



# Investing in Disability

## Disability Network Southwest Michigan Annual Report 2016-17

### A Message from our President . . .

When we **invest in disability**, entire communities in Southwest Michigan benefit. In our 2016-2017 Annual Report you will read how our services impacted upon nearly 8,000 customers across eight counties. Included in this total is a very noticeable increase in our services supporting youth with disabilities transitioning from school to be better prepared for accomplishing their next goals of employment or post-secondary education. In a collaborative effort with schools and vocational rehabilitation, Disability Network provided a variety of pre-employment transition services that have potential to eliminate barriers and prepare students with disabilities to lead full and exciting lives. Many of our customer stories were focused on successes realized by youth with disabilities through skills learned to support self-sufficiency, including employer expectations, life engagement skills, financial literacy and budget training.



Opportunities for people with disabilities to access employment, independent living, affordable/accessible housing, healthcare, long term community services, benefits planning and transportation are common themes of the work we do. The services provided through our staff interactions with customers resulted in an impact upon the elimination of barriers to fully accessible and inclusive communities, where opportunities for full participation are becoming more prevalent. Additionally, through our educational endeavors, we strive for all community members to understand disability as part of the human experience; we provided workshops on disability pride, ableism and employment disclosure in promoting equality and full participation for all.

To ensure our valued services can continue to be realized for more people with disabilities, we will continue to invest in disability and relationships with Legislators, state and local partners, funders and donors in the years to come.

*Joel W. Cooper*  
Joel Cooper, President & CEO

### Success By the Numbers . . .

#### REVENUE

Federal & State Grants	\$ 783,976	29.0%
Contributions	203,422	7.5%
Interest Income	7,886	0.3%
Donated Materials & Services	66,125	2.3%
Program Service Fees	1,507,642	55.8%
Contract Services	133,736	5.0%
Other Revenue	355	<0.1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,700,142</b>	

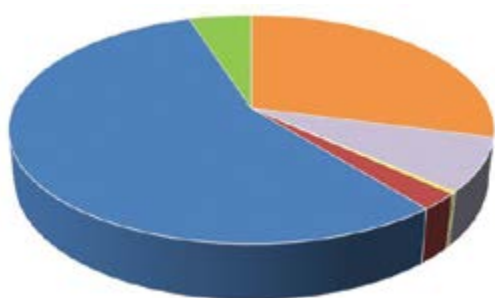
#### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 2,316,721	87.3%
Admin/Fund Development	338,615	12.7%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,655,336</b>	

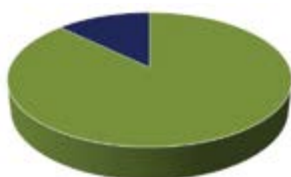
Beginning Assets \$ 1,097,225  
Ending Assets \$ 1,142,031

#### SERVICE SUMMARY

- **7,707** people served in **8** counties
- **6,623** Information & Referral requests answered
- **1,208** people with disabilities received Independent Living supports
- **794** youth with disabilities served
- **345** people received Social Security Benefits Counseling
- **17** Veterans with disabilities received Independent Living supports
- **16** ramps built
- **38** people with disabilities transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community-based living resulting in saving Michigan taxpayers over **\$1,850,000**
- **139** people with disabilities received transportation assistance
- **257** presentations in the community with **3,024** people participating
- **30** informational booths in the community



Revenue



Expenses

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