



Founded in 1981 by a small group of disability advocates, Disability Network Southwest Michigan educates and connects people with disabilities to the community resources they need to live independently and advocates for social change. Disability Network's advocacy work is focused on creating communities that value disability as human diversity, free of attitudinal barriers, where all people benefit with full access and inclusion.

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# A Message from our President

As I reflect upon our past Fiscal Year 2019-2020, our efforts, like so many others, were faced with challenges that no one could have ever imagined occurring and we now know are historic in every conceivable way due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights of the year were centered around major concerns resulting in funding reductions from our State funding sources and services requiring to be suspended due to the mandate of 'Stay Home and Stay Safe', initiated to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This requirement became a permanent need to require all staff to continue remote work at home, lasting for the remainder of the fiscal year and beyond. The development of a detailed COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan became our new mode of operation, with ongoing changes occurring frequently to react to



the ever-growing precautions associated with the serious nature of the pandemic and significant efforts by employers to protect and keep our employees, families, customers and the general public safe. These experiences during a chaotic environment could only be confronted with the incredible resilience and patience of all our staff to quickly pivot our service delivery models from in-person to virtual in order to meet the consistent demand of our customers.

With financial support from a Paycheck Protection Program loan and special Federal CARES Act funding from the Administration for Community Living to provide COVID-19 related supports for people with disabilities, our agency maintained our entire complement of staff to ensure our mission was present. Our community funders were very responsive to our agency needs, providing financial resources to support our customer services and operations.

Through our collective perseverance for staying the course during this public health crisis, we can reflect upon the changes that were required, realizing we succeeded to impact in positive ways in supporting people with disabilities, while ensuring safety and well-being for staff and customers.

Joel Cooper, President & CEO

## Summary of Services

- 6,162 Information & Referral requests answered
- 895 people with disabilities received Independent Living supports
- 459 youth with disabilities served
- 139 people received Social Security Benefits Counseling
- 147 COVID Cares support services
- 15 people with disabilities transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community-based living, resulting in saving Michigan taxpayers over \$1,125,000
- 167 people with disabilities received transportation assistance
- 138 educational presentations with 2,133 people participating
- 26 ramps built
- And more . . .



### Financials

#### **REVENUE**

<ul><li>Federal &amp; State Grants</li></ul>	\$ 986,719	42.7%	
<ul><li>Contributions</li></ul>	287,180	12.4%	
<ul><li>Interest Income</li></ul>	7,069	0.3%	
<ul><li>Donated Materials &amp; Services</li></ul>	5,421	0.2%	
<ul><li>Program Service Fees</li></ul>	856,310	37.1%	
<ul><li>Contract Services</li></ul>	167,163	7.2%	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 2,309,862		
EXPENSES			
<ul><li>Program Services</li></ul>	\$ 2,169,684	84.6%	
<ul><li>Admin/Fund Development</li></ul>	395,266	15.4%	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 2,564,950		
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Beginning Assets	\$ 1,259,888		
Ending Assets	\$ 1,004,800		

**FY 2020 Annual Report Note:** FY 2020 deficit is partially due to an approved Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. Forgiveness approval of the PPP loan was pending at the end of FY 2020.

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