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“Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness.”

~ James Thurber

New Horizons Un-Limited, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to sharing information to empower individuals with disabilities so that they may continue to be an integral part of the community.

Visit the **New Horizons Un-Limited Inc.** website: <http://www.new-horizons.org>

We would like to hear from you! We need your advice to inform others and to address common concerns. It is our policy that names and addresses will not be given to additional organizations.

Contact **New Horizons Un-Limited Inc.** by e-mail at: horizons@new-horizons.org

National News

American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 signed by the President

The American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 was signed by the President and became public law on December 27, 2000. This bill offers homeownership assistance for disabled families.

A public housing agency, under Section 8, may provide assistance to a disabled family for the purchase of a home that the disabled family member will own and occupy. The disabled family must meet eligibility requirements of the public housing agency. This bill includes incentives to increase the number of Americans with disabilities who own homes. To find out more about the opportunities this new bill provides, contact your local housing agency.

News for the Health of it!

Obtaining prescription medication is made easier with The Medicine Program

The Medicine Program is an organization that provides nationwide programs to individuals that cannot afford their prescription medication. They assist patients in finding and enrolling in the programs that will benefit them most. Many programs offer free medication regardless of age. For more information about this program, you can either visit their website at: <http://www.themedicineprogram.com>, or call (573) 996-7300.

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Wisconsin News

Computer Classes for Individuals with Disabilities

Coming soon! The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin will offer computer classes for people with disabilities over 18 years of age or their caregivers. The classes, will be offered at the church computer lab, and will be taught by volunteer instructors. While the church and computer lab is accessible, at this time, students must be able to use a keyboard, or mouse and read a computer screen without the use of assistive devices. Classes are intended to provide educational development, social stimulation and personal growth experiences.

Beginning the week of June 5, 2001, classes will meet once a week for six weeks for a nominal fee of \$30.00. The computer lab will host an open house on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 7:15 p.m.

To register for the open house or to be included on the class mailing list, please call (414) 299-0124. You can also e-mail New Horizons Un-Limited, Inc. at horizons@new-horizons.org.

Volunteer instructors for the classes are still being sought. If you have computer skills, are patient and open to teaching people with various special needs, please contact New Horizons Un-Limited at the above contact information.

Wisconsin DNR offers discounted annual fishing license to Wisconsin residents with disabilities.

The annual license is reduced by half and must be renewed each year, in addition to the purchase of required fishing stamps.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on the discount, or to receive a Reduced Rate Fishing License Application #9400-287, contact your local Wisconsin DNR office. For Milwaukee, call (414) 263-8500.

The Challenge Project is on its way

The Challenge Project, in affiliation with the Wisconsin Lake Schooner Education Association, is a project that has recently been picking up steam. A traditionally rigged tall ship will be built to offer people with disabilities the opportunity to experience adventure education aboard an accessible vessel. People of all ages, backgrounds and abilities will be brought together with a common purpose. Aboard the *Challenge*, the focus will be on learning from sailing rather than learning how to sail. Each member of the crew must act independently and yet interdependently.

The vessel is currently in the concept phase of development. Money is being raised to further the design specifications, to support summer pilot programs and to develop interest across the country.

For more information about the project or if you are interested in making a tax-deductible contribution, contact The Challenge Project at P.O. Box 511354, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0231 or call (414) 299-9741. Please visit the Challenge Project website:
<http://www.new-horizons.org/challenge/chlprj.html>

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