The mission of Broadscope Disability Services is to advance opportunities for people with disabilities and their families in southeastern Wisconsin.
Dear Friends,

2019 marked the completion of my 25th year at Broadscope. I have been incredibly blessed to be a part of this amazing organization and to have witnessed the continued care, concern and professionalism exhibited by our staff.

When working with individuals with disabilities and their families, trust is a very important element to the relationship. Our staff of 20 has a cumulative tenure of 254 years, with one staff member having celebrated their 32nd anniversary this year. What is so exciting about these milestones is that it means that the individuals we serve have been able to build long lasting relationships with their Community Support Coordinators, Job Coaches and Respite Care Coordinators. Our staff and consumers have formed meaningful relationships that allow us to provide the very highest quality of individualized services. In 2019 one of Employment Services program participants celebrated 25 years at Kohl’s and another 20 years at TJX Corporation. We are proud to have supported these individuals throughout their tenure at these companies.

We are grateful to be able to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and their family members that we serve and we are thankful for you, our volunteers and donors, who play such a large role in fulfilling our mission. Broadscope’s vision is to live in a world where individuals with disabilities and their families have the same opportunities as everyone else, and we are thankful that you are with us on this journey.

Sincerely,

Mary Schinkowitch
Executive Director, Broadscope Disability Services
Broadscope Website Redesign

Last year, Broadscope set out to create a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability. Broadscope was proud to launch a redesigned website that increases the usability through an accessibility widget by UserWay.

The new site features a streamlined, modern design with easy navigation to locate program information and community resources.

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Employment Services

The Employment Services Program assists adults and high-school age youth with diverse abilities to secure and retain competitive employment.

“I love the people I work with and I love my job!” - Scott

The Broadscope employment services program is tailored to meet the unique qualities and abilities of each individual in order to meet their assessed needs and expressed employment goals. Through 1:1 and group training sessions, Broadsocpe staff work to address barriers that consumers may face when seeking employment. Training includes direct job search assistance, resume development, interview practice and ongoing on-the-job training. Brooksocpe continues to partner with businesses in the community to expand job opportunities, empower productivity, and advance independence.

In 2019, the employment services program started conducting targeted outreach to connect with youth, age 14 - 24 years old, as well as older adults with disabilities who fell through the gaps and missed out on the vital school-to-work and daily living supports they need to thrive. As part of this outreach, Broadsocpe hosted its first Employment Resource Expo, focused on providing individuals with disabilities career guidance, resume development, mock interviews and offered panel presentations from local employers and an opportunity to practice their soft skills – in one location, at one time.

Employment Services staff provided over 4,800 direct hours of support to individuals with disabilities who:

- Participated in 12 educational/information events
- Maintained employment

“Scott is a dedicated worker and always willing to lend a hand.” - Kelly

Employment Support
Respite Program

The Respite Care Coordination Program is a crucial support for parents and primary caregivers of children and adults with disabilities. Respite Care facilitates breaks for individuals who are consistently providing care for their loved one and gives them the time they need to recharge and create a higher quality of life for all members of the family. Broadscope assists families in coordinating respite care with the provider of their choosing, either referred by Broadscope or identified by the family, ensuring that they have someone that they can trust caring for their loved one.

481 families benefited from Broadscope’s Respite Program in 2019.

36 new families were welcomed into Broadscope’s Respite Program in 2019.

97 Families have been Broadscope Respite Clients for more than 11 years

40 families participated in break-away weekends, including overnight stays for parents

657 tickets to local museums, sporting events and other recreational activities were provided to families

96% families report that the Respite Program helped them reduce stress

“Broadscope Disability Services has provided our family with guidance, direction and respite services. Staff has taken the time to get to know our family and help us find the resources we need.”

Emergency Respite

Respite is a family support service that provides caregiving relief to the parents or primary caregivers of children with disabilities living in the family home. With governmental assistance for families constantly changing, Broadscope continues to be a pillar of support for the disability community. Many of the children served are on wait lists, their families working to complete the lengthy process to obtain long-term funding. These families have no other access to respite services, except through emergency funding. This program allows us to offer immediate support as they work to complete the cumbersome enrollment process, and during sudden crisis situations, such as the emergency hospitalization of a caretaker. Broadscope is able to fund this specific type of emergency service thanks to our valued community partners.

