



Lincolnway
SPECIAL RECREATION
ASSOCIATION

June 1, 2022
through
May 31, 2023

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Building a Community Without Limits!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

KEITH WALLACE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been another remarkable year for our organization, marked by innovation, growth, and commitment to our mission.

Our core programs are thriving. Due to their growing popularity, we've expanded offerings by adding additional sessions and teams to accommodate increased demand. This growth is a testament to the dedication of our participants and the excellence of our programs.

Last fiscal year, we served the most participants in the agency's history, a testament to our expanding reach within the community. All while offering over 300 diverse programs, including athletics, social programs, special events, dances, private music lessons, and clinics.

We are proud to report that, once again, we fulfilled 100% of financial assistance requests in 2022-2023. This achievement is made possible by the generosity of our donors, who fund our financial assistance program. We are immensely grateful for the support we receive.

The Lincolnway Special Recreation Foundation has been a significant contributor to our overall financial success. Their donations have supported various aspects of our organization, including vehicles, uniforms, programs, and state and national tournament participation.

Each year, we redefine and expand the vision of success. Our dedicated and passionate staff continuously raise the bar for program quality, ensuring that every participant's experience with LWSRA is exceptional.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, remaining committed to our mission and making a positive impact in the lives of our participants and families. I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, generous donors, enthusiastic participants, and supportive community members. Your efforts are what make LWSRA a thriving and vibrant organization.



Keith Wallace, CPRP
Executive Director



ABOUT LWSRA

Since 1976, the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) has provided recreation services for individuals with disabilities through a cooperative agreement with its eight member park districts: Crete, Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Manhattan, Mokena, New Lenox, Peotone and Wilmington Park Districts. Participants enjoy active, healthy and more independent lifestyles through a variety of recreational and social opportunities.

MISSION

To provide recreation and leisure services for individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities while promoting greater disability awareness in the



VISION

A community without limits for individuals with disabilities.



VALUES

Community | Opportunity | Recreation | Education
Training | Reliability | Unity | Safety | Trust



SERVICES

Proudly offering social programs, interest-based programs and inclusion programs to our member districts and beyond

NEW IN 22-23

NEWEST MEMBER

LWSRA Board formally approved Crete Park District as its newest full member for FY23-24.



MODERNIZING EMPLOYMENT

A new payroll software implemented for 2023.

Applications, hiring and onboarding were centralized into a single system.

The accounting software was updated for FY 22-23.



WELCOMING NEW FACES

A formal intake process was created.

New families tour the LWSRC, learn about the program guide and all programs offered, and receive session suggestions for their interests.

An average of over 20 intake meetings were completed each month.



NEW IN 22-23

FAMILY INCLUSION

LWSRA's Trunk or Treat community event featured its first ever sensory friendly hour.

The ability awareness fair welcomed a record number of community service providers.

Three family outings were held and the Parade Flight Crew marched in seven local parades.



NATIONAL COMPETITION

LWSRA hosted its first Wheelchair Softball World Series in August 2022.

The National Wheelchair Softball Association/ USA Wheelchair Softball, founded in 1976, governs over 40 teams across the country.

20 teams with over 250 athletes from the U.S., Canada and Japan attended.



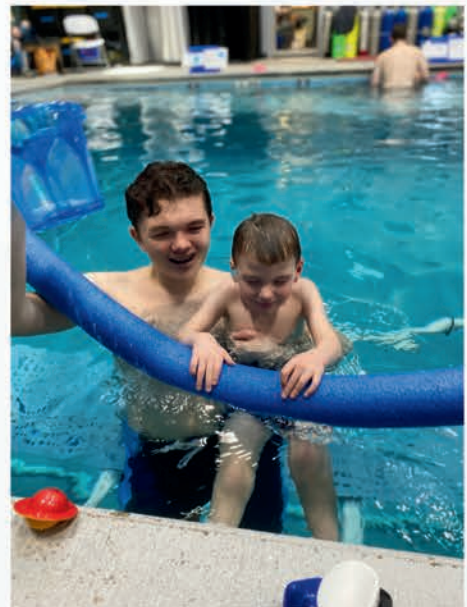
SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION

Private music lessons expanded to include piano, ukulele and voice with three new instructors.

