

Message from the Executive Director

This past year brought a whirlwind of excitement and achievements that are difficult to adequately describe on paper. I hope however, that this glimpse into the incredible happenings of 2016 will leave you as energized as it has those of lucky enough to work here at Employment Horizons.

What we can be most proud of as an agency is the impact our support has had on the lives of our program participants and the local community. All told, program participants working for Employment Horizons and in the community earned an estimated \$3.2 million in income and paid \$619,000 in taxes. These wages were earned by an accomplished group of program participants with disabilities, a group that traditionally has an unemployment rate over 70%. Not only were the economic effects impressive, but so were the skilfulness and dedication of those working. Our employees in Fulfilment Services had a 94% attendance record, 89% of those working in the community were still working one year after placement, and almost a quarter of those working in the community were promoted or saw an increase in job responsibilities during the year. Incredible work and results by any measure!

While we are very proud of what was accomplished by our program participants with Employment Horizons' support, we can also be proud of our agency accomplishments as an employer, contractor, and charity. Those looking to support Employment Horizons and our program participants through a donation or grant can do so confidently, knowing that \$.95 of every dollar went to agency programs and services. Employers and companies looking to do business with Employment Horizons can look to the 100% of both employers and businesses we serve that stated they would do business with us again.

None of the above could be accomplished without the dedicated staff and the generous donations of those who believe in Employment Horizons' mission. With your support, we look forward to another exciting year of assisting individuals with disabilities to find and keep their dream job through innovative programs. As always, we hope to see you at one of our events or on a tour of our programs.

Thank you for your support!

Matthew Putts

Revenues



Expenses



The Power of Partnership



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The complete audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2016 is available for review at the administrative offices of Employment Horizons, Inc.The Annual Report reflects the agency's operational and programmatic activities exclusively.

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Let Us Work For You



"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

-Henry Ford

In the **BEGINNING**, we were founded to serve 8 "trainees" as a Sheltered Training Center. Since 1957, Employment Horizons has helped thousands of individuals with disabilities to demonstrate to the world at large that they are ready, willing, and able to take their rightful place in the workforce. Changing attitudinal barriers is oftentimes more difficult than structural barriers, but with your support, PROGRESS is being made. Our business partners have seen the capabilities of our workforce. individuals we place into jobs are appreciative of the opportunity to work and go above and beyond, which is the reason that so many employers return to us for additional hires!

Work is central to how we think about ourselves and other people. Our view of SUCCESS is greatly impacted by our work accomplishments and, in fact, whether or not we have a job. Thank you to the many businesses who have already partnered with us to provide our program participants with jobs to be proud of and opportunities to succeed. You have assisted us in transforming lives.

If you have not had the opportunity to experience the sense of gratitude that comes with knowing that someone has increased their feeling of self-worth and independence as a result of being afforded an opportunity, please contact us. Join us as a donor, business partner, committee or board member or contact us for a tour.

Help us continue to bring the words of Henry Ford to life...

"WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS"!

Fulfillment Services

- Work completed for 27
- Daily average of 17 different jobs available from 8 different
- 9 new customers
- providing 155 "repeat" jobs plus new work

customers would recommend EH to other businesses

Culinary Arts

• A successful "Taste of Spring" event included an opportunity for a Cafe Horizons trainee to welcome guests and interface with area chefs, as well as serve food to 144 attendees

- assignments
- four-year grant provided affordable lunches and ongoing training opportunities
- Trainees independently electronic cash register

· Innovative training videos created by staff have enabled greater independence and more efficiency in Café Horizons



different companies

- customers
- 18 returning customers

• When surveyed, 100% of

- 16 Clients received assessment, training and/or work
- Year One of a \$100,000
- operate touch screen/

system increasing marketable skills

Commercial Services



- Added 3 new janitorial sites
- Increase in minimum wage on our federal contracts helped to boost client earnings to over \$1.3 million

Career Development/Staffing Services

- Clients' expressed employment needs were met through EH Services
- 51 new job placements- 89% in the client's preferred job goal or similar position
- 83% of new placements are receiving benefits
- Use of mobile technologies has resulted in increased client independence and greater responsibilities on the job
- Average wage for Follow-Along clients is \$11.18 per hour with 23%





promoted or assigned increased responsibilities 100% of employers surveyed would use EH services again

Agency Achievements

- \$.95 of every dollar went to agency programs and services
- 82% of total agency revenue is self-generated through business sales, donations, fundraising and foundations/grants
- \$3.2 million in program participant earnings
- Estimated \$619,000 in taxes paid by program participants and \$683,000 in reduced/eliminated use of government support programs

Vocational Rehabilitation and Evaluation Services

- 76% of participants have multiple disabilities and work a
- minimum of 18 hours/week • \$237,000 wages earned make personal purchases and community participation possible
- Majority of participants engaged in personal development and/or job readiness programs and experiences
- Program participants maintained 94% attendance rate for the year



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Volunteers & Community Partners

We extend **OUR APPRECIATION** to our volunteers; the dedicated individuals and organizations who contribute their time and efforts to strengthening the mission of Employment Horizons. In 2016, volunteers donated over 1,860 hours to make our organization more effective.

Community Advisory Board

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Employment Horizons' Management Team

Matthew Putts, PhD, CRC **Executive Director**

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Liz DeCamp - Manager of Career Development Services Maria Florio - Director of Community Relations **Bob Johnston** - Chief Financial Officer Amanda Mistick - Manager of Administrative Services Lisa Montalbano - Director of Business Development Ford Shaw - Director of Operations **Joseph Smith** - Director of Commercial Services Mark Stephenson - Program Advisor Nancy Toolen - Manager of Rehabilitation Services