

A black and white photograph of two hands clasped together, one larger and one smaller, symbolizing support and care.

CHANGING LIVES CHANGING COMMUNITIES

Our Mission

The mission of Disability Network Southwest Michigan 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.

We are the first stop for people with disabilities and their families in Southwest Michigan.

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

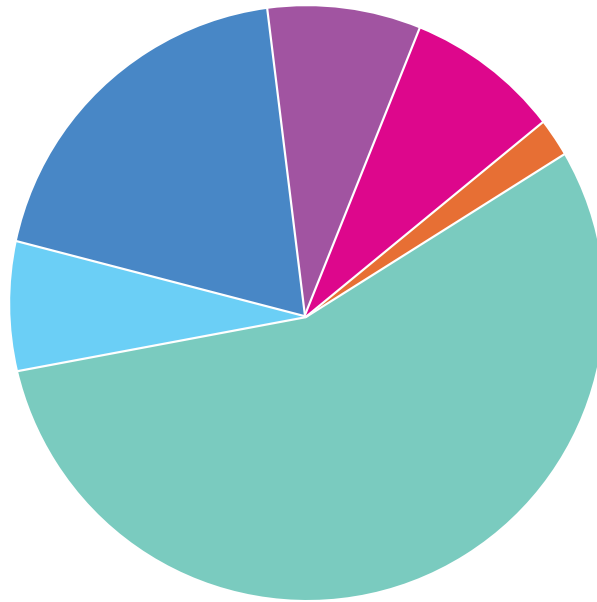
Who We Serve

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.



Counties Served

56%	Kalamazoo
7%	Barry
19%	Calhoun
8%	Van Buren
8%	St. Joseph
2%	Branch



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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.



Joel W. Cooper
President and CEO

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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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Volunteers donated more than 5,000 hours of service to Disability Network.



Get Involved!

Whether it's through your time, talents or generous donations, Disability Network appreciates what you are able and willing to give.

To learn more about our services, please visit our website at www.dnswm.org.

**“A place to identify with others with a disability,
and learn more about our own. It's a place to gain support
and make friends.”**

—Women With Disabilities Support Group

**“Made my life worth living and gives me
something to look forward to.”**

—Sharon DeHaan, Disability Network Volunteer

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