

“ROCKING AND ROLLING” aptly describes what happens here at Horizons on a daily basis. You only have to walk into the building to feel the energy and excitement as students are engaged in learning and living tasks that most of us take for granted. It’s easy to underestimate the intensity and intentionality that our students bring to the learning task and our faculty actively collaborates with these young adults in the learning experience. Faculty and staff are passionate about student success and work with each student to identify and make plans to actualize student dreams. Students, families and faculty partner to ensure that each student has the best opportunity to grow and develop the adult independence they are so determined to achieve.

Within these pages, are the many programs and initiatives that are a direct result of the generosity of our supporters. We are thankful that you exemplify the following quote by Frederick L. Collins: “There are two types of people – those who come into a room and say, “Well, here I am” and those who come in and say, “Ah, there you are.” Our supporters have given us the gift to say to our students and families, “Ah, there you are.” Thank you for your open arms and vital contributions that keep our school the premier program that it is.



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student demographics

Total Enrollment: 36 students (23 male and 13 female)

Class Enrollment: Core Curriculum:

- Year One—15 students
- Year Two—11 students
- Community Transition Program (Year Three)—4 students
- Contracting—6 students

Age Demographics:

- Core Curriculum—18-25 years
- Community Transition & Contracting—20-41 years

State Demographics:

Alabama	17	Ohio	1
Georgia	2	South Carolina	1
Kansas	1	Tennessee	5
Louisiana	1	Texas	3
Mississippi	3	Virginia	1
Missouri	1		

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financial information

STATEMENT OF FINANCES FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 2010:

School Revenue:	\$704,247
Contributions:	\$130,640
Cash in Bank:	\$282,740
Net Physical Plant:	\$3,382,341
Debt:	\$923,964
Net Fund Balance:	\$3,127,212

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

To increase opportunities and assist families, The Horizons School awards scholarships based on financial need.

- The Horizons Foundation provided 8 awards in the amount of \$52,910.



Whitney Dyar and Mysti Disko take care of The Horizons School student's apartment needs.

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD:

University Place Apartments, Mysti Disko, Resident Manager

Each year, The Horizons School highlights a local business that has gone the extra mile to work with our students. For the 2009/2010 school year, The Horizons School selected University Place as our Community Partner Award winner. For more than 10 years, University Place has been our residential partner for our 1st and 2nd year students. They show patience and understanding while dealing with each resident's needs while providing a safe environment for our students.

student achievement

While at The Horizons School, students learn and practice **PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND CAREER INDEPENDENCE SKILLS** while developing their **SELF-DETERMINATION SKILLS**. At the end of each school year, our program honors those young adults who exemplify achievement in these areas that are critical to adult success.



CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Jake Kubler

"Jake modeled what it means to be a dedicated employee at his internship at The Exchange Club. As his career independence grew, he assisted with other tasks and was awarded Volunteer of the Year."

— Cory Reinkemeyer,
Career Coordinator



HORIZONS STUDENT OF THE YEAR:
Doug Hale

"Doug has made significant progress while attending The Horizons School. With a positive attitude, Doug is always willing to try new things and is helpful and respectful to all students and staff."

— Damon Carter,
Faculty



HORIZONS STUDENT OF THE YEAR:
Sally Kuhn

"Sally's motivation and initiative make her a great role model for other students. She is a hard worker and is continually organizing social activities to involve all students."

— Dawn White
Advisor



ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
Cynthia Littleton

"Cynthia showed tremendous ability in art and in digital art by creating a video for a class and a painting for the Chinese New Year."

— Toby Richards,
Art Teacher

career partners

School faculty and community partners work together to offer positive and productive opportunities for our students as they become vital, contributing workers. Each student participates in classroom experiences by exploring different career options and participating in mock-interviews, job shadows, internships and paid employment. These valuable opportunities would not be possible without the support of our community and corporate partners:

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program accomplishments

- With the support of the Homewood-Mountain Brook chapter of the Kiwanis Club organization, The Horizons School established an AKTION Club chapter. The AKTION Club is a community-service group for individuals with learning disabilities where students learn leadership skills, plan and complete various community service projects. Our students participated in six different services projects for local Birmingham agencies. These projects included: Assembling Haiti Care Kits, collecting newspapers for the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, preparing breakfast for a local homeless shelter and cleaning three local parks.



- With the assistance of the Rotaract Club of Birmingham, The Horizons School created its first Junior Advisory Board. This board consists of 12 young professionals from the Birmingham community. This group will help further the mission of the school and provide additional resources and opportunities for our young adults.

- During the Fall of 2009, The Horizons School launched its first-ever **HEARTS FOR HORIZONS** team. Our team—including students, families, faculty and community members—participated in the events of the Mercedes Marathon Weekend. This event raised more than \$30,000 for our school. TherapySouth and ElPaso Corporation were Presenting Sponsors and other important sponsors for the event included: Brasfield & Gorrie, Hotel Highland, Limbaugh Toyota, McGriff Siebels & Williams, ServisFirst, Twin Construction and Vulcan Materials.



- The Horizons School finished 7th out of 153 charities in the 2010 Regions Charity Classic BIRDIES FOR CHARITY program by raising more than \$11,000 for the school. By finishing in the Top Ten, The Horizons School also won \$1,000 in Bonus Bucks provided by Sirote and Permutt, PC. Through this program, The Horizons School solicited donations and pledges from individuals and/or corporations for every birdie made in the 2010 Regions Charity Classic Senior PGA Tournament. The school received 100% of each donation made during the program.

- During the summer, The Horizons School holds its Summer AHEAD program for high school students. This four-week program gave a group of local high school students a unique experience jump starting their journey to adult independence through social skills, computer, nutrition, shopping, cooking, careers and art classes.



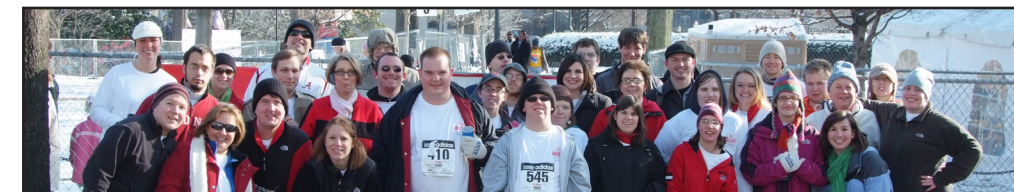
- In order to provide young adults with learning disabilities the best opportunity in the workforce, The Horizons School created a specialized **GED Prep Program** for these students who want to pursue their GED. Approximately half of our students exit high school without a diploma and this program will offer an individualized learning experience to our students and to others in our local community. Funding for this program was provided by Bill and Patti Kramer and The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. These important gifts allow us to open our classes to young adults in Birmingham who have not had the benefit of The Horizons School program.



- The Horizons School hosted its second annual REFLECTIONS OF ME art exhibit and auction in July, 2010. This fundraising event raised more than \$14,000 and showcased the art of Celeste Laborde and Cherie Lesnick, both local artists, plus the art of the Horizons' students. EGS Commercial Real Estate was the Presenting Sponsor of this program. Sponsors for the event included: Alabama Power Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield—The Caring Foundation, Maynard Cooper & Gale, and Robins & Morton plus many other local businesses and individuals that donated items for our silent auction.



Hearts for Horizons 2009/2010



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