A special thank you to

Catholic Community Foundation
Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation
Service Club of Milwaukee
The Gardner Foundation
Variety – the Children’s Charity of WI
Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program (ILP) assists adults with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community. Services are provided to help the individual locate and utilize community resources and maintain and improve their health and living skills in order to achieve this goal. Broadscope provides individualized services from assisting in finding accessible and affordable housing, arranging for transportation, offering financial management and budget planning, coordinating health care visits to daily living skills training in areas such as basic cooking and home management.

Meet David

Broadscope Disability Services Spotlight on Success

David first started working with Broadscope in 1972 at age 4 when he and his mother, Shirley, began receiving respite support. David has Cerebral Palsy and is deaf; respite provided relief for both he and his mother. When he became an adult, he transitioned into Broadscope’s Independent Living Program where he currently benefits from support, encouragement, and help to participate in activities in the community.

David enjoys expressing himself through art. He has also found a valuable social outlet in Art ‘N Oddities, the studio where he takes classes, as other students often seek him out to discuss his latest projects. David appreciates how much people respect his artwork.

His art teacher, Meri Berghauer, said “David is a living example of the phrase: It takes a village to raise a child. Though he is no longer a child, his approach to his artwork is with the enthusiasm and promise of all the people that have encouraged him along the way. His artwork is the visual representation of the village that has helped him and continues to help him achieve his potential beyond the challenges of his disability.”

“I can always count on Broadscope to help me and be my advocate.”

Crystal

“I’m really proud of what a strong self-advocate Crystal has become.”

Lisa

Community Support Coordinator

58 individuals received educational services, training, money management services, and other resources that empower them to live independently

79% of clients reported an annual household income of less than $18,000/year

93% of clients reported learning or improving skills they use daily

Women’s Group provided 6 community-based outings for 48 women with disabilities, and Men’s Group provided 3 outings for 31 men with disabilities

Broadscope was thrilled to honor David as the featured artist at the Taste of Milwaukee fundraising event. His inspiring story was shared with attendees and his artwork was even part of the silent auction. David’s achievements demonstrate we can make a kinder, better world when we foster inclusion, equity, and independence.
The 37th Annual Taste of Milwaukee was held at the Italian Community Center on March 19th, 2019. Over 20 restaurants united to represent the best the City has to offer serving up their specialty dish, all in support of Broadscope programming. The event also featured a silent auction, wine pull and 50/50 raffle. This event is not possible without the generosity of the restaurant vendors and support from Broadscope’s dedicated sponsors.

- Café Benelux
- Famous Daves
- Rollin’ Dough Specialty Cookies
- Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
- 9th Slice Pizza
- Gouda Girls
- Soul Boxer
- Joey Gerard’s
- The Rumpus Room
- Lo Duca Wines
- Valentine Coffee
- ThunderBay Grille
- Saz’s State House
- Bavarian Bierhaus
- Foxfire Food Truck
- Lovely and Tasty Walking Tacos
- Greige Patisserie
- Oberweis Dairy

The 24th Annual Molson Coors Charlie Kapp Charity Golf Challenge was held at the University Club of Milwaukee on June 10th. The outing was founded in 1995 by Charlie Kapp, a 30-year sales executive for Miller Brewing Company, whose daughter, Dana, had cerebral palsy and passed away in 1988.

Charlie served on the organization’s board (then UCP-SEW and UCP National), until he passed away unexpectedly in 1996. In 1997, this event was named in his honor and Charlie and Dana continue to be honored through our annual golf outing. This event would not be possible without the continued support of Molson Coors, the Kapp family, and our generous sponsors, donors and golfers.
The 23rd Annual Joe’s Run, Walk and Roll was held at Hart Park in Wauwatosa on Sept. 21, 2019. This event is a family-friendly, noncompetitive 1, 3, or 5k that is designed to be accessible for individuals of all abilities. Participants enjoy activities including arts and outdoors games, raffles, visits from mascots and the Wauwatosa Fire Department, and a light lunch. A new addition in 2019 was the Access Expo, which featured interactive adaptive sports demos led by the Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association.

Broadscope’s Executive Director, Mary Schinkowitch said “Joe’s Run, Walk, & Roll is really an extension of our mission to advance opportunities for people with disabilities and their families. It gives families a fun morning of socializing with their peers, and the Access Expo will help introduce new ways they can stay active and connected all year long.”
Broadscope Disability Services is a qualified 501c3 organization. We serve thousands of people with disabilities and their families. Broadscope fosters inclusion, empowers freedom of choice, and advances potential across the lifespan.