



Be the Change



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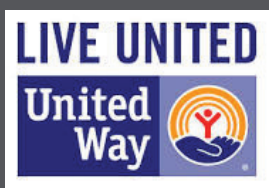
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Letter from President

During Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Disability Network Southwest Michigan created opportunities so others could realize the benefit to *be the change* in their own life and in their community. Services for the first time in our 33 year history exceeded touching the lives of over 8,000 people across our eight counties, increasing by over 1,000 customers from the previous year. Our staff was busy being the valuable in supporting customers to the 'top of their mountain' as they learned the change application of using Motivational Interviewing communication strategies through a series of intensive trainings. Our Board of Directors chose an example to *be the change* by replacing our traditional Annual Meeting with an event for the community to celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, bringing together over 200 people to learn and recognize the importance of this legislation on July 25, 2014. This event will repeat each year in July with plans for an even larger community event for the 25th Anniversary of the ADA in 2015.

Community members are learning to *be the change* as a result of their participation in our first ever provision of a workshop on Ableism, a learning experience to increase awareness of how discrimination and social prejudice against people with disabilities impacts all of our lives and to commit to work to eliminate it through our words and actions. Community leaders and interested citizens in Kalamazoo were engaged in learning to *be the change* in how best to create walkable and livable communities with the help from Dan Burden, a pioneer of the country's walkability movement. The walkability audit on August 8, 2014 emphasized the value of redesigning streets and sidewalks to focus on people while also accommodating vehicles. All of these examples of how we collectively can *be the change* would not have been possible without the generous gifts of our donors and the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

Joel W. Cooper

Our Mission

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



Annual Report 2013-2014

Over 8,170 people were served in eight counties.

4,326 Information & Referral requests were answered.

1,047 people with disabilities received independent living supports.

15 ramps were built.

36 Veterans with disabilities received Independent Living supports.

63 people with disabilities were transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community based living. This saved Michigan taxpayers over \$3,000,000.00.

236 people received Social Security Benefits Counseling.

We participated in 25 informational booths in the community in 8 counties.

We facilitated 126 workshops and presentations for the community with 2,797 people participating.

| | 2014 | 2013 |
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| Federal Grants | 262,057 | 279,672 |
| State Grants | 658,720 | 458,467 |
| Contributions | 250,199 | 205,275 |
| Interest Income | 5,175 | 4,466 |
| Fundraising Revenue | 11,590 | 11,898 |
| less direct cost of | 8,935 | 8,395 |
| Change in beneficial interest | 253 | 334 |
| Donated Materials | 1,604 | 2,045 |
| Donated Services | 111,357 | 120,116 |
| Program Service Fees | 1,019,064 | 860,176 |
| Contract Services | 183,247 | 132,144 |
| Other Revenue | 2,635 | 897 |
| Total Revenues | 2,496,966 | 2,067,095 |
| Program Services | 1,954,216 | 1,726,133 |
| Administration/Fund Development | 343,930 | 318,812 |
| Total Expenses | 2,298,146 | 2,044,945 |
| Beginning Assets | 872,927 | 850,777 |
| Ending Assets | 1,071,747 | 872,927 |

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