




“I’m MORE _____.”

mobile *employable* *competent* *engaged*

Disability Network/Lakeshore
2009 Annual Report



“I’m MORE mobile.”

Ruth was unable to drive for months due to a medical condition. Despite years of working on public transit for others, she says, “I never thought we were working on it because I needed it.” However, with a little flexibility, she soon discovered how to make the MAX system work for her. “Public transit was an important component of my mix of transportation solutions,” she says. “I am grateful for the work Disability Network has done to expand transit in our community.”

MORE. That’s a word we all like to hear. Especially when it applies to our future, our jobs, our circle of friends, or our community. At Disability Network/Lakeshore, we’re in the business of creating MORE, through unique partnerships with individuals and organizations who also aspire to greater things. Please take a moment to read about some of our success stories and consider what you might do to help us accomplish even MORE in 2010.

More food for thought:

- An aging population means 1 in 4 people now have a disability.
- For every \$1 invested in state contributions our network returns \$17 back to MI taxpayers.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act marks its 20th anniversary in July 2010.

Nita knew she wanted to attend college. By meeting with Stacey twice a month, she was able to learn the self-advocacy and money management skills to make her transition from high school a success. Now studying at GVSU, she says, "Just being able to ask for accommodations has helped me a lot. I feel much more independent and able to stand up for myself."

"I'm MORE competent."



"I'm MORE employable."

Like any 16-year-old, Michael needed job experience, but his parents were concerned that his autism might affect his ability to find a job. We asked Michael about his interests and connected him to a business where he could work part-time. His supervisor was pleased with his performance, and Michael and his parents feel more confident. "I now have some experience actually doing work," says Michael. "I'm definitely better prepared to get another job."



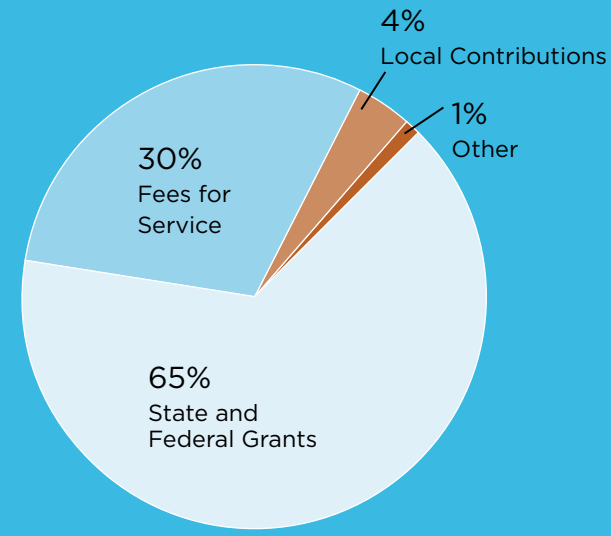
"I'm MORE engaged."

Kathy was laid off for a year after a long career as a nurse. With a hidden disability and little experience job hunting, she felt at a loss until she attended our Job Club and one-on-one advising. "They helped me focus and see that I was not hopeless," she says. "I learned a lot about how to look for a job and even shared some of the tips with a friend."

2009 FINANCIALS

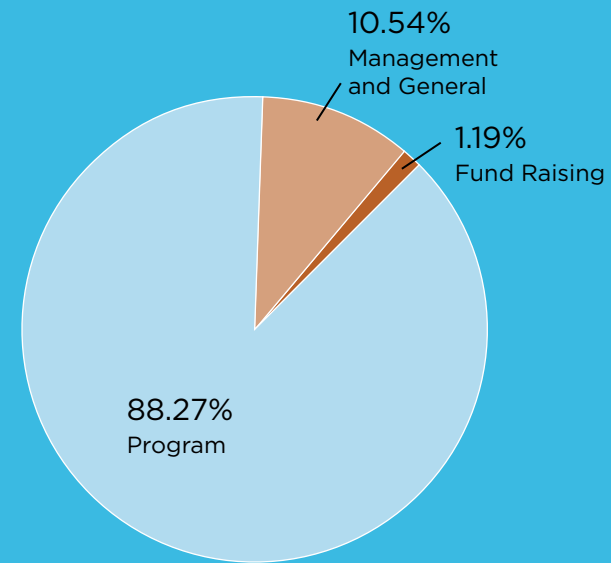
TOTAL REVENUE: \$969,549

State and Federal Grants	\$626,790
Fees for Service	\$291,909
Local Contributions	\$40,348
Other	\$10,502

