**Our Mission**

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

**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 and Twitter!

Our service area includes:
Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties

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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 change in supporting customers to the 'top of their mountain' as they learned the valuable 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

Over 8,170 people were served in eight counties.

4,316 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 226 workshops and presentations for the community with 2,797 counties.

825 informational booths in the community in 63 counties.

Veterans with disabilities received Independent Living supports.

825 ramps were built.

Over 1,071,747 people received Social Security Benefits Counseling.

Ending Assets 872,927

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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

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