**Disability Network Southwest Michigan  
2011-2012 Annual Report**

Setting the Stage

**Our Mission:** To educate and connect people with disabilities to resources while advocating social change.

# Letter from the President

During Fiscal Year 2011-12 we enjoyed many opportunities of **‘setting the stage’** across our eight counties. During this past year we have been intentional in setting the stage for our priority in developing the next generation of leaders and volunteers for Disability Network Southwest Michigan and/or the Disability Rights Movement. We piloted the Advocacy Academy, which provided an opportunity for young adults 16-29 to learn new skills that transfer to the workplace and the community, in Kalamazoo County. We also worked with community partners, including Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Intermediate School Districts across our eight counties, in an effort to provide independent living services to a larger number of young adults with disabilities.

We have also expanded as well our efforts in working with each of our four Area Agencies on Aging in developing ‘Emerging Aging and Disability Resource Consortiums’ in collaboration with many other community human service providers that will enhance access for adults of any income and age to get information on a full range of community support choices. During the past year we also increased the number of veterans receiving valuable Independent Living Peer Support services in our relationship with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

These examples and many more, including our new member-exclusive publication, “The Disability Digest”, are setting the stage in our efforts to continually extend disability related information to others throughout our eight counties. All of these examples of providing new opportunities in services and educational presentations and workshops would not have been possible without the generous gifts of our donors and the dedication of our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors during this time of expanding needs.

(signed) Joel W. Cooper

# Annual Report

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|  | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Federal Grants | $ 480,318 | $ 457,097 | $ 712,714 |
| State Grants | 493,686 | 439,000 | 18,989 |
| Contributions | 187,829 | 231,968 | 228,526 |
| Interest Income | 2,278 | 2,490 | 3,899 |
| Fundraising Revenue | 10,969 | 12,352 | 16,434 |
| less direct cost of | 7,736 | 7,879 | 9,163 |
| Change in beneficial interest | 386 | (59) | 277 |
| Donated Materials | 1,750 | 8,350 | 1,150 |
| Donated Services | 93,943 | 104,524 | 99,798 |
| Program Service Fees | 891,713 | 766,459 | 618,559 |
| Contract Services | 93,196 | - | - |
| Other Revenue | 1,165 | 1,476 | 3,108 |
| Total Revenues | $ 2,249,497 | $ 2,015,778 | $ 1,694,291 |
| Program Services | $ 1,859,998 | $ 1,585,963 | $ 1,234,995 |
| Administration/Fund Development | 292,676 | 245,309 | 297,001 |
| Total Expenses | $ 2,152,674 | $ 1,831,272 | $ 1,531,996 |
| Beginning Assets | $ 753,954 | $ 569,448 | $ 381,211 |
| Ending Assets | $ 850,777 | $ 753,954 | $ 569,448 |

2011-2012 Performance Statistics

* 6,000 people served in 8 counties
* 3,400 Information & Referral requests answered
* 1,336 people with disabilities received independent living supports
* 13 ramps built in Kalamazoo County
* 52 veterans with disabilities received independent living supports
* 60 people with disabilities were transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community based living.  This saved Michigan taxpayers over $3,000,000.
* 320 people received Social Security Benefits counseling
* We participated in 31 informational booths in the community
* We participated in 91 workshops or presentations in the community with 1,225 people taking part.

# 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!

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

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