Dear Friends,

Like this yearbook, New Horizons Youth Ministries is a collage of memories. Every year we add new people, events, and adventures into our lives. And every year God uses those things to cause us to change, grow, and mature as we become more like His Son. As this book shows, there have been a lot of new people, events, and adventures to add!

Day by day, as we create the collages of life at NHYM, we are building relationships and changing lives. None of us go untouched or unchanged as we work together to bring about reconciliation and growth in one another. It is good to reflect and remember where we have been as we look forward to where we are going.

It is good for the students to remember as they compile this book. It is good for the staff to remember as they assist in its creation. And it is good for parents to remember as they view it. Most of all, it is good for all of us to remember that God has called New Horizons to be a source of hope for teens and their families.

One of the blessings of a memory book is the fond memories it can stir up in our spirits. If you are viewing this book long after 2003 and are suddenly reminded of your appreciation for a particular staff, please call us and see if we can help you contact them. It is good to stay in touch with those who have touched our lives.

I hope you enjoy this “picture diary” of New Horizons’ ongoing work for God’s Kingdom!

Tim Blossom
NHYM Executive Director

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Dear Board,

We understand you don’t get to spend as much time with us as you’d like, so here are some pictures of what we do in our free time. Thank you for all your hard work.

- NHYM students and staff

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Second Row (right picture): Betty Bright
Third Row (left picture): Fred Booker
Third Row (right picture): Danny Wallace

Not Pictured: Marge Ashley, Bob Clemons, Edith Bailey, Ron Powell
At New Horizons Academy, we ask the students and staff to take a good look at themselves and honestly consider how God desires to work in their lives. Change is often scary and can even be painful. I often ask my students (and sometimes my staff), "When in your life are you going to be surrounded by more people that care about you or have more resources to make changes?" Just as each of us needs to be growing and changing, our school is going through a time of growth and change as well. No amount of therapy, education, physical fitness, or hard work will create lasting changes unless God is laying a new foundation and creating in each of us a clean heart. Our relationship with God must come first. It is through knowing Him that we gain the strength to battle the problems in our lives. When we go to God and allow Him to touch the broken and ugly parts of us, we experience His love and compassion, and find healing. In turn, our love for Him leads us to love one another. Each time we give back what we have received, we grow even more.

I want NHA to be the best school of its kind, but I also want us to be a school that puts God first. NHA staff and students are finding out that God can be trusted and that change is possible. I thank God for the growth in my own life over the past year and for the changes I have seen in others.

NHA School Director
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Danny Bird, Homelife Director
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Gary Martens, Info. Services Mgr.
Marilyn Metz, Chauffeur

Tina McCord, S.S. Assistant
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Josh Molnar, Groupleader/Teacher
Nena Newcomb, Administrative Assistant
Hester Patterson, Education Department Manager

Mike Price, Counselor
Annalee Reynolds, MWA Admin. Assistant
Jennifer Rohrer, Teacher
Gloria Satchell, Teacher
Faith Spaulding, Counselor

Bill Strube, Counselor
Paul Swanson, Chaplain
Kirk Thompson, Teacher
Jeff Valerio, Parent Department
Jo Weller, Housemom
Special Events

Ichthus, Roadkill Cafe, the "Velvet Elvis," "Cheerleading," Mississinewa 1812
Fall Retreat 2002

Kara Enders & Jeremy Nelson--Quilters Extraordinaire!

Dave Weidenhammer catches a fish.

Larry Lobdell III and retreat speaker Jim Watkins at the corn maze.

Katie Friddle & Stacey Ogletree help collect leaves.

Jon Holmes says "Chubby Bunny!"

