

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 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.

John W. Apple



OUR MISSION
To educate and connect people with disabilities to resources while advocating social change.

EXPENSES

Program Services \$1,859,998
Administration/Fund Development 292,676
Total Expenses 2,152,674
Beginning Assets 753,954
Ending Assets 850,777

REVENUE

Federal Grants \$480,318
State Grants 493,686
Contributions 187,829
Interest Income 2,278
Fundraising Revenue 10,969
Less direct cost of 7,736
Change in beneficial interest 386
Donated Materials 1,750
Donated Services 93,943
Program services fees 891,713
Other revenue 1,165
Total 2,249,497

IN 2011 – 2012...

- 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
- We participated in 91 workshops or presentations in the community with 1,225 people taking part

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