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Letterfrom 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.

Joel W. Cooper

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Our Mission

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

Annual Report 2012-2013

- ▶ 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 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
Beginning Assets	850,777
Ending Assets	872,927

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

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 or find us on Facebook!

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Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass,
Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties



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