The "Orange team" carries Anthony Eldridge to the finish line.
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Chris Brownell
Sarah Hager
Taige Hall
Chris Marron
Daniel Martin

Justin Piersimoni
Steve Ritsema
Catrinna Smith
Corrine Ternstrom
Jennifer Yepez

GRADUATION 2002

TL: Dan Martin does a jig! TR: A patriotic group picture! BL: Mr. Bird speaks to Chris Marron BR: Think! Think! Think!
Back Row (l-r): Chris Brownell, Taige Hall, Justin Piersimoni, Dan Martin, Chris Marron
Front Row (l-r): Sarah Hager, Catrinna Smith, Corrine Ternstrom, Jennifer Yepez
Not pictured: Gabriela Batista, Jason Black, Nayeli Alejandra Castillo Arita, Eric Green,
Jennie Keeneth, Melody Martinez, Ashley Minshell, Sarah Webster

Justin Piersimoni, class speaker
Catrinna Smith celebrates her accomplishment with Hester Patterson
Sarah Hager & Taige Hall receive their diplomas
Holidays

Alex Perez at the Valentine’s Banquet

Sam Bowes and Annalee Reynolds celebrate Christmas

Students nail their “sins” to a cross on Easter

Amanda Wilson and Valeri Padgett visit Santa Claus

A CRASH Club Christmas!

Mark Schulz prepares Christmas Dinner
The girls’ cross country team placed third at the final ASCI conference meet. Pictured above (from left to right): Briana Bryan, Amanda Wilson, Jennifer Yepez (top), Julie Christensen (bottom), Coach Tamela Garrison, Terese Patton, and Coach Paul Birnbaum.

The boys’ cross country team also had a strong season finish. The team consisted of: Alex Perez, Dan Martin, Chris Marron, John Zanellato, Chris Miller, and Coach Paul Birnbaum.
Herrick House

L. Pitts, GL T. Garrison, A. Wilson, & K. Friddle (01-02)

Herrick House, Fall 2002

Groupleader Jen Motycka (2002)

Houseparents Geoff Whiteman & Nicki Cavender (left) with Herrick House (01-02)

Whitney Wheeler and Andrea Boutot at the beach (02)

Not pictured: Homeroom teacher Jerry Geist (01-02), Housefather Tony Callender (02), Homeroom teacher Josh Molnar (02)

Playing “dress-up” isn’t only for little girls! (01-02)
Craig House

Ashley Donahue, Terese Patton, and Noelle Dunlap "beautify" themselves (01-02)

Houseparents Paul & Erika Baxter (01-02)

Liz Schababerle and Kara Enders (Fall 2002)

Kara Kalal, Katie Friddle, and Amanda Wilson (02)

Houseparents Gabe & Nikki Jackson (02)

Not pictured: Groupleader Katye Bennet (01-02), Homeroom teacher Hester Patterson (01-02), Groupleader Nicki Cavender (02), Homeroom teacher Kirk Thompson (02)
Lare is all smiles (except for those who aren’t smiling...) (01)

Larry Lobdell III and Jeremy Nelson (Fall 2002)

Groupleader Ben Leavitt (2002)

Joe Blanski, Mark Schulz, Jeremy Nelson, and Jared Varner (Fall 2002)

Housefather Geoff Whiteman (02) displays his “manicure.”

Houseparents Eric and Ashley Ward (2001-2002)

Not pictured: Groupleader Josh Maniar (01-02), Homeroom teacher Kirk Thompson (01-02), Homeroom teacher Gloria Satchell (02), Housemother Katye Bennet (02)
Dagley House

Cade VanAntwerpen and R.J. Law (02)  
All dressed up! Dagley House, Fall of 2001

John Kulp, Chris Marron, & Dan Martin "speak no evil, see no evil, & hear no evil."

Homeroom teacher Danise Shuey (02)

Houseparents Ed Wood and Kris Hultman (2002)  
Football buddies John Kulp and Jared Horras (02)

Not pictured: Housemom Wendi Robishaw (01-02), Groupleader Patrick Cornett (01-02), Groupleader Andy Bennet (02)
The girls took a missions trip to Moorhead, Kentucky, and enjoyed a week of sun, service and fellowship.

