



## Introducing Our New e-Newsletter

We are excited to unveil our new e-newsletter. This monthly communication will allow us to stay in touch with you about all the important things happening at New Horizons and share with you our successes. We hope that you will look forward to receiving this information from us. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Director of Marketing and Development, Hillary Theriault, at [htheriault@nhssi.org](mailto:htheriault@nhssi.org) or 301-850-7335. Hillary is always looking for new ideas.



Sincerely,

Ron Vaughn  
Executive Director

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## New Horizons Partners with Wawa for Supported Employment!

*Cynthia Swift-King, Associate Director of Supported Employment*

Being in the right place at the right time certainly paid off for Supported Employment!

Recently, a New Horizons' staff person was interviewed for a part-time position at Wawa's Upper Marlboro location and, during the interview process, he was asked about his specific duties at New Horizons by Wawa's general manager. In talking more with her, the staff person found out that the general manager had just relocated from Pennsylvania where she had worked extensively with individuals who had intellectual and developmental

disabilities. He also learned that, as the general manager, she had initiated a program whereby Wawa trained individuals and then provided some of them with paid employment and others with job skills training.

Of course once that information was shared with Supported Employment we sprang into action. A contract between Wawa and New Horizons was recently signed and we are anxiously waiting to start what we hope will be a long-lasting and fruitful partnership with them!! New Horizons spends thousands of dollars in fuel annually at Wawa for its vans, cars, and buses. It's nice to know that we are doing business with an organization that is committed to hiring individuals with disabilities.



## A Group of Distinguished Men

*Kim Turner, Director of Program Services*



New employee Tyrone Miller has been with New Horizons just over three months and has already made an impact on the group of men he works with in our Day Program.

For two and a half weeks, Tyrone worked with the men in his group to help them learn to tie their own neckties. Each of the men (David Anderson, Archie King, Durrell Johnson, Edward Barksdale, Clarence Jenkins and Melvin Coles) were so excited, they even did a

demonstration for the Program Director, Kim Turner, who gave them great praise for their ability to stay focused on learning a new task that was meaningful to each of them.

In celebration of this accomplishment, Tyrone and his group decided to visit the African-American Civil War Museum in Washington, DC. They spent the entire day at the museum and the museum staff allowed them to have lunch in their courtyard. When they returned to the agency, they were all filled with excitement about their day at the museum and the fact that they had all learned to tie their own neckties. Tyrone and his group are already working on their next venture and the men are asking if they can wear their neckties.

## 2017 Volunteer of the Year

New Horizons is pleased to recognize Ms. Lottie Coles as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Coles gives generously of her time and talents. We are grateful for her unwavering commitment to New Horizons and the individuals that we serve.



## Holiday Party Recap



On December 8, 2017, friends, family members, caregivers, individuals, and staff gathered at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Bowie, Maryland to celebrate the holidays. The party included an awards ceremony, catered lunch, and lots of dancing. To view some pictures from this year's event, visit us on

[Facebook](#).

## Connect with Us

Recently, New Horizons launched a new website. If you haven't yet checked it out, please visit us at [www.nhssi.org](http://www.nhssi.org) and learn all about our programs, services, and events and how you can lend a hand.

Whether it's volunteer work or a [donation](#), we appreciate your contribution to our mission.

Also, don't forget to connect with us on social media. Here you will learn the latest about New Horizons, including closings and weather delays.



## Shop for a Cause

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