

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

THE ARC NORTH DAKOTA



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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK IN CARRYING OUT THE MISSION OF THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA, "PROMOTES AND PROTECTS THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THEIR FULL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIMES, THROUGHOUT 2021.

THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA ADVOCATED FOR VARIOUS ISSUES DURING THE 67TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA SUPPORTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND FUNDING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA SUCCESSFULLY PASSED BILLS TO OPEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND FUNDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO ATTEND A SUPPORTED COLLEGE PROGRAM. WE WILL CONTINUE ADVOCATING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE INTERIM SESSION.

The Arc of North Dakota continues to advocate on all fronts and provide a voice for the disability community. We continue to support systemic changes throughout North Dakota to better serve individuals with disabilities and better life quality.

Many chapters throughout the state have contributed to The Arc of North Dakota's achievements, significantly improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families through support, advocacy and education. We are proud of our accomplishments in the past year and will continue to unite a state where everyone belongs.

"Strength comes before during and after the storm"-Unknown

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsten Dvorak". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

KIRSTEN DVORAK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA

In March of 2014, The Arc of Bismarck entered into a contractual agreement with The Arc of North Dakota to provide administrative services to the state organization. This contract has allowed The Arc of North Dakota returned to Bismarck, improving access to legislators, policy, and state agencies. While the state organization is now housed at The Arc of Bismarck, it remains its own fiscal and legal entity and is managed by The Arc of Bismarck's executive director at the direction of the state board. Notable state activities since the transition include reviewing and updating bylaws, conducting a board training event in conjunction with The Arc of Bismarck, approving a legislative advocacy services agreement, holding quarterly meetings, and scheduling the first in-person board meeting in several years. North Dakota's interim and 2020 Legislative Session will be the top priority heading into the next year.

Affiliate chapters of The Arc of North Dakota remains vital to the success of the state organization. A special thanks to all of the local chapters for their efforts over the past year: The Arc of Barnes County (Valley City), The Arc of Bismarck, The Arc of Cass County (Fargo), The Arc of Dickinson, The Arc of Little Missouri (Bowman), and The Arc, Upper Valley (Grand Forks).

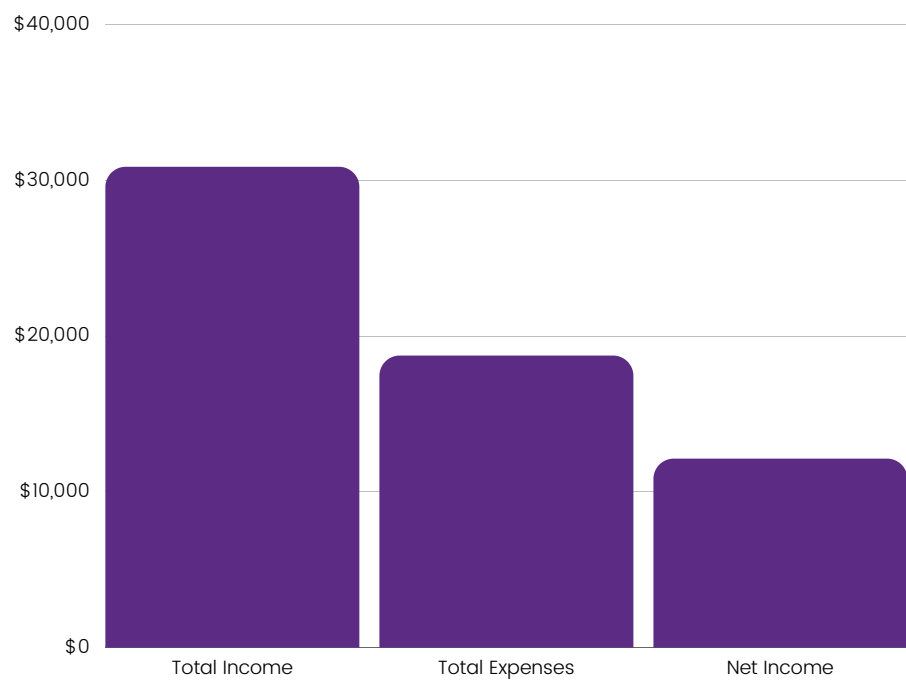




THE ARC OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFIT AND LOSS

2020

Total Income: \$ 30,853
Total Operational:
\$18,735
Net Income \$12,118



*Income is from Association Dues