**Dagley House Team:**
- Housefather Zac Blossom
- Housemother Kellie Blossom
- Groupleader Wendi Robishaw
- Groupleader Vanessa King
- Teacher Jennifer Rohrer

**Lare House Team:**
- Housefather Eric Ward
- Housemother Ashley Ward
- Groupleader Nicki Cavender
- Teacher Kirk Thompson

**Counselors:**
- Faith Spaulding
- Nakoma Enochs
I walked down to the dock in the early morning. It was cold, and wreaths of mist swirled gently through the trees and danced slowly on the lake. The water was like a polished mirror, perfectly flat and perfectly reflecting the rocks, the trees, the sky. Rays of sunlight slashed through the mist here and there, and as the sun peeked over the trees a warm glow washed over the bay and my face. The pines atop Rabbit Island glowed like the embers of some titanic campfire. The quiet seemed deeper than the lake, so intense that the smallest noise was startling. A fish broke the surface and flashed in the sun and then just a ripple was left to mark its place. A loon’s cry from far away (or near? I couldn’t tell).

Time moved on quickly, and soon the sounds of wake-up, cleanup, breakfast prep, and morning calisthenics filled the air; the sun washed over the bay and burned off the mist, and another busy day was underway. Camp itself is like that. It is something that passes quickly, but the memory can carry us for a long time. In the dead of winter I am busy with a thousand preparations for next summer, and a hundred responsibilities of the moment. I look back on last summer to remind me of what was done well, what I need to change, and what is most important in all the competing priorities on life.

What do you face now, and in the future? Challenging school or job pressures? Conflicts with family, coworkers, and peers? Temptations to go the wrong way, to look out for yourself first, to just give up?

What do you remember most clearly? Wild lands and lakes with a beauty that stuns you to silence? Food that never tasted so good, because you had never been so hungry? The log that you thought would never, could never be lifted that your team hauled in anyway? The embers of the fire on Canoe or Trail camp that you and your friends sat around and stared into for hours as you talked? The moment when you looked out from your solo site and felt for a moment that you ruled a tiny, beautiful kingdom? A chapel service during Spiritual Emphasis Week where you had never heard singing so sweet, prayers so deep, and a speaker who showed so much of his heart?

MWA is a turning point, a hinge on which your life swings, and an experience that cannot but change you. Ten weeks in the woods will change the way you think for the rest of your life. Look back to the past and learn from the highs and the lows, the passions and the regrets, and use what you learned about yourself and others at camp to map your course through the challenges of the present and the future.

Last summer you experienced a moment in which you felt God’s presence in a new way. Accepting Jesus as Lord is life’s most profound turning point. Follow the example of those who dared try to live out their faith before you, and follow through on the commitment you made to the Lord of the past, present, and future. He will go with you through it all.

-MWA Director Peter Bergs, pictured with wife Darleen and children
Marion Cabin

Marion Cabin is hungry and ready to eat!

Teamstaff Gabe and Nikki Jackson

Beauty is must for Sarah Snead and Rachel Swedzinski

Marion Cabin enjoys the water.

Amber Stewart rests after a competition

All work and no play makes for a very dull cabin!
Starr Cabin

Sarah Neilson and Emily Cook

“Figure skating” couple Kris Hultman (groupleader) & Geoff Whiteman (teamleader)

Briana Bryan and the girls

Starr cabin girls take a breather

Starr Cabin dresses up for Moosilini Pizza Night

Andrea Boutot

Faul Cabin

Jeremy Nelson, Sam Bowes, Joe Blanski, & Jim Garrels take a break.

Faul Cabin sways into line.

Faul Cabin soaks up some sun at Inspiration Point.

Jeremy Nelson, Mr. Geist, and Jared Varner

Jon Dehebreard & Zach Herzog

Kyle Bachman “falls” for an old camp joke!

Ben Heys shows off his catches.