Contracted services for many athletics, fitness and arts programs have been utilized in order to provide more specialized instruction during programs.



PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

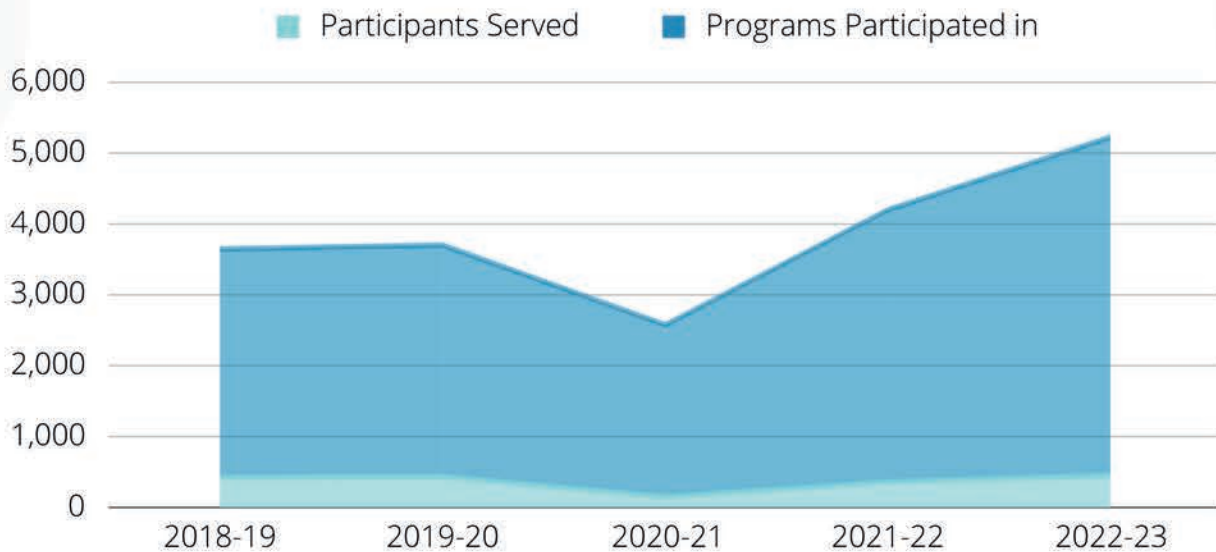


PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS



PARTICIPATION

Growth at LWSRA continued to push upward with numbers surpassing pre-pandemic numbers in FY 22-23. LWSRA welcomed its greatest number of individuals last year with **451 participants!** Those individuals also participated in **4,775 program sessions**, representing a 24% increase over the prior year.

