Mission Statement

New Horizon Center’s mission is to provide education and training for children and adults with severe disabilities and autism. New Horizon Center’s goal is to bring dignity and respect into the lives of our children and adults by bringing them a better today and a promising tomorrow.

New Horizon Center advocates for children and adults with disabilities by defending the principles of personal dignity, informed choice, and individuality.
Hello to All,

Thank you for reviewing this Annual Report – 2019!

In June of 2019, we began the process of going through a major transition in our Administrative Team. Patti Palmer and Kathy Nelson, the previous administrative team, moved in to their well-deserved retirement. During their time at New Horizon Center, they led our program through many challenges and much growth. As I begin my tenure as the Principal/Chief Administrator, I have come to appreciate their hard work which left me with a successful organization. I thank them both for their many years of service.

It has been a pleasure for me to reunite with a longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Gwynne Kell. As a former Principal of New Horizon Center and a long time Teacher, Special Education Administrator and Superintendent in the public sector before her retirement a few years ago, she brings a plethora of knowledge and skills to her position as my partner and the co-administrator at NHC. Her ‘big-picture’ vision, great communication skills and ability to plan forward, makes her the perfect partner to help me build a new administrative team with a plan to build on the legacy of New Horizon Center.

As we work through a major transition in our teaching staff and a steadily increasing number of students, we are focused on developing and implementing a plan to maintain our beautiful building and improve our technology infrastructure while we continue to provide high quality programming for every one of our students/clients.

We are eternally grateful to our benefactors, contributors, neighbors and community partners for their ongoing support. They are all important parts of both the history and the future of New Horizon Center.

With Gratitude,

Edward O’Neill

Edward O’Neill
Principal/Chief Administrator
New Horizon Center
The Unique Curriculum

As New Horizon Center opened its doors for the school year, our Unique Curriculum continued in all the classrooms.

The program has been designed for students with special needs to help them acquire and discover:

- mastery in core subjects of math, reading and language arts by ensuring that each student has the time and needed tools for success;
- fascinating mysteries of science and math through exploration and experimentation;
- new perspectives on the world and ecology through hands-on activities in the natural environments and community;
- explore creative activities through music, art, and drama;
- and finally, a strong sense of self.

New Horizon Center’s certified teachers having been trained in the Unique curriculum for the specific grade band (level) they teach and all of the curriculum’s activities and goals have been created with special learners in mind, it allows teachers to teach age-appropriate materials regardless of the student’s level of abilities.

Special Education teachers continually have to adapt to new requirements at both the state and federal levels. Unique’s lesson plans have parallel standards. Student’s progress is monitored with strategies to meet the student’s individual needs. Both student and teachers alike have been pleased with Unique’s results and have benefited from access to the information.

We are also continuing our enhanced curriculum options for our afternoon session. These include literacy, technology, cooking, recreational and leisure skill/options, and adapted physical activities.

All students receive report cards. Their course credits are linked back to their home school districts. All aspects of grading and credit accrual are sanctioned by the Illinois State Board of Education.
27th ANNUAL JOHN TOMPKINS CHARITY GOLF OUTING

A favorite long-standing tradition of New Horizon Center is the Annual Golf Outing Fund Raising Event, which was held on September 10, 2018.

Golfers start their morning to coffee and doughnuts, which is followed by a delectable and tasty grilled lunch. After a full day of golf, guests then receive a delicious and exquisite dinner.

At the golf outing, guests are able to participate in a “Live” Auction, several raffles, and split the pot. In addition, special awards are presented to our golfers, including:

- Longest Drive of the day
- Closest to the Pin
- First Foursome Winners

Thank you to all of our sponsors and special thanks to John F. Tompkins’ who began this great tradition 27 years ago.
Each Child/Adult Should:

- be valued members of their families and communities.
- exercise their full civil and human rights as citizens in their local communities in the State of Illinois.
- make choices for themselves.
- have the opportunity to grow and develop all through their lives.
- participate in all aspects of community life including home, school, adult program and recreation.
- value self-sufficiency and personal security.
- experience self-satisfaction all areas of living.
- have a role in decision-making concerning their future.

To help individuals with disabilities achieve success, New Horizon Center also must have its own set of values, which are:

- We believe that diversity strengthens our programs.
- We promote individual and family independence.
- We are leaders and catalysts for change.
- We remain current with state and federal mandates.
Current, upcoming events, calendar, changes and opportunities for one click donations reside on our brand new website.

NHC continues to stabilize and expand its financial capacity. The Center always strives toward a balanced budget during any economic climate.

NHC continues to continually upgrade equipment and curriculum to better serve our students and clients.

NHC continues to enjoy the strong leadership from our dedicated Board of Directors.

Communication across all areas of the school day particularly through the upgrading of our networking infrastructure.

We will continue to pursue dollars from corporate grants and private donors to support the improvement of our programming.

Our focus for the 2019-2020 school year will be the improvement of our sensory tools.

Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative Communication (AC) are always being updated and enhanced for students.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

**REVENUE**

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**TOTAL REVENUE** $6,367,642

**EXPENSES**

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| Supporting Services Management and General:                                   |         |
| Management and General                                                        | 367,149  |
| Fund-raising                                                                  | 175,210  |

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $5,740,992

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**Student/Client Profile**

**as of 6/30/2019**

**Physical Profile**

- Ambulatory: 76%
- Non-Ambulatory: 24%

**Gender**

- Male: 74%
- Female: 26%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- Caucasian: 35%
- Black or African American: 12%
- Hispanic: 43%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 8%
- Other: 2%

**Program Enrollment**

- Adult Clients: 36%
- Students: 64%

**Level of Disability**

- Severe/Profound: 60%
- Autistic: 40%
New Horizon Center
Board of Directors

Wendy Dury
_Interim President_

David Dyer
_Treasurer_

Mary Connelly
_Secretary_

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_Community Member_

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_Community Member_

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_Community Member_

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_Parent Member_