



HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL

Wisconsin's only Recovery High School

Helping teens succeed in sobriety and in life since 2005

## HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

December 13, 2018

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters:

Horizon High School started as a dream of 5 Madison parents and a counselor (Shelly Dutch) in the spring of 2004, looking for a way to save the lives of their children and others touched by AODA. They had heard about recovery schools and thought "we don't have one here in Madison, we need one—let's start one". We opened on a shoestring in January of 2005 and have been transforming lives since then – beating the odds, as many recovery schools close within 5 years of starting. We sincerely appreciate the support of our community, our generous donors and volunteers and those who have assisted us in keeping our doors open for the school year 2018-19 as well as summer schools in 2018 and 2019.

Best wishes,

John Fournelle, HHS Board President



Horizon students cleaning vegetables they'd harvested at the Community Groundworks Garden



Traci Goll, Jack Salzwedel- CEO of American Family Insurance and Barry Alvarez with an HHS student at the Steve Stricker Foundation presentation at American Family 12/10/18.

### Update From Director Traci Goll 12/9/18

We currently have 12 students at Horizon and are in the process of interviewing three more students. We have worked hard as a staff, with a new teacher and therapist starting this school year, to build a safe, nurturing community to educate our students.

Our students come to us "broken" and we work hard everyday to build them up, give them hope, education and support them in their sobriety. We have implemented a new curriculum that includes a chrome book for each student.

We are grateful for our many donors and community members that have supported our teens in recovery and Horizon would not be here today without their generous donations and contributions.

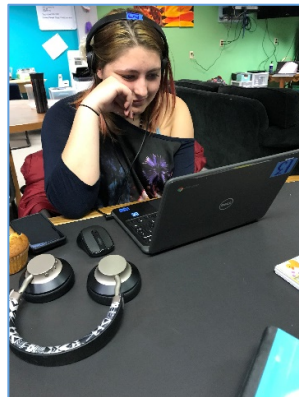


**GRADUATION, MAY 30, 2018:**

On May 30, 2018, we had five students graduate. Three of these students have gone on to study at Madison College. The graduation ceremony was held at Connections Corner. It was the best graduation ceremony ever held by Horizon High School. It was very moving to have five students successfully graduate from Horizon High School!

**NEW CHROMEBOOK COMPUTERS:**

With generous support from the Madison Community Foundation and other generous donors, we were able to purchase 15 Chromebook computers and a charging cart for use by the students beginning in September 2018. The Fall academic curriculum now includes



Consumer Math which uses a computer-based program called "Aleks". This program meets students where they are with their math skills and builds upon that. We can't thank our donors enough for their generous gifts in funding our new computers. These computers enhance the quality of our educational experience and we can make use of available curricula which makes our coursework more relevant for teens in recovery.

**HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Summer School was held June 18-August 17, 2018. For Summer School, we get no funding from any school district. We rely on generous individual, community and corporate donations to fund our Summer School program. The Summer school program for Horizon High School 2018 consisted of Academics, Financial Literacy Training, Group Counseling and Life Skill's training. Students are also randomly drug tested during Summer school.

Some students found work and decided not to attend Summer School. One student had a baby in early Spring and did not have child-care available. Attendance for Summer School 2018 was lower than normal: 3 students consistently during all of the days of Summer school, some days student attendance was as high as 6 students.

**Financial Literacy Training Program:**

We have partnered with Junior Achievement of WI to provide Financial Literacy Training during our Summer School program. Our students need to understand how money works, how to manage it and eventually invest it. Most of our students come from low income families. We want them to become adults who can manage money, live independently and make good financial decisions. This curriculum empowers our students to become productive members of our community that can demonstrate financial knowledge and skills. They completed the following lessons:

- Session 1- Earning and Income
- Session 2- Why Budget?
- Session 3- Anatomy of a Budget
- Session 4- Breaking Even Isn't Enough
- Session 5- Benefits and Cost of Credit
- Session 6- Maximize Your Money



## STUDENT STATISTICS:

We generally have a census of 12-15 students.  
As of the first week of December 2018,  
Horizon High School has 12 students:

Gender:

8 Females, 4 Males

Race:

White- 6

Black and White- 2

Bi-racial- 2

Hispanic- 2

(students self-identify)

Free and Reduced Lunch:

9 (75% of our students are low  
income)



Horizon Students and Staff at Annual Recovery Lunch in September 2018



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER IN MAY

We are very grateful for our generous donors and supporters during 2018.

