**Disability Network Southwest Michigan  
2007-2008 Annual Report**

Changing Communities Changing Lives

# Letter from the President

Thank you for taking the time to read Disability Network’s 2008 Annual Report. This past year has been a year of continued growth and change. Our Board of Directors focused on enhancing the organization’s fund development plan, including the decision to hire a full time Fund Development Manager. This added capacity and expertise is very timely going forward into FY 2009, as we anticipate the challenging impact the economic recession will have on all our revenues sources.

In September we experienced a devastating situation at our two office buildings located in the City of Kalamazoo due to the severe flooding that occurred. Our parking lot area, community building, and office building entrance were under three feet of water for a week. The flood damage resulted in nearly $50,000 in repairs and clean up of our buildings. We are very fortunate that our flood insurance provided the necessary financial support to achieve this task.

In 2008, the number of people positively impacted through our services grew by 7% due to an increase in capacity developed through new and exciting collaborations within the six counties that we serve. These relationships have allowed us to enhance the number of people with disabilities in our community who are able to live independently, gain employment and have access to adequate housing and reliable public transportation.

We appreciate so very much the support from all of our donors, volunteers and collaborations with so many community partners and look forward to working together with many new friends in building inclusive communities for all.

(signed) Joel W. Cooper  
President & CEO

# Our Mission:

Disability Network Southwest Michigan’s mission is to educate and empower people with disabilities to create change in their own lives, and to advocate for social change to create inclusive communities.

# Who We Served

Disability Network served more than 4,000 people with disabilities and their families in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008.

Our service area includes Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph & Van Buren Counties.

Disability is a natural part of the human condition. Some of us are born with a disability and some of us acquire one at a later point in life–from multiple sclerosis to Parkinson’s disease, brain injury to blindness or psychiatric disability to cognitive disability. Disability does not discriminate–people with disabilities come from all race, gender, social and religious backgrounds.

# Annual Report

**2008 Fiscal Year Expenses**

Program Services $935,872

Management and General $249,311

Indirect Fundraising $10,173

**Total Expenses $1,193,862**

**2008 Fiscal Year Revenue**

Federal Grants  $420,889

State Portion/Federal Grants $162,444

Other Grants $116,886

Program Service Fees $240,904

Contributions $154,373

Interest Income $3,833

Fundraising $22,302

Less direct costs of $1,561 $20,741

Change in beneficial interest (572)

Donated materials $1,167

Donated Services $73,197

**Total Revenues & Support  $1,193,862**

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**Counties Served:**

56% Kalamazoo

7% Barry

19% Calhoun

8% Van Buren

8% St. Joseph

2% Branch

# Get Involved

Whether it’s through your time, talents or generous donations, Disability Network Southwest Michigan appreciates what you are able and willing to give.   
  
To learn more about our services, please visit our website at **[www.dnswm.org](http://www.dnswm.org)** or find us on Facebook and Twitter!

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