



**MAINE-NILES
ASSOCIATION OF
SPECIAL RECREATION**

**2016
ANNUAL
REPORT**



**Des Plaines Park District
Golf-Maine Park District
Morton Grove Park District
Niles Park District
Park Ridge Park District
Skokie Park District
Village of Lincolnwood
Parks & Recreation**



Message from our Executive Director

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for taking time to review M-NASR's 2016 annual report. It is with great pride that we provide this "snapshot" of 2016. This is all made possible by M-NASR's member districts which are made up of six park districts and one village recreation department. The Des Plaines Park District, Morton Grove Park District, Park Ridge Park District, Niles Park District, Golf-Maine Park District, Skokie Park District, and the Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department are due a big "thank you" for recognizing that recreational opportunities for their residents with disabilities is a priority. Providing funding to M-NASR to operate confirms this statement.

We approach each year with the same mindset. We strive to provide the highest level of service to you, our consumers, while not compromising our financial integrity. This is a balance but one we tackle head on. Our customers are our most important asset, and we strive to treat you with the respect you deserve.

Businesses, foundations, and individuals have provided financial support throughout the course of our fiscal year. This financial support helps fund our transportation services, scholarship fund, and additional equipment and program supplies. We recognize and appreciate all of our supporters and are truly grateful.

Thank you to all of our staff including full-time, part-time, and volunteers. You are the heart of this agency, and it is very apparent that you have the best interest of our participants, first and foremost. Our staff strives to provide safe, quality therapeutic recreation programs. On behalf of the M-NASR board and staff, thank you for your support. As always the pleasure is ours.

Respectfully,



Suzanne M. Bear
Executive Director

Administrative Staff

Suzanne Bear Executive Director
Tom Byczek Business Manager
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Barbara Saunders Public Information Manager
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Katie Weadley Inclusion Manager
Sarah Groeper, CTRS Recreation Specialist
Beth Kimura, MT-BC Recreation Specialist
Melissa Lofgren, M.Ed., LBS1 Recreation Specialist
Alexandra Walch, CTRS Recreation Specialist



Our Mission

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation is dedicated to improving the quality of life and, through advocacy and awareness, promoting a successful leisure lifestyle for individuals with disabilities.

M-NASR's Board of Directors

Don Miletic, President *Des Plaines Park District*
 John Jekot, Vice President *Golf-Maine Park District*
 Tom Elenz, Treasurer *Niles Park District*
 Laura McCarty *Village of Lincolnwood
 Parks & Recreation*
 Jeff Wait *Morton Grove Park District*
 Gayle Mountcastle *Park Ridge Park District*
 John Ohrlund *Skokie Park District*



M-NASR Annual Calendar of Events

M-NASR Recognition Night May
 End-of-the-Summer Celebration
 for Participants August
 M-NASR Giving Tuesday November
 M-NASR Annual Appeal December

Calendar of Events for Supporters of M-NASR

Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance March
 Morton Grove Foundation "Taste" March
 Park Ridge Community Fund Harry O'Brien
 Spring Dash 5K May
 Liponi Annual Miniature Golf Outing August
 Knights of Columbus
 Tootsie Roll Campaign October
 Optimist Club Holiday Tree Sale December

Volunteer...	Participate...	Donate...
<i>to make a difference</i>	<i>so we can all have fun!!</i>	<i>to help provide quality services</i>

Fundraising for M-NASR

- #Giving Tuesday—Our friends and families came out in support of #Giving Tuesday. Together with the Annual Appeal, M-NASR raised \$5,791.
- M-NASR hosted our 1st Annual Triviapalooza Fundraiser. The event raised almost \$3,000.
- Online Giving—Supporters can donate throughout the year on the M-NASR website by hitting the “Donate Now” icon powered by Network for Good.



Part-Time Staff & Volunteers

“One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time!” — Anonymous.

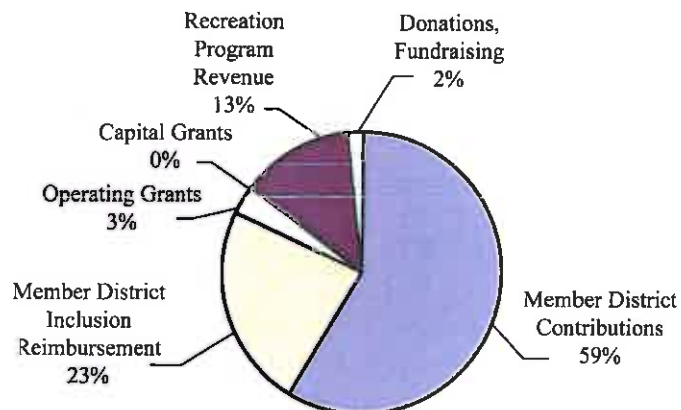
Where would M-NASR be without the 342 part-time staff and 132 volunteers who assist with programs and events throughout the year? These dynamic and positive individuals allow us to fulfill our mission. In 2016 M-NASR dedicated over \$34,000 in training costs.



