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**"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"**

*~ Helen Keller, American author, lecturer, political activist*

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## New Horizons Un-Limited Together We Can Do So Much!

With the pandemic came the speed to accommodate much of the nation's workforce and students to be able to work and learn remotely. You can imagine people with disabilities wondered why these accommodations have been so difficult to implement for them in the years prior to the pandemic. The pandemic has opened more opportunities and more advocacy for people with disabilities to be able to work and learn from home than in the past decades.

The pandemic also brought to light many lethal handlings of people with disabilities in recent years by law enforcement due to lack of knowledge of the deaf or mentally ill. This has brought about reevaluation of our views and responsibilities to learn and understand the challenges of the person with disabilities.

For some, employment and schooling opportunities may have improved, but, unfortunately, the Internet is not free in our country, and unless one has access to technology, one remains disparagingly left out due to disability, and especially if it is combined with poverty or minority. Problems already at crisis levels in the U.S.: isolation, loneliness, mental health struggles, poverty and illness. In addition, accessing transportation, housing, communication, services, technology, and voting have become more difficult during the pandemic.

### What CAN you do?

- All our lives have changed. Most important is to continue to advocate for respect and understanding of the challenges persons with disabilities face to instill fair practices and inclusion.
- Analyze your company's needs in regard to tasks and skills? Is there a way to make a match: skill strengths and job tasks? Find out more about disabilities, whether it is through a veterans organization or the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Ask to work with an Employment Provider, write a job description, request candidates, interview and take on a Temporary Work Employee or two and possibly offer some introductory training in exchange for the work they will perform for the next 3 months; no cost to you, the employer.
- It is through your help we have continued to reach out to people with our NHU Computer Grant program to bring people access. Thank you for your donations of computer equipment and your continued support via our fundraising efforts!

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***New Horizons Un-Limited shares the memory of a special woman,  
who was a parent and caregiver to a child with disability  
and a mentor for many of our NHU programs***

Most parents are very involved in the raising of their child, but for the parent of a child with disability it can mean sacrifice and an entire life of caregiving, work and advocacy.

Parents willingly take on the role of care and have high expectations for their child in order for that child to have a chance in life, however the responsibility is not often shared by the rest of the world and parents can find themselves on their own.

As we advocate for the hope to assist with challenges, we acknowledge those individuals including parents who have made a difference for people with disabilities and have been mentors to NHU, visit People Making a Difference: NHU Remembers at [new-horizons.org/adfnat.html#N](https://new-horizons.org/adfnat.html#N).

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*In Memory of Arylene B. Miller,  
June 16, 1923 – September 6, 2021*

*To know this woman is to know love, inspiration, determination, and resilience. Arylene was an avid advocate for people and students with disabilities. She read extensively throughout her life, researched extensively about the health and well-being for people with disabilities, and their rights. She often wrote that we should remind everyone that people with disabilities are citizens and they deserve all the rights as such.*

*She worked with a teacher, Gladys Lecher, to integrate her child from Irving Orthopedic School (where her child was passed over for several years) to be integrated in the public Frank Lloyd Wright Jr. High School. Later her child would go on to graduate from the public West Allis Central High School and go on to college. With Lecher, Arylene was instrumental in creating an urban park summer program for 24 years with sports, arts, crafts and theater arts for students with disabilities and those over 21.*

*Arylene worked tirelessly researching and writing to enact legislation for everyday helpful changes such as disability parking permits, curb cuts to make it easier for those in wheelchairs to have access to their community, utilization of the Universal Service fund to give those with disabilities an opportunity to access the Internet, and emergency community systems for the safety of people with disabilities in disaster or emergencies. These items have become a reality and we now take these access ideas for granted, however at the time Arylene wrote to help support and make these changes, she found herself in definite battles. She advocated people with disabilities should be at the planning tables.*

*Arylene wanted to create a platform where those with disabilities could share their solutions to common problems. Her ideas to enlarge the opportunities for young adults with disabilities in education, recreation, and computer technology led and inspired our New Horizons Un-Limited programs.*

*In 2014, her lifelong in-depth research and resolve for New Horizons Un-Limited led to writing legislators, the National Health Institute, World Health Organizations, UN on Disability, many more pertinent organizations and agencies and the CDC to revise the U.S. Birth certificate. The purpose was to obtain more specific data at birth which could define useful data in finding the cause of, and preventing disability. The CDC has resolved with many programs to look specifically at the question of the causes of Autism, but we will continue to encourage the CDC to take the Birth Certificate to the next overdue more complete data revision.*

*Arylene enjoyed so many things during her extraordinary life like reading, weaving, arts and crafts, automobile repair, woodworking, gardening, music, researching and advocating for people with disabilities. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her family, friends and all who knew her. We will miss Arylene and her mentorship, but thru her work, she will continue to inspire people with disabilities and us at New Horizons Un-Limited.*

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We at New Horizons Un-Limited hope this year you will give to help those with disabilities, whether it is a donation to New Horizons Un-Limited or helping a person with disabilities you know directly. Reach out and check on family, friends or neighbors you know that are facing disability, or lend your voice to advocate and tell the story to others about living with disability.

We hope you will continue to help us reach out to people with disabilities who may need a computer to connect with family and friends, services and health care. You may now better understand because of the pandemic the life challenges for a person with a disability; their social, physical or economic position. We hope you will join us to work together to reevaluate our views and responsibilities to bring opportunities, health, and hope.

It is only WORKING TOGETHER we can continue to bring hope to each other so we can do more than survive, so we can all thrive.

