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Participants of the Life Skills Development Group show off their creations.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

In response to the needs of program participants, Employment Horizons launched the Life Skills Development Group in January 2021. Funded through the generous support of the County of Morris and the First Energy Foundation, the group provides a supportive environment for participants to enhance their personal and professional skills, while cultivating meaningful friendships.

At a recent gathering, participants exercised their creative muscles to complete American flag-themed artwork,



Christopher Kelly (left) and Katie Grosso (right) paint together.

while socializing and listening to music. Since many participants attend each month, the group has naturally built a sense of community and camaraderie.

“Our Life Skills Development Group is essential for our participants,” said Jamie Osborn, our Manager of Training and Education. “It significantly improves their social skills and enhances their everyday lives by empowering them to interact confidently in various settings. The positive impact on their self-esteem and independence has been truly remarkable.”

The Life Skills Development Group remains a cornerstone of Employment Horizons' mission, offering enriching experiences beyond the workplace.

A MESSAGE FROM LISA MONTALBANO

As we reflect on the recent successes at Employment Horizons, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Our Taste of Spring event was a delightful gathering, where we celebrated the vibrant flavors of the season while supporting our growing culinary arts programs. The Golf Outing was another highlight, bringing together supporters for a day of fun on the green. These events fostered connections and contributed to the organization and our mission.

I am also thrilled to share that Employment Horizons has been honored with the prestigious Supplier of the Year award, recognizing our unwavering commitment to customers. This accolade is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our program participants, staff, volunteers, and supporters.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the new opportunities on the horizon. Our team is diligently working on innovative programs and initiatives to further empower individuals with disabilities and special needs. We are committed to expanding our impact and continuing to provide meaningful employment opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.



Lisa Montalbano

LISA MONTALBANO
Chief Executive Officer



DRIVING OPPORTUNITY *Grants Provide Box Truck for EH*

In April 2024, Employment Horizons purchased a new box truck for our Fulfillment Center. This new addition replaces our old, broken-down box truck, which has been a significant challenge for our operations.

The new truck, funded by the County of Morris and the Hyde and Watson Foundation, represents a crucial upgrade. It will enable us to improve our service capabilities, meet customer demands more efficiently, and provide increased employment opportunities for individuals with barriers to employment.

"We are incredibly grateful for the grants that made this possible," said Sam Castro, Director of Fulfillment. "The new truck is an investment in our future, ensuring we can continue to deliver exceptional services to our customers and expand our impact in the community."

With this new truck, Employment Horizons is better equipped for the future, ready to drive forward and enhance our services.

Join us for the
**ANNUAL
RECOGNITION
DINNER**



October 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM
at the Brooklake Country Club



Celebrate with us as we recognize program participants, advocates, businesses, and volunteers who have made outstanding commitments to their jobs and our organization.

CAFE HORIZONS SHINES AT THE TASTE OF SPRING

This year's Taste of Spring event delighted our taste buds and made a significant impact raising over \$17,000 in support of our culinary programs. These programs provide valuable training and employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities, empowering them to achieve their full potential in the food service industry.

A standout highlight of the event was the stellar performance of Cafe Horizons. Christine Moraksi, a program participant who regularly works at Cafe Horizons, joined Kaylee Wickersham, our Culinary Arts Manager, to serve up lemon poppyseed cheesecake. Their delectable creations drew rave reviews from attendees.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended as well as all the restaurants and breweries that contributed to the success of the Taste of Spring Event. Make sure to save the date for the next Taste of Spring event on April 9, 2025.



Program participant Christine Moraksi (left) and Kaylee Wickersham (right), Culinary Arts Manager, represented Cafe Horizons at the 2024 Taste of Spring.

EH NAMED SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR



Samantha Oras (left), Chief Operating Officer, accepts the Supplier of the Year award from Kim Castellucci (right).

We are thrilled to announce that Employment Horizons was honored with the prestigious Supplier Partner of the Year award by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) of New Jersey. This esteemed recognition celebrates our commitment to excellence and innovation in the supply chain industry.

At Employment Horizons, we pride ourselves on delivering top-tier services that meet the needs of our customers. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team, who continually strive to exceed expectations and set new standards in the industry.

The ISM New Jersey chapter recognized our exceptional contributions in fostering strong supplier partnerships, implementing best practices, and driving sustainable growth.

"We are deeply honored to receive this award," said Lisa Montalbano, Chief Executive Officer of Employment Horizons. "It reflects our team's dedication and our customers' trust in our capabilities. We remain committed to pushing the boundaries of what's possible and delivering unparalleled value to our partners."

As we celebrate this achievement, we acknowledge our customers for their support of our mission. Through our partnership, program participants gain meaningful employment. This award motivates us to keep advancing our mission and exploring new opportunities to serve our community better.

18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC RECAP



Golfers tee off at the Rockaway River Country Club.

Beneath the clear blue skies of the Rockaway River Country Club, Employment Horizons hosted its 18th Annual Golf Classic on June 17, 2024. Participants enjoyed a beautiful day on the greens, with the serene setting of the country club. As always, the day was filled with laughter, friendly competition, and a shared commitment to a worthy cause, making it a highlight of the year for everyone involved.

The success of the Annual Golf Classic would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our community. Each swing of the club and each donation made was a direct investment in creating pathways to independence and success. Thanks to our supporters' generosity, we successfully raised nearly \$60,000. A special recognition goes out to our Golf Committee who are instrumental in developing this much-anticipated event.

Congratulations to our Contest Winners

Straightest Drive

Eamon Loughran

Closest to the Pin

Peter Toronto

Putting Contest

Marc Gamto



Nadine (left), Jeanine (middle), and John (right) get ready to golf.



The Corradino and Papa team, (left to right) Casey, Jen, Ron, and Gisella enjoy their day on the green.

OUR MISSION

Employment Horizons is dedicated to assisting people with barriers to employment to achieve their individual vocational objectives and establish self-sufficiency in the community.

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