

# 2015 Annual Report



# DSAWM

Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan

*Empowering individuals. Supporting communities.*



## 2015 Highlights

# 310

Member families

# 962

People served by DSAWM

# 504

Participated in DSAWM programs

# 48%

Increase in financial assistance for families

### **The Learning Program™**

In September of 2015, DSAWM launched the first session of The Learning Program (TLP) in Michigan. TLP teaches parents how to put research-backed teaching methods into practice and empowers them to serve as capable advocates for their children in the educational process. DSAWM's pilot Learning Program is at capacity, serving 12 students ages 4-7 and their parents. The program will expand in 2016.

*The Learning Program is funded by a \$10,000 education grant from The Global Down Syndrome Foundation and generous support from guests at the 2015 Winners Cup Benefit.*

### **Financial Support for Families**

DSAWM disbursed more than \$17,000 in financial assistance to families for therapy, adaptive devices and meal vouchers. We saw a sharp increase in requests for Adoption Assistance, providing \$7,500 to four west Michigan families adopting a child with Down syndrome - historically, DSAWM received an average of one request per year. It is exciting to help more couples give a child with Down syndrome a forever family!

### **Bike Camps**

Riding a bike provides a self-sufficient means of transportation to school, work and social activities; fosters independence; and promotes self-confidence and an active lifestyle. In 2015 DSAWM offered it's second iCan Bike Camp and again the camp ran at full capacity of 40 campers with Down syndrome and other disabilities. 75% of campers left riding standard two wheeled bicycles!

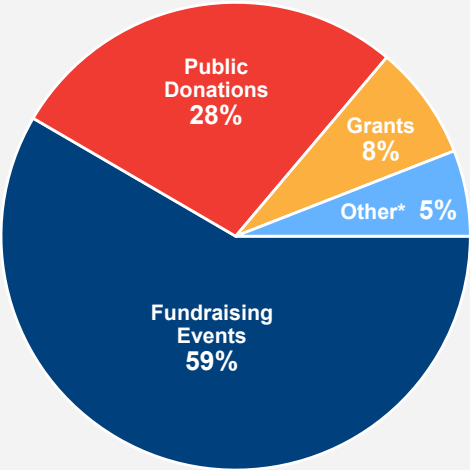
*iCan Bike Camp was funded by a community grant from the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation.*

# DSAWM Financial Report

## DSAWM & DSAWMF Combined Financials

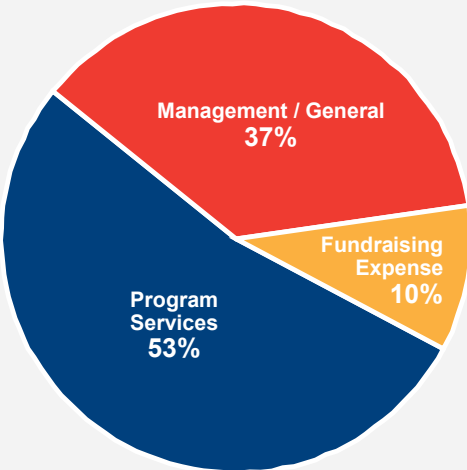
### Financial Highlights

- Highest earning Awareness Walk in DSAWM's history - Step Up for Down Syndrome, \$110,000 raised
- Overall revenue increase of 18% over 2014.
- Private grant revenue increase of 97% compared to 2014
- 234% increase in 3rd party fundraiser gifts in 2015 compared to 2014



**Income Total: \$382,145**

\*Member Dues, Program Fees, Merchandise Sales



**Expense Total: \$342,681**

## DSAWM Major Donors

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## Grants Received

Clays for Kids Foundation	Driven to Care
\$25,000	\$16,500
New Parent Support & Translation Svcs	Down Syndrome Diagnosis Support
Global Down Syndrome Foundation	DSAWM Foundation
\$10,000	\$8,580
The Learning Program™	The Learning Program™
Amway Corporation	Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation
\$7,500	\$6,000
Early Stages & School Age Programs	iCan Bike Camp
Gazelle Sports Foundation	
\$5,000	
Teen/Adult Health & Fitness	



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Foundation



The Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan Foundation (DSAWMF) was established to provide a permanent source of principal, in order that funds would be available in the future for to support individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the West Michigan communities in which they live, work and play. DSAWMF is a separate not-for-profit organization from the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM), funded by cash, securities and other assets, and helps to fund the vital programs, supports and services provided by DSAWM.

In 2015, DSAWMF provided support to Arts In Motion, a Grand Rapids based arts center for individuals with disabilities; Special Olympics; and DSAWM operation, program and service costs.

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