

Dan's Report

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One of the responsibilities of the Executive Director is to guide our organization through the rocks and rapids of the financial environment in which we live. At times, this can feel like a daunting task. When it does, I recall Jesus telling his Disciples, "Don't worry about your physical needs; God knows these, instead seek after the Kingdom of God." These words of Jesus provide an invitation for us to step out in Faith in new and challenging ways.

The question I'm often asked is, "How do we seek after the Kingdom of God, where can we find it, and what should we do?" Serving at New Horizons, that's an easy question to answer.

The Kingdom of God is found in the eyes of Food Group Volunteers who month after month arrive at New Horizons, lovingly prepare meals, and smile while handing a plate to a hungry young person. It's found in the hands of Self Care Workers who help youth find clean clothes, access medical care, take a warm shower, and do laundry. It's found in the voice of Staff who sit with young people to pray through the hard places in their lives and in the celebration with each small, courageous movement toward change that a young person takes. The Kingdom of God is found in the feet of Outreach Workers walking the streets in search of lost lambs and Late Night Outreach staff that stand in the cold and dark to show God's Care for young women and men involved in prostitution. It's found in the gifts of Life Discovery Volunteers who help youth discover new possibilities for their lives and in the dedication of program and support staff who work behind the scenes helping all this to happen. And it's found in the hearts of people who bless us with the resources to serve in this way.

There are many, varied ways God calls us together to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ at New Horizons. If any of these speak to you, if you hunger for a glimpse of God's Kingdom in our midst, or wonder how you might partner with New Horizons in a fresh, new way, there are many opportunities to explore this interest:

- **Community Tours** – provide an in-depth ministry overview and tour of our facilities.
- **Development Dinners** – provide opportunities to prepare and serve a meal during evening Drop-In.
- **Volunteer Training** – An intensive 2 Saturday educational experience on street culture and youth homelessness.
- **Volunteering at New Horizons** – provides a life changing opportunity to support and journey along side the young people we serve.

We at New Horizons would love to discuss any of these opportunities with you.

God's Joy is found in the companionship we share as we travel on the journey towards God's Kingdom together!

With Deep Appreciation,

Dan