



# What's On The Horizon

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Empowering adults with physical disabilities through lifelong friendships and recreation

## Late Summer 2022 Edition

Dear friend,

This year, Horizon was excited to offer an in-person summer camp as well as a virtual summer camp. It was exciting to get into summer mode with a great week of camp! It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up summer already, but don't worry we have several fall events on our calendars. We sure hope you can join us!

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## From Archery to Ziplining and Every Activity In-between

In-person summer camp was full of fun. With 143 people to plan entertainment for, the Camp Committee was hard at work all year leading up to camp. The committee prepared a multitude

of activities to be enjoyed during camp, focusing on outdoor activities as we returned to in-person camp during COVID. It was a busy week full of many exciting events. Not only did the committee plan the activities, but committee members also ran many activities.

Camp started with a traditional opening campfire. Afterward, each cabin introduced their individual theme. This year, the camp theme was 31 Flavors of Horizon, so each cabin had an ice cream-related theme.

The committee ran things like Boccia and bingo. They put together karaoke and planned multiple movie nights. There were campfires and cook-outs every night. Fan favorites like carnival night, spa day, and boat night were also done during the week.

This year, the committee chose to bring back skits. Each cabin made a funny, creative skit for Thursday night. Even the Wednesday Zoom Call group got together at camp and performed a hilarious skit.

At camp, we had Adaptive Adventures. They brought bikes, kayaks, and paddle boards. It was perfect weather to be out on the lake in a kayak. We had many people try kayaks and bikes for the first time. The bikes are always a hit, and it was great to see so many people out enjoying the summer weather on the various adaptive bikes. Diveheart also came in the mornings to run adaptive scuba diving in the pool. Those who tried scuba loved it!



Timber Pointe Outdoor Center offered us a variety of activities this summer. The zipline is always a favorite, and this year they had a new giant swing that everyone enjoyed. There were also a lot of new arts and crafts provided by TPOC. There were classics like tie-dye and bracelet making and then new crafts like hydro dipping and salt clay animals.

We finished off the week with our Friday Night Friendship Dance complete with a DJ and ice cream. There was also a fabulous fireworks display to complete a wonderful week. We were so lucky to return to in-person summer camp after two summers of virtual camp. It could not have been possible without each and every participant. Many thanks to all of you.

**It's Back and Just as Scary - Horizon Halloween**

# BOO BASH FUNDRAISER

## OCTOBER 21st

**COSTUMES DINNER DANCING**

SAVE THE DATE! You don't want to miss Horizon's Boo Bash Halloween Party and Fundraiser on Friday, October 21st from 7pm-11pm at La Villa Restaurant and Banquets, 3638 N. Pulaski, in Chicago! Get ready to enjoy a full costume party, complete with a best costume contest, sit-down dinner, cash bar, dancing, and evening-long chances to win fabulous prizes with our raffle! Have fun while supporting Horizon's annual summer camp and other great programs! There's plenty of free parking at La Villa, and the venue is conveniently located ½ mile from the CTA Blue Line (Addison & Irving Park) and ½ mile from Metra (Irving Park). Sign up is open and sponsors are welcome to donate today: [Halloween Fundraiser 2022 - Association of Horizon](#)

## Horizon Hope Grant Winners

Congratulations to Horizon Hope Winners Diana Berti and Eli Walsh!

Every year Horizon provides two \$1,000 Horizon Hope grants to active members of our community. One grant is for an individual with a physical disability in need of a specific accommodation such as medical equipment, assistive technology, or construction for adaptive living. The second grant is for a full or part-time student attending school for the purpose of obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree.

This year's recipients were selected from a pool of outstanding applications. Diana Berti was selected to receive \$1,000 towards a new, customized shower chair. Diana has attended Horizon for 20 years. Her favorite activities include meeting new people, ziplining, and target shooting. She also contributes to the organization by soliciting donations and selling raffle tickets to raise money for camp.

The Board selected Eli Walsh to receive the second grant to pursue an associate degree at DePaul University, where he

### Important Links:

[Boo Bash Tickets](#)

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Camp Never Ends Zoom - Wednesdays  
7pm

All Wheels Car Show - Saturday,  
September 17th

Fall Weekend -  
October 14th-16th

Boo Bash Fundraiser  
- Friday, October 21st

Annual Meeting -  
Sunday, October  
22nd

### Help Support Horizon:

is starting this fall. Eli has attended camp since 2018 and enjoys talks around campfires, ziplining, and the giant swing. During his previous studies Eli served on the City Colleges of Chicago Accessibility Plan Development Committee, where he pushed for the creation of a Disability Studies curriculum. Eli works with Horizon's Recruitment Committee to find volunteers for summer camp.

Congratulations Diana and Eli! We are very proud of you both! To read this year's winning essays and for more information about grant eligibility visit [Horizon's website](#). 2023 applications will be available next Spring.



This [Memorial Video](#) remembers our friends from Horizon who have passed away since our 2021 Camp.

