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#### Employment agency for disabled to host annual dinner in Florham Park

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Employment Horizons will celebrate six decades of serving people with disabilities at its annual recognition dinner on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park.

The agency at 10 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, provides vocational training and services to help individuals with disabilities from around Morris County to become independent and productive.

Dinner honorees include the Hanover Marriott for Employer of the Year; Lapp USA, Inc. for Contractor of the Year, Kimberly Pledger for the President's Award; Carol Grant for the Distinguished Service Award; and Eugene Siciak for the William Huber Achievement Award.

Founded in 1957 with just eight participants, the organization now assists more than 400 adults with disabilities with finding and maintaining employment each year. The organization has various vocational programs including janitorial training, culinary training within Café Horizons, a fully functioning cafeteria, and a soon to open home health aide certification program.

This year's major event sponsors are the Walsh Family Fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey as Honoree Benefactor, and Wegmans of Hanover, Dan Collins and Christine Conti-Collins, and JMF Properties as Presentation Benefactors.

Local businesses can show their support by purchasing an ad in the ad journal, attending the dinner, or donating items for the dinner's ticket or silent auctions.

To purchase raffle tickets, attend and/or support the dinner, or for more information about Employment Horizons, visit www.emhorizons.org or call Maria Verducci-Florio at (973) 538-8822 ext. 240 or email mariaflorio@ehorizons.org.

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#### Employment Horizons in Cedar Knolls hosts recognition dinner Oct. 19

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**HANOVER TWP.** – Employment Horizons holds its Annual Recognition Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park.

This year's dinner celebrates 60 years of service to the greater Morris County community, providing vocational training and services to individuals with disabilities. The annual fundraiser recognizes the achievements of program participants and members of the local community who support the agency's mission to empower people with disabilities to become independent, productive members of society.

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Kimberly Pledger has created a career at Wendy's in the Rockaway Mall and Eugene Siciak is an integral member of Toyota of Morristown.

Jack Miller, president of Solix, will serve as this year's honorary chairman for the major fundraising event.

Miller commented, "I am truly honored to serve as the Honorary Chairperson for Employment Horizons' 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. This organization has done amazing work since its inception providing meaningful work to people with disabilities in Morris County. I am thrilled that we have developed a relationship that supports Employment Horizons in their terrific work."

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Employment Horizons is the premier not-for-profit agency providing comprehensive employment, training and job placement services to persons with disabilities and other disadvantages in the greater Morris County area.

To purchase fundraiser tickets, attend and/or support the dinner or obtain more information about Employment Horizons, visit www.emhorizons.org or contact Maria Florio at 973-538-8822 ext. 240 or mariaflorio@ehorizons.org.

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### Employment Horizons in Cedar Knolls acquires wheelchair access van

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**HANOVER TWP.** – Employment Horizons has acquired a new wheelchair access MV-1 van that will help transport individuals working with the 60-year-old organization.

Purchase of the vehicle was made possible by a grant from the Stephen and Beverly Rubenstein Foundation.

Employment Horizons transports individuals by vehicle. The program participants are brought to job interviews and job samples daily.

Employment Horizons also transports their clients for their "Discover Your Community Opportunities." This program allows participants from the fulfillment center to take guided tours of local businesses and to learn more about job opportunities available in the community.

Employment Horizons selected the MV-1 because it is a vehicle designed and built specifically to transport individuals with mobility barriers rather than a modified van and is the safest vehicle on the market for such transport.

In addition, it can be driven by any licensed driver as it does not require a commercial license. "We don't just give funding to projects from the bottom of our hearts, but to projects that will better life and society as a whole," said Andrew Rubenstein of the foundation.

"As an organization that has prided itself on removing barriers for individuals with disabilities, we believe removing this transportation barrier for individuals with mobility impairments is of paramount importance to our mission," said Matthew Putts, executive director of Employment Horizons. "This gift will enhance opportunities and provide greater access for everyone at Employment Horizons and we are deeply indebted to the Rubenstein Foundation for this extremely generous gift."

Employment Horizons is a local not-for-profit organization which serves individuals with disabilities, empowering them to earn a paycheck and live as productive citizens in the greater Morris County area. For more information, contact Maria Florio, director of community Relations at 973-538-8822 ext. 240 or at mariaflorio@ehorizons.org.

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### Employment Horizons of Cedar Knolls celebrates with Recognition Dinner

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Employment Horizons Annual Recognition Dinner Honorary Chairman Jack Miller, left, and Employment Horizons Executive Director Matthew Putts enjoyed the dinner.

**HANOVER TWP.** - Employment Horizons of Cedar Knolls celebrated 60 years of success at its Annual Recognition Dinner at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park on Thursday, Oct. 19.

Jack Miller, CEO of Solix Inc., served as Honorary Chairman and honorees included Hanover Marriott for Employer of the Year; Lapp USA Inc. for Contractor of the Year; and Carol Grant for Distinguished Service Award.

The President's Award was awarded to Kim Pledger, an Employment Horizons program participant who successfully transitioned from Employment Horizons' Fulfillment Center to job placement in the community. Kim is employed at a Wendy's restaurant in Rockaway.

Eugene Siciak was the recipient of the William Huber Achievement Award named in memory of William Huber, a Morris County business leader and Employment Horizons President of the Board of Trustees from 1986-1990.

The award recognizes an individual whose outstanding accomplishments serve as an inspiration for all who strive to find employment and acceptance in the local community. Siciak earned the award for his accomplishments and job success at Toyota of Morristown.



#### Employment Horizons' Halloween Bowl-A-Thon a "Spook-tacular" Success

By Frank L. Cahill - Nov 15, 2017



Tiffany & Co. volunteered at the event, making sure it was a success



Winners of the Costume Contests are from left to right Anthony Grabas for Scariest Costume as Jack Skellington, John Mele for Bast Homemade Costume as Daniel Boone, and Karen & Thomas Martin (not pictured) for Bast Family Costume as Run DMC

CEDAR KNOLLS — Employment Horizons' annual Halloween Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by Avison Young, was held at Hanover Lanes in East Hanover on Sunday, October 29.

Despite the rain, over 170 attendees enjoyed an afternoon of fun, food, and prizes, raising over \$10,000 to support employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Ed Walsh of Avison Young was also presented with the "Make a Difference" award to recognize his leadership and generous support for the highly anticipated annual bowl-a-thon event. Funds raised help to accomplish the strategic goals of Employment Horizons and improve the quality of life for our program participants.

Founded in 1957, Employment Horizons, Inc. is the premier not-for-profit agency providing high-quality competitively priced services to the business community through its commercial operations while at the same time, furthering its mission to assist people with special needs to achieve their vocational objectives and establish self-sufficiency in the community. To learn more, please visit www.emhorizons.org.