

**October 2021**

# NEWS



## **A Message from the Executive Director**

As a person-centered organization, New Horizons' focus has always been caring for and meeting the needs of each participant we serve. Our decisions are guided by each participant's preferences, needs, and values. Above all, we are respectful and responsive to each person and their family members.



New Horizons has identified a framework that encompasses our person-centered tenets. We display compassion, dignity, and freedom of choice. We encourage independence, equal rights, and respect, always. We put our interests aside for those we support and we offer the most appropriate solutions for each individual.

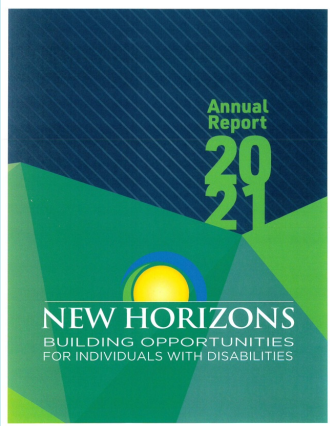
We have established a set of core values which include:

- New Horizons prioritizes the participants we support, their families, and their communities.
- New Horizons provides a gateway for connections through natural support with family, friends, and community.
- New Horizons values our Direct Support Professionals and their contributions to each participant's growth and quality of life.
- New Horizons is proud to be a trusted advocate for the participants we support.

As we move forward, our programs continue to increase in number as participants and their families feel more comfortable with returning to in-person services. Our goal for 2021-2022 is to cautiously transition our teams back into the community; utilizing our community-based service model to deliver services in community integrated settings five days per week. New Horizons will continue to follow all guidance put forth by the State, County, and the CDC regarding community health

warnings as they relate to COVID-19 and the Delta Variants. We are proud to be part of a community that takes a preventative stance on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and will continue to ensure that the people we support each day are kept safe and remain in a healthy environment.

Together we will continue to change the world, one need, one disability at a time. Please join us in this effort by [making a gift](#) to support our work in 2022. Thank you for everything you do to advance equity for all people.



## Annual Report 2021

New Horizons' annual meeting was held virtually on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Please [click here](#) to view the 2021 Annual Report for New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. now in its 52nd year serving participants with disabilities in 5 counties in Maryland.

## Grant Update

New Horizons was approved for a COVID-19 Relief Fund Award of \$5,000.00 from the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive's Strategic Partnership grant. The funds will be used for COVID related expenses, such as technology, mobile hotspots, and staff training.



## 7th Annual Prince George's Provider Council Employment Awards Ceremony

This year's 7th annual awards ceremony will be a virtual event held on Thursday, October 21, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Please log on to <https://pgprovidercouncil.org/> for more information.

To purchase tickets for the event, please click on the link below.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=dawb5eqab&oeidk=a07eigdvorbf7f8889c>

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## New Horizons' PGPC Employment Award Nominees

Congratulations to New Horizons' 2021 nominees:  
Terry Cooper (employee)

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

## Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week is a great opportunity to highlight the dedicated, innovative direct support workforce that is the heart and soul of supports for people with disabilities.

New Horizons celebrated our DSPs September 13-17 showcasing the amazing and often unsung work of these incredible professionals, and to mark just a small fraction of the recognition that they deserve throughout the year.



Kim Turner & Ron Vaughn present Barry Pinkney with a gift card at trivia day during DSP Week.



Cake was served at ice cream social day during DSP Week.

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