We held our Annual Fundraiser at Rocky Rococo's (above) on May 23, 2018. We showed the Wisconsin Eye Documentary: "Straight Forward- The Truth About Addiction". Three students from Horizon High School were interviewed for the film. The students shared their struggles with addiction and their work on recovery. They shared:

- What happened with their addiction
- How they became addicted
- What prompted them to seek help
- What they would say to others
- The hope and confidence they now have for their future

We are proud of our students for sharing their story and for helping others who deal with addiction and substance use disorder. They show us that recovery is possible and how important it is that they can become contributing members of our community.

The annual budget for Horizon High School for 2017-18 academic year was \$239,000. The budget for the 2018-19 Academic Year is \$254,240; we are happy that we are now able to pay fulltime staff medical benefits, something we were unable to do before. The proposed budget for a full 2019 Summer School program is \$45,000. With full enrollment of 15 students, the average cost per student is \$17,000 for the academic year with an additional cost of \$3000 for a full Summer School program. Each year we must raise \$100,000 in donations to keep our doors open.

## REPORT FROM THE HORIZON STAFF

The last 3 months at Horizon has been a time of growth and learning for all of the students and staff. We have been working on solidifying curriculum and establishing boundaries for our students.

In classes we are meeting the kids where they are at. Math is working on the Chrome books through a program called Aleks that assesses each student's math level and works on what they need to learn. Earth Science is also on the Chromebooks and we are using Edgenuity to work on Earth Science, Chemistry, Forensics and Psychology depending on individual interests.

The Chromebooks are an integral part of our English and drama program as we have been able to find almost all of our reading resources through free websites. We have read 6 plays to this point having just completed A Christmas Carol in preparation of seeing the live theatre version at the Capital Theatre. We have also completed The Hate You Give and are working on reading Beautiful Boy.

The Chromebooks are also being used with Google Classroom. This has allowed us to individualize each student's learning experiences and become a more eco friendly paperless school as well as allowing students to work off site on their own computers on school work.

Our semester project in Social Studies is building the perfect High School and looking at all aspects of what it takes to run a school.

The student's also have the opportunity to spend time out in the community every week. They have gone to Heartland Farms, painted pottery, cooked, climbed at Boulder's, done Laser Tag, bowled, participated in Triquestrian, gone to APT to see As You Like It, and go to Princeton Club and Yoga every week at Bliss Flow.

The students have also had the opportunity to talk with people in recovery and work on social skills. If you have a recovery story, please come share with us!

Horizon High School is off to a great start and we look forward to doing many more things in the new year.

Thank You for your continued support of our efforts and of our wonderful students. – Bob and Kim



Chromebooks are an awesome resource!

### Horizon High School Staff:

Traci Goll - Director, 335-0387  
Bob Weinswig - Lead teacher  
Kim Lohman - Teacher & Dual  
Diagnosis Therapist  
Katy Ainslie-Wallace- Dual  
Diagnosis Therapist  
Erin Marklein - Art Therapist  
Alison Jones Chaim - Special  
Education Assistant  
Darby Buisker- Student Teacher  
(Edgewood)



Bob and the Chromebook charging cart. At the end of each day of class, all books are locked up.



## 2018 Changes at Horizon High School

### Teaching and Counseling changes:

At the end of August, we said goodbye to **Ketrick Lehmann**, who has been our lead teacher for 12 years, who moved on to teaching in the Middleton/Cross Plains School System. Thanks dude for all the hours spent making a difference with our students!



We also said goodbye to therapists **Brooke Mulcahy** and **Hadeel Hasan**. We thank them for their service with our students.

**Bob Weinswig** moved from assistant teacher to lead teacher, and we also welcomed two dual diagnosis therapists-- **Kim Lohman** and **Katy Ainslie-Wallace**; Kim also has taken on some teaching duties. **Erin Marklein** helps out one day a week with art therapy, and **Alison Jones Chaim** is a part-time MMSD Special Education Assistant. **Darby Buisker** is a student teacher /intern from Edgewood.