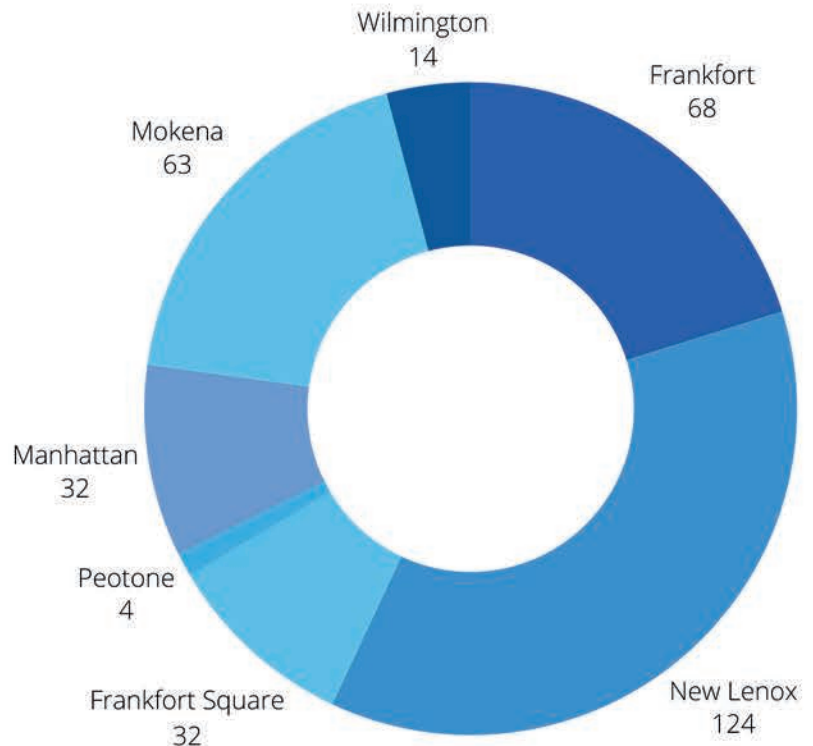


BY DISTRICT

LWSRA's member districts vary in size with the smallest serving just over 4,000 residents and the largest over 40,000. However, all have continued their commitment toward increasing opportunities for individuals with disabilities in their community.

INCLUSION

In addition to LWSRA's own programs, staff provided support to **27 youth participants** in more than 40 park district programs as part of its inclusion services



COMMUNITY & FAMILIES

Working together is incredibly important! When we come together as a community, we not only support and provide for our families, but we also create a space for everyone to celebrate and learn together. The 2022-2023 season saw the return of our ability awareness 'PE Takeovers' at local schools and field trips to the LWSRC.



DAY WITH GRINCH

800 ATTENDEES

FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY

113 ATTENDEES



TRUNK OR TREAT

1000+ ATTENDEES

▶▶ Sensory friendly Hour
100+ attendees

PERFORMING ARTS FEST

778 ATTENDEES

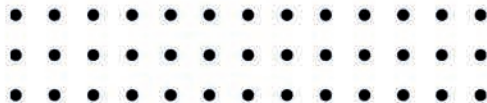


▶▶ Drama Club, art, dance,
and piano raised \$9,500



ABILITY AWARENESS FAIR

56 VENDORS & 9 SPEAKER SESSIONS



Lincolnway Special Recreation FOUNDATION



\$40,000 annual donation
made to benefit LWSRA



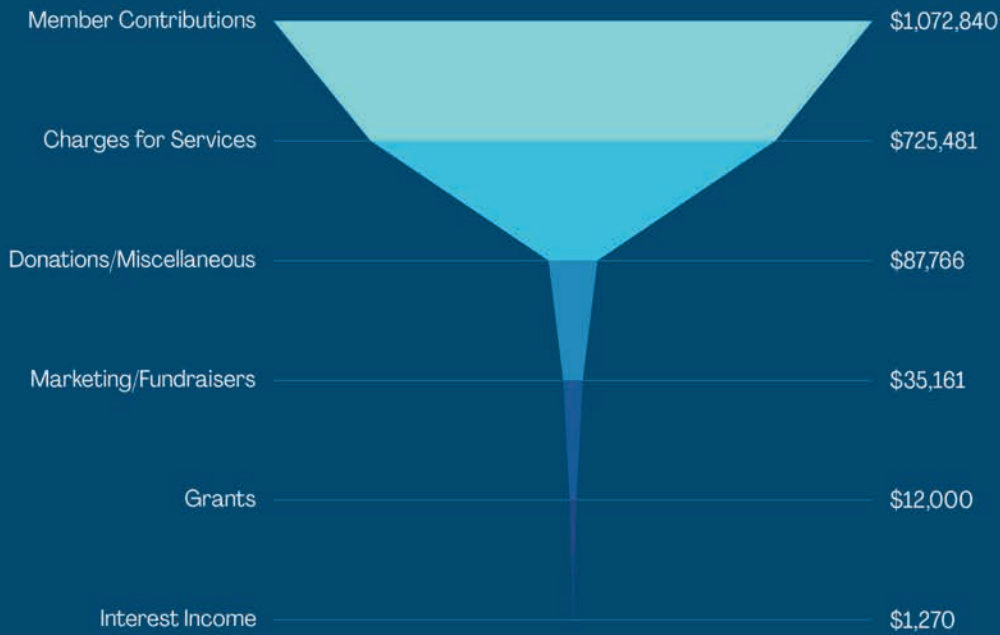
Two golf outings with 174
golfers and 60 sponsors
raise \$36,000!