Back row (l-r): Mark Schulz, Sebastian Church, Brian Buter, Anthony Eldridge, Jon Vidovic, Cory Hilgendorf

Chow time at the trough!

Do you enjoy that five gallons of ice cream, Ben?

I scream! You scream! We all scream for ice cream!

Cory Hilgendorf
Johnson Cabin

Johnson cabin during the raft race.

Matt Beyerlein

The Bull Dog competition!

Andy Kopenski, Matt Beyerlein, & Owen Postma

Jared Horras

Johnson Cabin haulin' logs.

Competitions

Johnson Cabin wins the Bull Dog Competition!  
Ali Cain during “Lumberjack Days”

D. Bird referees a grappling match between B. Buter & J. Kulp  
The Raft Race -- “Ready, Set, Go!”

Dog Soldier--A. Donahue & E. Murphy  
Tomahawk Competition--Jared Horras and Joe Blanski
Out Trips

Johnson Cabin takes a break on trail camp.

Tamela Garrison and Karen Bailey

The “NECESSITY”

Canoe partners Ashley Donahue & Morgan Riffe

Trail Boss: Karen Bailey; Canoe Boss: Tamela Garrison
Special Events

Freddy Rodriguez & Sebastian Church

The Moosilini Familia

A. Matchette & T. Garrison present J. Nelson with a birthday pie!

Liz Schababerle, the living Christmas tree!

Jessica Rosenstengel poses under "X-mas tree" Andrea Boutot
Escuela Caribe

Program Director Phil Redwine and family

Assistant Director Bruce Holder & wife Marilyn

Phil Redwine & Homelife Manager Eric Grant

Counseling Dept. Head Cindy Hundley

Education Department Head Nick Baker & wife Sheryl

Support Services Dept. Head Richard Webster & daughter

CVS Administrative Staff
Escuela Caribe Staff

Matt Keltner, Chaplain
Dena Smith, Teacher
Joel Strunk & Rebecca Ahman
(the future Mrs.), Group Leaders

Dawn Woods, “The Queen”
Barbara Sousey, Housemom
Chad Sousey, Housefather

Katie Mitchell, Teacher
Jeff Seabrooke, Counselor
Annie Seabrooke, Counselor

Luke Meyers, Teacher
Mark Marshall, Nurse
Sonia Beam, Teacher
Chris Beam, Counselor

Jason Guard, Teacher
Denise Shuey, Teacher
Mishell Keltner

Not Pictured:
Rich Raposa, Support Services
Rachel Barker, Education Volunteer
Escuela Caribe Staff

Dr. Ron Delap, Teacher, & wife Donna
Erin Chase, Housemom
Steve Chase, Housefather
Brian & Joy Turner, Houseparents
Jason Stebbings, Groupleader
Gwen Lawton, Secretary
Steve Ferogg, Counselor
Troy Richie, Housefather
Jon Merritt, Teacher/Support Services

Monica Tuney, Counselor
Becky Palmer, Counselor
Dan Anderson, Counselor/Housefather
Katie Anderson, Teacher/Housemom
Jeremy Palmer, Housefather/Support Services
Summer Palmer, Housemom
Donna Webster, Teacher/Housemom
Dana & Byron Cammack, Houseparents

Matt Yoder, Education Manager/Teacher
Jill McCleary, Teacher
Lori Buller, Groupleader
Thelma Tucker, Education Volunteer

Andie Spence, Education
Ben Spence, Support Services
Jamie Liddick, Groupleader
Nick Baker, Education Department Head
Lance House

Climbing life’s challenges!
TKB House

Loving life and having fun!
Huyck House

Pretending not to like it here!
Thomas House

Chasing dreams!
Christmas Events:
Candle Light Service & School Free Day
Special Events

Fall Fest, Easter, Christmas
Pico Duarte

A sense of accomplishment!
Work Projects & Community Service

Building character through helping others.
Fall Retreat

Abide in the Vine