

THE ARC OF OAKLAND COUNTY *Annual Review*

The Arc of Oakland County is a non-profit membership organization, with more than 1,200 members, working directly with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

We advocate for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with disabilities. We strive to improve systems of support and services; connect families; inspire our community and influence public policy.

COMING SOON! Advocacy Resource Center

We are excited to announce The Arc of Oakland County's **Advocacy Resource Center**, coming in the fall of 2023! The creation of this center is made possible by a generous member donation.

Our vision for the Advocacy Resource Center is to provide a safe and comfortable space where families can seek guidance and assistance in various capacities.

We will provide a range of supportive services, including benefits counseling, access to educational materials, assistance navigating complex government entitlement guidelines, medical & educational systems, and support networks. Our knowledgeable advocates can also help connect families to other needed community resources and activities.

Additionally, this will be a space for direct care professionals to utilize computers to participate in online trainings and complete employment paperwork and documentation required for the Medicaid covered service provided.



*Advocacy
Resource Center*



What is Your WHY?

Throughout the year, The Arc of Oakland County is highlighting our members' and supporters' **WHY**—what inspires them to continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

These inspirational stories motivate us to continue the work we do!

Scan the QR Code to **SHARE YOUR** *Why?*

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The advocates at The Arc of Oakland County have had a successful year enhancing programs and services for our membership and community. We focused our efforts on diversifying the ways in which we serve through the development of new programs and partnerships. Here are a few highlights:

- We had the opportunity to offer the 22-week Elevatus curriculum in conjunction with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), providing needed opportunities for young adults to increase their knowledge surrounding relationships, dating and sexuality.
- We partnered with OCHN to launch a Supported Decision-Making campaign in order to provide education related to the array of support options that can be implemented outside of guardianship.
- Through grants provided by the Troy Community Foundation, we were able to offer adaptive recreational opportunities with The Troy Community Center and Five Star Sports and Training Center.

Advocacy in Action

Advocacy Services: The Arc of Oakland County provided advocacy services to more than 1,100 individuals in the past year. These services included Social Determinants of Health, Access to Services and Transitioning to Adulthood, Benefits and Entitlements, Info and Referral to Community Partners, Education, and Resource Protection-Future Planning. Most of our legal advocacy services are offered free of charge as it is included in our membership pricing.

Financial Management Services (FMS): The Arc of Oakland County serves as the Financial Management Service provider for individuals who have chosen to enroll in Self-Direction. The Arc of Oakland County currently serves approximately 1,200 individuals.

The Forever Plan

The Forever Plan offers a formal and comprehensive plan of lifetime advocacy. The Forever Plan is designed to meet the needs of the individual by utilizing all available community resources.

Our Forever Plan inquiries and enrollments grew immensely over the past year. As we continue to increase awareness about The Forever Plan, we continue to work on developing program enhancements including a Forever Plan online portal, where families can respond to internal communications, upload documents and more.

Fundraising & Events

The Arc of Oakland County relies on fundraising to support its programs, as it supplements the agency's income. This allows for both existing and ongoing programs to be sustained.

2022 Run Challenge: Raised more than **\$19,000.00!**

2022 Holiday Appeal: Raised more than **\$18,000.00!**

2022 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive: Raised more than **\$6,390.00!**

2022/2023 Gorman's Charity Recliner Promotion: Raised more than **\$2,300.00!**

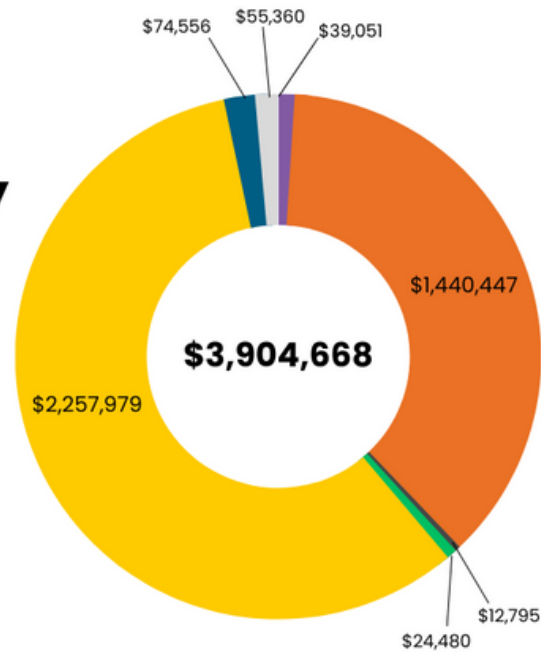
2023 Dove Awards: Raised more than **\$34,000.00!**

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2022 Revenue

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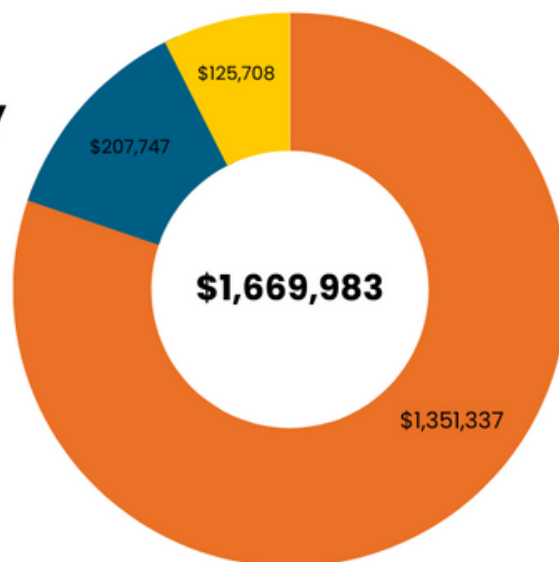
<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Support</u>
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2022 Expenses

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- Program Services
- Fundraising and Fund Development
- Management and General



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Member Testimonials

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The Arc of Oakland County played a pivotal role in resolving a difficult and frustrating issue with Social Security. We are grateful for the smart, thoughtful, and caring staff at The Arc. The resources and support services this organization provides are beyond measure.

Member Testimonial

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I will sleep better tonight knowing that things are getting better for the future of our son thanks to The Arc of Oakland County.

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The advocates at The Arc of Oakland County were fabulous - very knowledgeable and I can tell they have their finger on the pulse of all thing's disability related. Your team gets it done!

Leadership Team and Board of Directors

Leadership Team

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Beth Lafata
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