**Disability Network Southwest Michigan
2012-2013 Annual Report**

Access For Everyone

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

# Letter from the President

During Fiscal Year 2012-13, we have worked endlessly in a variety of ways to impact positively upon the need in our communities, with partner service providers, toward ensuring “Access for Everyone”. This theme of “Access for Everyone” was introduced at our 2013 Annual Meeting as a reflection upon what is inherent in all of the supports and services we provide across our eight counties and a focus that will continue in the future. Our efforts have promoted equality of opportunity so others may have the occasion to know and enjoy life with a high quality of interdependent experiences enhancing independence. Our advocacy efforts this past year continued to work on eliminating attitudinal barriers and promoting changes so that all community members enjoy full participation in the community, including both economic and social self-sufficiency. “Access for Everyone” was evident as 2,200 community members raised their awareness in any one of our 114 educational presentations that occurred this past year. It was also inherent in the opportunity for a person to have a choice to transition from a Nursing Facility to their community, as it was for each of the 62 people who made this decision and was supported by our Transition Staff. These examples and so many more in our services to over 7,000 people this past year illustrate our role of ensuring opportunity of “Access for Everyone”. It is important to note that providing supports to people with disabilities in our eight counties this past year would not have been possible without the generous support and gifts from our donors and funders, as well as the dedication of our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors in addressing the continued increase in the unmet needs of others.

(signed) Joel W. Cooper

# Annual Report

* Over 7,000 people served in eight counties
* 3,800 Information & Referral requests were answered
* Over 1,000 people with disabilities received independent living supports
* 11 ramps were built
* 50 Veterans with disabilities received Independent Living supports
* 62 people with disabilities were transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community based living. This saved Michigan taxpayers over $3,000,000
* 220 people received Social Security Benefits Counseling
* 65 people participated in peer support groups
* We participated in in 33 informational booths in eight counties
* We facilitated 114 workshops and presentations for the community with 2,177 people participating

Expenses

Program Services $1,726,133

Administration/Fund Development $ 318,812

Total Expenses $2,044,945

Revenue

Federal Grants $279,672

State Grants $458,467

Contributions $205,275

Interest Income $ 4,466

Fundraising Revenue $ 11,898

 Less direct cost of $ 8,395

Change in beneficial interest $ 334

Donated Materials $ 1,750

Donated Services $120,116

Program Services $860,176

Contract Services $132,144

Other revenue $ 897

Total $2,067,095

Beginning Assets $850,777

Ending Assets $872,927

# 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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