## New Horizon Merchandise



We love showing off our Horizon Pride with a brand new camp T-shirt each year. Our camp apparel collections grow a little each year and this year the Merchandise Committee brought us new designs on tops and bottoms. If you missed the at camp sales but would like to sport these new designs, watch our social media for details on how to purchase online.

## Volunteer Opportunities Beyond July - Become A Committee Member

If you would like to get more involved with Horizon, please watch [this short video](#) from

each of our committees. If you have additional questions on how to get more involved, drop us an [email](#) and mark your calendar for our annual meeting.

## Fall Weekend - October 14th - 16th



If you did not get enough campfire time this summer, or you could not make it to camp for the entire week this July, then Fall Weekend is for you. Fall Weekend will be in-person at TPOC from October 14th-16th. The Fall Weekend Committee is currently working to organize the weekend and applications will be available by mid-September! Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall and watch your inbox for more details on how to register.



## Featured Friend - Dawn Burns



Dawn Burns started attending MDA Camp in 1998 at the age of 16 and began coming to Horizon in 2010 with friend Dana Andrews who had aged out of MDA Camp. All together she has enjoyed 31 weeks of camp since 1998 (31 a number close to our Horizon Hearts this year). Dawn joined the Horizon Board of Directors a couple of years ago and has been the Board's Secretary for a year. Horizon is very fortunate to have Dawn's eye for detail in the role of Secretary for the board as well as for various committees. Fall/Spring Weekend Committee, Camp Committee, Pandemic Safety, Camp Never Ends and Proofreading are all committees that are on Dawn's current roster, and she has loved getting more involved with Horizon through these committees. Her boyfriend Gerry Walsh, is also on the Board of Directors and several of the

Outside of camp Dawn is a middle school teacher. Her hobbies include singing karaoke, book club, and spending time with family. And anyone who has ever been to camp with Dawn knows that she is always up for a game night! Don't worry if you don't know how to play she is an excellent teacher. She can often be spotted at her nieces' and nephews' sporting events. Gerry and Dawn love to travel any chance they get, with goals to get to all 50 states within the next 10 years, just 22 left to visit!



same committees. Horizon is a huge part of their lives together and they treasure the Horizon Camp family. Dawn has helped to plan all of our virtual summer camps and virtual weekends and she is extra proud of how Horizon rose to the challenge of being there for our entire population throughout the pandemic. You can usually spot Dawn and Gerry on the Camp Never Ends Zoom calls on Wednesday nights, and we all were treated to their cooking skills during our virtual camp Chopped cooking contests as they are both great competitors.



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We could not have made it back to in-person camp this summer if it wasn't for the hard work and support before and during camp of so many in our community. We would like to extend our thanks to all of our 2022 camp sponsors and everyone who purchased an item from our online wish list, those who collected donations all year long, and everyone who chipped in where they could to truly make our 31st summer together one to celebrate. Our camp week came to a close with the bang of fireworks over the lake and memories of our first summer back together.

## Mini Golf For Good

Horizon held a fun June Mini Golf fundraiser at Holes & Knolls Mini Golf Course in Glen Ellyn. In addition to golfing, 46 attendees enjoyed terrific gift baskets and raffle prizes. Thanks to all who participated, donated, and volunteered to make the event a success-with your help, the event raised over \$4,600 for Horizon!

Special thanks to our event sponsors-the Schreiner, Fox, Czerwionka, Youngberg, Allen, Boettcher, Kingston, Westley, Hurd, and Bokowski families, the Knights of Columbus Council and Joseph & Riley CPA Group.



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## All Wheels Car Show - Saturday, September 17th

Horizon is fortunate to be one of three organizations to benefit from this year's All Wheels Car Show at The Club at Wynstone in North Barrington on September 17th. This afternoon event will include a best in show contest, wine tasting, raffles, food and beverages, interactive racetrack by Prime Time Racking, DJ and more.

[Click here for more information on this event.](#)



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### 2022 ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW

**SAVE THE DATE!** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH  
FROM 1:00PM-4:00PM  
Hosted by The Club at Wynstone  
1 S Wynstone Dr, North Barrington

WINE TASTINGS | FOOD + BEVERAGES  
RAFFLE PRIZES | BEST IN SHOW CONTEST  
KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
...AND MUCH MORE!

## Camp Never Ends - Wednesday Night On Zoom

Back in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, an idea was formed to keep everyone in the Horizon community connected through the hard times. On April 8th, 2020, the first Horizon **Wednesday Night Friends Call happened on Zoom**. Since then, it has become a weekly get-together for friends in the Horizon community starting at 7pm. Two years later, the weekly hang-out is going strong. There's a core group of 15 people at the call every week along with many other friends and family from the Horizon Community. People who are new to Horizon and those who have been there since the beginning, gather to spend hours laughing and chatting with friends over Zoom. In 2021, each weekly call had a theme from favorite love songs to favorite winter activities to favorite camp memory. Each week stories are shared, bonds are created, friendships are strengthened, and joy is had every Wednesday evening. It is all thanks to everyone who has and continues to join the Wednesday Night Friends Call.

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