed of all information on the current pandemic in order to make sure all of our decisions are in the best interest of the safety and inclusion of the entire organization- We formed a new committee to provide in person guidelines in accordance with CDC recommendations so we can get back in person in a safe way.

THANK YOU

Without the hard work, dedication, and support from all of the donors, volunteers, members, family and friends of Horizon the last 30 years would not have been possible. We would like to thank each and every one of you for everything you do. We are excited and hopeful for what the next 30 years will look like! We know with your continued support it is not only a dream but a reality.