This year please consider a gift to New Horizons Un-Limited at

[new-horizons.org/donate.html](http://new-horizons.org/donate.html)

### **Purchase Scrip Gift Certificates from NHU**

**Do not procrastinate! Do your shopping early! .**

**Scrip orders are due:**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

You purchase scrip gift cards thru NHU, redeemable for the exact amount you pay for them; the retailers pass discount savings on to NHU.

To place your scrip order with NHU, print the NHU Scrip order form at [new-horizons.org/pdf/scripf.pdf](http://new-horizons.org/pdf/scripf.pdf)

**Then, fill out and send your order form and your check or money order to NHU.**

### **Please Join NHU in Our Grassroots Effort to Care Enough NOW To Plant the Seeds of Hope!**

Our NHU 2021 Annual Appeal will arrive at your door or via email soon for year-end-giving. Tax deductions have changed for charitable giving. This year a \$300 tax deduction is once again available. For strategies, see our Planned Giving Brochure at [new-horizons.org/doneyg.html](http://new-horizons.org/doneyg.html) and your tax advisor.

**YOU CAN STILL HELP!** Help NHU reach more individuals by giving the enclosed flyer to everyone you know or meet who might have a connection to our mission, about the good NHU is doing and about your involvement with NHU! (or print from [new-horizons.org/pdf/anappl.pdf](http://new-horizons.org/pdf/anappl.pdf))

Your continued support has offered and continues to offer people with disabilities, the tools to face their disability armed with self-esteem and hope.

### **What Can YOU Do?**

#### **NHU's Information and Referral Program**

- \$50 will provide new resources, articles and guides monthly to individuals seeking assistance.
- \$150 will provide, one edition of our newsletter, *CommunicAbility*, reach more family members with disabilities and many more via email.
- Do you enjoy browsing the Internet? Volunteer for our Disability Research Assistant team.

#### **NHU's Computer Literacy and Grant Program**

- \$25 will provide one hour of in-depth computer skills training to individuals with disabilities.
- \$30 will provide (5) Windows 10 Operating Systems for refurbished computers for 5 individuals.
- \$40 will provide information on our *Access Tech Tips Forum* for our computer recipients.
- Volunteer to assist to refurbish or setup computers, answer helpdesk or enter a computer tip.

#### **NHU's Employment Skills Training and Work Experience Program**

- \$50 will allow us to promote people with disabilities and their capabilities to employers in a month.
- \$100 will provide employment skills training to an adult student in our work experience program.
- Be part of the solution! Evaluate your needs as an employer, offer a job to a person with a disability!

#### **NHU's Seek and Promote Opportunities to Respite, Recreation and Cultural Activities Program**

- \$25 will provide new respite resources information for people with disabilities and their families.

### **New Horizons Un-Limited**

#### **We Appreciate YOU! - This Past Year's 2020 -2021 Sustaining Donors**

from our end-of-year 2020 Annual Appeal through October 2021 general and in-kind donations!  
Every donation, whether \$2 or \$5000, helps us carry out our mission and is very much appreciated!  
Learn more about our fundraising events at: [new-horizons.org/funeve.html](http://new-horizons.org/funeve.html)

#### **2020-2021 - Annual Appeal Sustaining Donors**

##### **Corporate Donors**

Capstone Quadrangle	Hartmann Electric Company, Inc.	Power Construction Company, LLC
CDP, Inc	Klass Electric Co., Inc.	Staff Electric Company
Chicago Switchboard Co., Inc.	Kramer Datapower Inc.	

##### **Individual Donors**

Anonymous	Edward Hannan	Naomi Miller
Norman Behmke	David Hapka	Thomas Miller
Anthony Brown	Elizabeth Hermann	Paul Nakian
Susan Brown	Elizabeth Ann Hicks	Barbara and Don Mueller
Sandra Burr	S. Fredric Horwitz	Ken and Karen Nycz
David and Lisa Drumel	Caroline Joyce	Elizabeth Onufrock
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Don and Carol Fischer	Carol King	Peter and Kathryn Schieler
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Jeffrey and Doreen Fredricksen	Bill Krieger	Keith and Mary Steinbrecher
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Kathleen Gosz	Walter and Eva Mennicke	Elizabeth Walloch

##### **Honor and Memorial Gifts:**

Susan Brown in memory of Richard Brown	Carol King in memory of Bill
Bill Krieger in memory of Dotti Krieger	Paul Nakian in memory of Nick Weid
Jennifer Keup in honor of Arylene Miller	
Barbara Mueller in honor of her husband Donald O. Mueller who is disabled	

#### **2020-2021 Access Technology Computer Equipment In-kind Donors**

**Eliminate e-waste, give a gift that keeps giving.**

##### **Corporate In-kind Donors**

Power Construction Company LLC

##### **Individual In-kind Donors**

Norman Behmke	Thomas Miller	Joanne and Ron Turk
L. Mark Flagg	Sue Robinson	David and Vicky Unruh
Ashia Gripenrog	Allan Robertson	

*Please contact us if you gave a donation and your name does not appear on this list.*

**Thank you to everyone who shopped through Goodshop and our Gift Certificate Scrip Program.**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed or purchased from our 2021 Spring Flower Fundraiser!**

**See our 2021 NHU Benefit Golf Outing Donor Appreciation Flyer at [new-horizons.org/pdf/gfdn21.pdf](http://new-horizons.org/pdf/gfdn21.pdf)**

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**Please accept my contribution for NHU  
in support of our community  
members with disabilities:**

\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ I would like to designate my contribution in memory of:

\_\_\_ I would like for my gift to remain anonymous. Do not  
include my name in any publication acknowledging donors.

\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering for NHU. Please contact me.



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**Your gift will ensure that our community  
members with disabilities  
are given access to the opportunities that will  
improve their lives!**

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