



# Disability Network Southwest Michigan Annual Report | 2018-19

## Removing Barriers



### A Message from our President . . .

It has always been a key role of Disability Network to be responsive to the ever changing needs of community members with disabilities. This year with innovative responsiveness, we have been able to meet the unique needs of customers in supportive and valuable ways, initiating several new services receiving positive responses by customers. Included in these examples is the installation of a new accessible computer lab in the Kalamazoo office providing increased access to information, services, communication, socialization and media. Providing technology with accessible options not available in other locations can be the difference in fully participating in community life. Another new development was the provision of providing information about how to be better prepared to respond to an emergency and what to include in your emergency preparedness kit.

Our Advocacy and Community Education Team developed a new educational workshop titled, 'Ableism 101', an opportunity for participants to identify their own unconscious bias around disability, learning basic concepts of ableism and how language can either support equality or perpetuate stigma. We have been very pleased with community members and community organization's interest in this examination of disability discrimination. Another highlight that needs mentioning is the outstanding accomplishment of constructing 51 ramps, only possible with the dedication of several volunteer groups and generous donors during our RAMP-A-THON and local community foundations. This all important access improvement received by customers to remain living in their community is an amazing 55% increase in the average number of ramps of the past two years.

These examples are only a few of the changes in services initiated to ensure we are meeting our community member needs and continue our leadership in disability rights devoted to supporting people with disabilities in discovering and reaching their full potential, while ensuring equal opportunity and full participation.

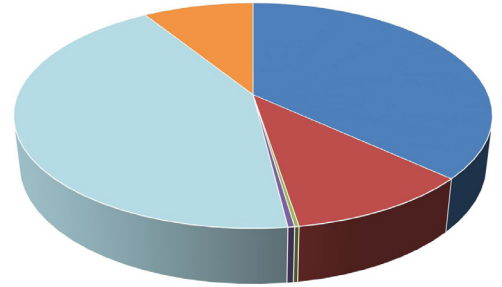


Joel Cooper, President & CEO

# Success By the Numbers . . .

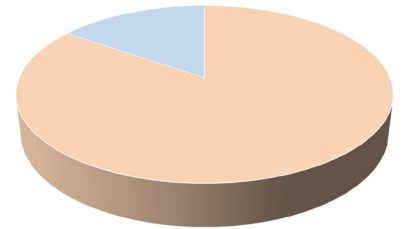
## REVENUE

● Federal & State Grants	\$ 1,017,692	36.8%
● Contributions	293,792	10.6%
● Interest Income	6,806	0.2%
● Donated Materials & Services	10,379	0.4%
● Program Service Fees	1,189,438	43.0%
● Contract Services	245,869	8.9%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,763,976</b>	



## EXPENSES

● Program Services	\$ 2,319,731	84.7%
● Admin/Fund Development	419,094	15.3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,825</b>	
Beginning Assets	\$ 1,234,737	
Ending Assets	\$ 1,259,888	



## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- **6,523** Information & Referral requests answered
- **1,307** people with disabilities received Independent Living supports
- **665** youth with disabilities served
- **247** people received Social Security Benefits Counseling
- **51** ramps built
- **51** people with disabilities transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community-based living resulting in saving Michigan taxpayers over **\$3,825,000**
- **172** people with disabilities received transportation assistance
- **117** presentations in the community with **1,953** people participating
- **35** informational booths in the community

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