### HHS Board 2018-2019

John Fournelle, President  
Paul Moberg, Vice President  
Ken Klinzing, Treasurer  
Judi Munaker, Secretary  
Stan Kanter  
Brian Koenig  
Nancy Meyer  
Jacci See

### Board of Directors Changes:

In 2018, **Shelly Dutch**, the inspiration for the school and one of the 6 founders of Horizon (and of Connections Counseling and the Recovery Foundation), stepped down from the HHS board. Another long time director and our hard working treasurer, **Steve Caldwell** (Sr. VP and CFO of SSM/Dean Health Care) also stepped down. Thank you to Steve and Shelly for your decade plus of service.

**Tracy Gast** joined us two years ago to take over the treasurer position pending Steve's retirement, and also has moved on. A thank you to Tracy for her service.

We are pleased to welcome two new board members. **Ken Klinzing**, of KBK CPA in Fitchburg, is our new treasurer. He served many years as President and Treasurer of the Recovery Foundation. We also welcome now in December **Brian Koenig**, owner of K12 Associates, who has been involved with Dane County AOD coordinators and Dane County Youth Assessment for many years.

Also in Fall 2018, the board implemented several standing committees to function more efficiently: Executive; Personnel; Financial; Fundraising; and Program and Curriculum. These will help streamline our functioning.



Board members at the October 2018 Open House at the school: John Fournelle, Judi Munaker, Ken Klinzing, Jacci See, Paul Moberg.

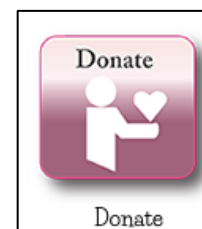
**In January 2019, we will have been in operation for 14 years! 50% of recovery schools don't make it to their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary—thanks to you we have beaten the odds!**

## Budget for School Year 2018-2019 & 2019 Summer School

<u>Revenues</u>		
School Districts	\$107,000	
CCS	34,600	
Donations	100,000	
Total Revenues		\$241,600
<u>Expenses</u>		
Wages	172,000	
Employee Benefits	25,630	
Taxes - Payroll	13,540	
Rent	13,800	
Insurance	8,450	
Student Activities	3,720	
Office Supplies	3,310	
Books and Supplies	3,240	
Compliance	2,100	
Other Operating Expenses	8,450	
Total Operating Expenses		254,240
Net Income (Loss)		<u><u>(\$12,640)</u></u>

**CCS: Comprehensive Community Services**—funded by Medicaid through the State of Wisconsin and operated by Dane County Department of Human Services. CCS provides compensation for dual diagnosis support services and therapy provided by Horizon staff counselors. This is critical funding, though it only covers a fraction of our students for essential non-educational services which Horizon provides. We currently have 2 students with CCS.

Become a Monthly Sustainer! Join a growing number of supporters in making an automatic monthly contribution by credit card via PayPal. \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 — these are monthly amounts people currently are giving. Just go to [www.horizonhs.org](http://www.horizonhs.org) and select the maroon "Donate" button, which will take you to the proper location to sign up .



## Coming in Fall 2019 (we hope!)

Watch in Fall 2019 for Horizon High School in the SECC giving campaign! We are currently in the process of applying to become a United Way of Dane County fundable organization



### THANK YOU FROM OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Thank you to our corporate sponsors and to generous community donors who assisted us in keeping our doors open for 2017-18. Students at Horizon High School will be successful engaged learners and competent problem solvers who know that lifelong learning is the key to personal fulfillment and living a productive life. We never give up on our children. Horizon High School changes lives. Our small class size, individual attention and counseling transforms lives into successful futures!

We thank the community and our generous sponsors who helped to support our school this year. We received generous support from many individual donors and organizations including support from the JPK Krogstad Charitable Trust, the Keller Family Charitable Trust, Attic Angels Association, T.P. & P.A. O'Donnell Foundation, the Hovde Foundation, Cremer Foundation, The Steve Stricker American Family Foundation, The American Family Dreams Foundation, Madison South Rotary Foundation, The Capital Kids Fund, Risk Management Strategies, Sauk Trails Optimists, Madison Community Foundation, G & J Gussel Foundation, Sinsinawa Dominicans, Deb Houden & Associates LLC, Middleton Community Church, First Weber Foundation, PLACON and ATC.

We thank our monthly online pledgers! **We look forward to another great year in 2019!!**

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