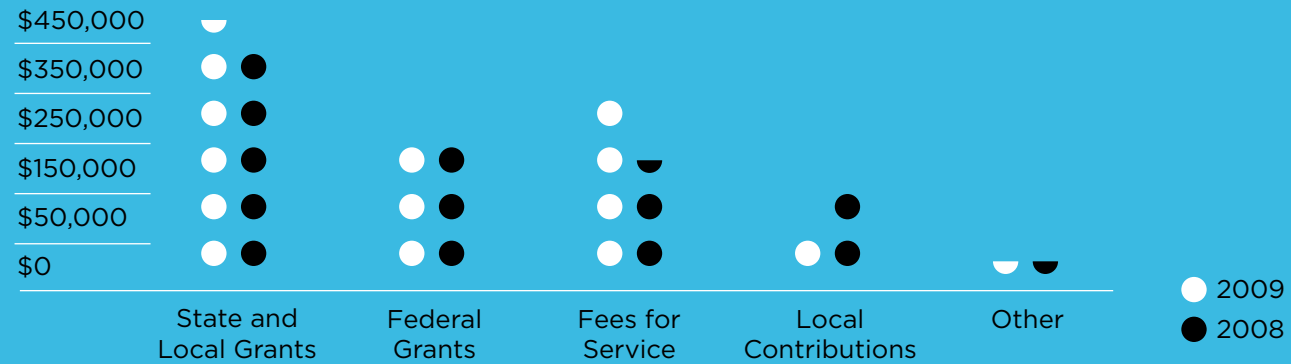


TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$812,561

Program	\$805,509
Management and General	\$96,140
Fund Raising	\$10,912



REVENUE CHANGE



102

adults learned how to prepare a resume, build a network, and shine in an interview

1 high-energy team tackled the last stronghold of urban communities in our area without transit, generating a swell of community voices calling for change

3,248

hours contributed by volunteers



174

teens gained work skills at our Youth Employment Summit



1 mental health court was creatively designed to keep people with disabilities out of the corrections system and in the community with supports

25

people gained access to healthcare

40

jobs found or retained

1,604

individuals connected to resources and opportunities

36

businesses became more accessible

MORE thank yous.



INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous
Tom & Sharon Arendshorst
James & Deborah Bachmeier
Marge & Carey Bakker
Dan Balfour
Chris Bart
Mary Jo & Tony Baweja
Doug Bazuin
Peg Beall
Jon & Jane Blyth
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Vernon & Lois Boersma
Daniel & Katie Bolt
Walter Borns
Mary & Howard Bouwens
Jim Boyd
Bob & Chris Brown
James & Donna Brooks
Leslie Brown
Mark Bruckner
Craig & Donna Bunce
John & Carol Carter
Michele Chaney
Phil & Jan Coray
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Shelly DeWitt
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Joel & Stefani Dunn
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Balanced Enterprise Solutions, LLC
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Bethany Reformed Church
Countryside Electric, LLC
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Desired Detailing
Diamond Springs Golf Course
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Michigan Community Blood Centers
MOKA
National Car Wash
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Nephew Physical Therapy & Massage Services
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PMS Products/Boeshield T-9
Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.
Right Management, Inc.
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Running River Kayaks
Send Out Cards
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Square One Design
Taking the Alternate Route
The Meadows Golf Course
Town & Country Group
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United Federal Credit Union
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