**TOGETHER...
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**



Revenue by Source - Business Type Activities



M-NASR 2016 Highlights

Memorable vacation trips to Seattle and Arizona

Nine Special Olympics sports with close to 200 athletes

Summer day camp for 92 children and teens

Grand opening of the Sensory Room in Des Plaines

Hosted a five-team Chicago Metro Boccia Cup Tournament

Hosted the ITRS Basketball tournament for 173 athletes

M-NASStars Theatre program performed the *Wizard of Oz*

After-school program in cooperation with Julia S. Molloy Education Center

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Fitness program for Veterans



Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance & Auction

This year's Dinner Dance was a special evening raising dollars for M-NASR. Close to \$43,000 was raised for the newly-established "Stella Liponi Scholarship Fund."

Thank you to the event sponsors who helped to make the evening a success!

Event Sponsor - \$2,500+

- Village of Rosemont
- Anonymous

Elite Sponsor - \$1,000+

- Mb financial bank
Morton Grove

Prime Sponsor - \$ 500+

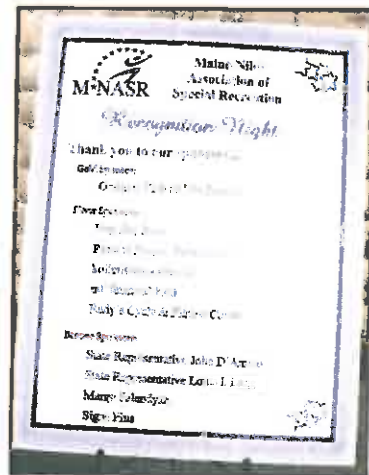
- Brian Wismer Entertainment
- Cicis Beyond Pizza
- Des Plaines Park District
- Groot Industries
- Loving Memory of Audrey Hoffman (Steve & Laura Koller)
- Kappys American Grill
- Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation
- Ron & Pam Lundin
- Niles Park District
- Vaessen Painting & Decorating



*Thank you
for your
support!*

Recognition Night

The stars were out at M-NASR's annual Recognition Night. Approximately 170 individuals helped celebrate the successes of our friends, families, and supporters. A special thanks to our sponsors who helped make this amazing night possible.



Inclusion Services

Every child and adult we serve through M-NASR programs is treated as a unique individual, with completely unique interests, desires, needs, and wants. Despite differences, we believe that all individuals deserve equal opportunities and choices.

M-NASR programs strive to encourage independence and acceptance, as we facilitate inclusion of individuals with disabilities in their community and recreation programs. Reasonable accommodations are provided at no cost to families through M-NASR and our Member Districts.

Member Park District 2016 Total Inclusion *Participants*

Des Plaines	27
Golf-Maine	1
Lincolnwood	9
Morton Grove	20
Niles	13
Park Ridge	52
Skokie	114
Total Participants	236

Member Park District 2016 Total Inclusion *Registrations*

Des Plaines	192
Golf-Maine	5
Lincolnwood	20
Morton Grove	106
Niles	291
Park Ridge	307
Skokie	493
Total Registrations	1,414

During 2016, M-NASR ...

Processed 4,442 registrations



Provided almost 20,000 rides



Provided \$65,444 in financial assistance



Offered 667 programs and special events



SUPPORTING PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

M-NASR sincerely thanks the following individuals and organizations for their financial support or in-kind contributions throughout the year.

ORGANIZATIONS

Henrietta Lang Burk Fund

Bank of America, N.A. Trustee

Illinois Bone & Joint Institute

Joseph H. Goldberg Family Foundation

Julia S. Molloy Education Center

Kiwanis Club of Des Plaines

Knights of Columbus Council #4338

Kohl's Cares

koller&associates llc

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Liponi Foundation

Maine East High School

Maine West High School

Mb Financial, Morton Grove

Morton Grove Foundation

Morton Grove Moose Lodge #376

Morton Grove Park District

Morton Grove School District #70 - Parkview School

Muslim Community Center Inc.

Niles North High School

Niles Park District

Niles Township

Niles West High School

North Shore Martial Arts

Optimist Club of Des Plaines

Park Ridge Community Fund

Park Ridge Lions Club

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Thank you for helping M-NASR!

Park Ridge Park District
Patricia Nelson Gebeck, CPA
River Rand Bowl, Des Plaines
Rivers Casino
Rudy's Cycle & Fitness Center
Saint Isaac Jogues Parish
Signs Plus
Skokie Community Fund
Skokie Park District
Starbucks, Morton Grove
Sunshine through Golf Foundation
TGRWA Structural Engineers
TJ Maxx
Village of Lincolnwood
Parks & Recreation
Village of Skokie
World Sport of Chicago
Zia's Trattoria
Zip Specialities, Inc.

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Jerome & Joan Wroblewski

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John Finley
Becky Kubica
Jack "Twelve" Murphy
Aaron John Lehman

Stella LiPomi
M-NASR Staff
Sean Nebel
Carol Pyes
Kevin Rauch
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IN MEMORIAM

Virginia Bear
Ronald Weindorfer
Suzanne Yates

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our supporters. We apologize if we have mistakenly omitted any donors.





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