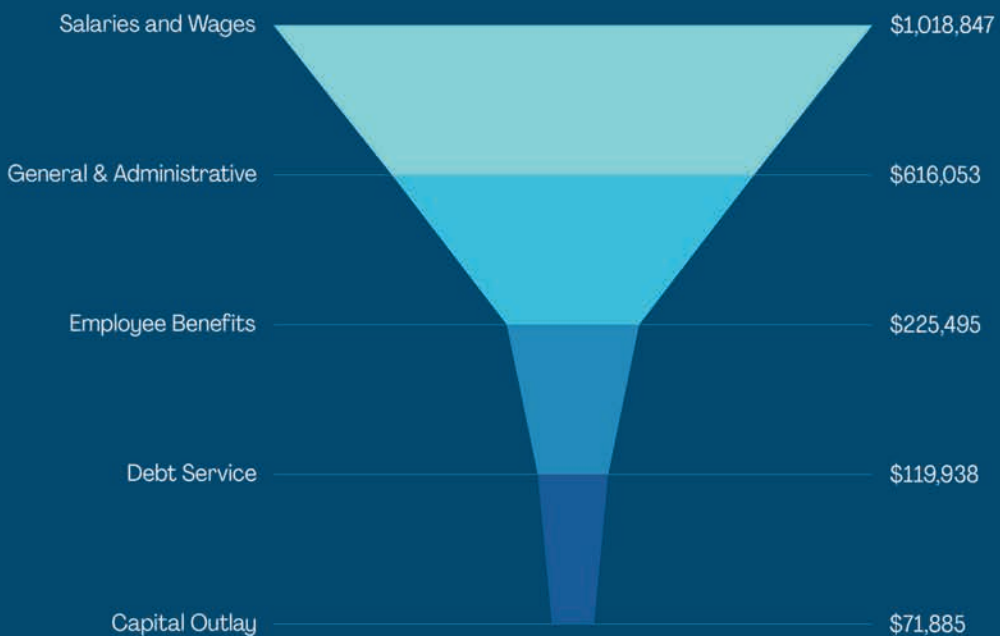
Bunny Breakfast
featuring 622 attendees
raising \$8,000!

FINANCIALS

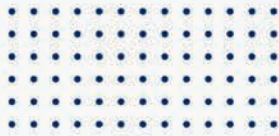
Total Revenues: \$1,934,518



Total Expenditures: \$2,058,324



EXAMINING THE NUMBERS



NET POSITION

Current Assets	
Cash	\$370,288
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital Assets	\$3,960,780
Deferred Outflow of Resources	
Deferred Items - IMRF	\$147,625
Total Liabilities	(\$379,332)
Total Net Position:	\$4,099,361

ANNUAL NET POSITION



CAPITAL ASSETS

Nondepreciable Assets	
Construction in Progress	\$8,675
Depreciable Assets	
Buildings	\$4,325,053
Vehicles	\$508,065
Improvements	\$221,236
Office equipment	\$79,883
Total Depreciation	(\$1,132,046)
Net Capital Assets	\$4,010,866

ANNUAL NET CAPITAL ASSETS



2022 DONORS



Gold Donors

Fidelity Charitable | Frankfort School District 157-C

Silver Donors

Daniel Giancola

Bronze Donors

Christine Walker | The Vogelsang Family | Menasha Corporation Foundation
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The support provided by our generous donors, regardless of the size of their contributions, continues to greatly influence our efforts in creating an inclusive community. We express our sincere gratitude to all who have supported the vision of LWSRA. Together, we are transforming lives.