



DAMAR A Season Of Growing

2023 Report To The Community





For Everything, There Is A Season

Like a calendar, Damar experiences a continuous rotation of seasons. However, our seasons tend to be non-linear and unpredictable. Instead, like weather seasons, they overlap, surprise us and occasionally prompt us to adapt our plans. These days, Damar is experiencing a season of growth. We've added buildings to our campus to accommodate new programs and services. We've built a community of homes for people with disabilities and expanded it twice. We've opened remote locations to provide services in new geographic areas.

And in late 2023, we grew in an unprecedented way, acquiring St. Joseph's Carmelite Home in East Chicago, where we will build on the existing residential treatment center for children with disabilities. Adding as many as 60 new employees to St. Joseph's dedicated staff of 45, we will strengthen ongoing operations and add services that are desperately needed in northwest Indiana.

Seasons of growth always come with challenges, and ours are no different. We must constantly look for additional employees. We must continuously monitor ourselves to maintain the level of service our clients deserve. We must expand our resources at the same pace and the same level as we expand our services because, unlike other organizations and businesses, we don't gain efficiencies or margins by growing.

For some, that might beg the question, "Then why grow?" At first glance, the answer is simple: We grow to meet growing needs. For example, as we open the third group of homes in Damar Village, we know we are creating a life-changing community that will address the increasing need for long-term independent housing for individuals with disabilities.

But we grow for other reasons, too. To increase the "weight" we can put behind efforts to improve the services available for people with intellectual disabilities. To respond to requests for broader impact, such as when the State or other agencies ask us to provide specific resources. To seize opportunities to build on others' good work, as we're doing in East Chicago. And more.

Even as we're in the midst of this season of growth, I know that we eventually will enter a season of reflection and evaluation. In that essential season, we will assess ourselves, focusing on quality, outcomes and efficacy, working to ensure that that are always capable of meeting ongoing and emerging challenges and opportunities.

Throughout Damar's 56 years, a couple of things have proven to be impervious to changing seasons. One is the drive to uncover needs for people with intellectual disabilities, to understand those needs, and to respond. The other is the faithful support of people like you. I can honestly say we have never felt more supported in our mission and our purpose than we do today.

As the year ends, the calendar urges us through a season for counting our blessings. At Damar that is a season that never ends. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve such remarkable people, and for the support of friends like you.

Dr. Jim Dalton Psy.D., HSPP, CSAYO





A Season of Growth

The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus knew it was time to close the book on their 110 years of service to children in northwest Indiana. But they didn't want the leave those children adrift. So they sought an organization to take on their East Chicago residential treatment center for children with intellectual disabilities.

They found that organization in Damar, which has acquired St. Joseph's Carmelite Home, but not simply to continue its programming. Damar will increase the home's offerings. Janelle Reed, executive director of the new Damar facility, says that, other than the expanded services, Damar won't make a lot of changes at the home. The two organizations' missions align so well that Damar can build on, rather than dismantle, the sisters' programs.

All of the facility's 45 employees are being retained, Janelle says, and Damar is hiring more staff so it can increase the home's service offerings. "This is great for the community, as they'll be able to receive services that previously weren't available in that region," Janelle says.

And Damar President and CEO Jim Dalton notes that other areas ultimately will benefit as well, as lessons learned in East Chicago will prepare Damar to expand to other areas in the future.

"There's lots of interest and opportunity," he says. "We just need to make sure we're ready.

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Campus Mural Project

Volunteer opportunities with Damar are available year round. Learn how you can be a part by visiting:

Damar.org/Volunteer











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Damar Gala















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A Season For Hope

Covid hit Deric Suess hard. Well, not Covid as much as its side effects. Isolation. Disruption to routine. Stress.

"His whole world turned upside-down," says Kim Suess, Deric's mom.

Prior to the pandemic, 27-year-old Deric, who has been diagnosed with autism, had a job, volunteered at a food pantry and hung out with a men's group. After Covid, he became withdrawn, had behavior problems almost daily, and began injuring himself. Kim left her job to be with him full-time.

In March of 2023, Deric started receiving services from Damar and behavior therapist Ashley Thompson, who helped Kim map out a weekly behavioral plan and stood by her and Deric through challenging times. She helped Kim understand Deric's medications, attended doctor's visits and even called ahead for Kim once when she had to take Deric to the emergency room.

"I feel like when I need something, she's there to help me," Kim says.

While Deric still has challenges, his progress has been considerable. He gets out more, his behavior has improved and, during the holidays, he made and sold gift bags (check them out at face-book.com/GiftBagsByDeric).

As a result, after a time when things looked bleak, Kim is once again thinking of Deric's future. "I hope that we can get Deric to a situation where he can live in a home with maybe one other guy," she says. "He has come a long way."

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	Earth Day		Administrative Professional Day			
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Damar Prom



DCA Graduation



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Memorial Day



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Damar Games

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Damar Games

Damar Games







Damar Fair Day Presented By



















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Father's Day			Juneteenth			
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A Season of Miracles

When Whitney Adcox and Kristy Russell recently went house hunting, a key criteria for their new home was location: It had to be close to Damar, where their 16-year-old adopted son, Dalton, receives services and attends Damar Charter Academy.

Once upon a time, they might have had a broader search area. But a little over a decade ago, Whitney got a phone call telling her that her great nephew was in a bad situation. She didn't think twice. She got into her car, picked him up and brought him home. A year later, she adopted him.

Whitney and Kristy knew they were taking on a challenge. Because he has a cognitive disability, they were initially told Dalton would never read, never do math ... frankly, never do much of anything.

The family refused to accept that, and today Dalton reads, does math, builds things, helps neighbors with chores, tinkers with motors and more. "Those are things so many people told us would never happen," Whitney says.

Damar is so impressed by Dalton's progress that it recently presented Whitney, Kristy, Dalton and his 13-year-old brother, Dayton, with Damar's 2023 Remarkable Family Award.

In turn, that remarkable family has been so impressed by the way Damar helps Dalton that it made being near Damar a major consideration in selecting their new home.

"Damar really has been a miracle for us," Kristy says.

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	Developmental Disability Professionals Day					
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Parents' Day			Freeway Academy First Day of School			



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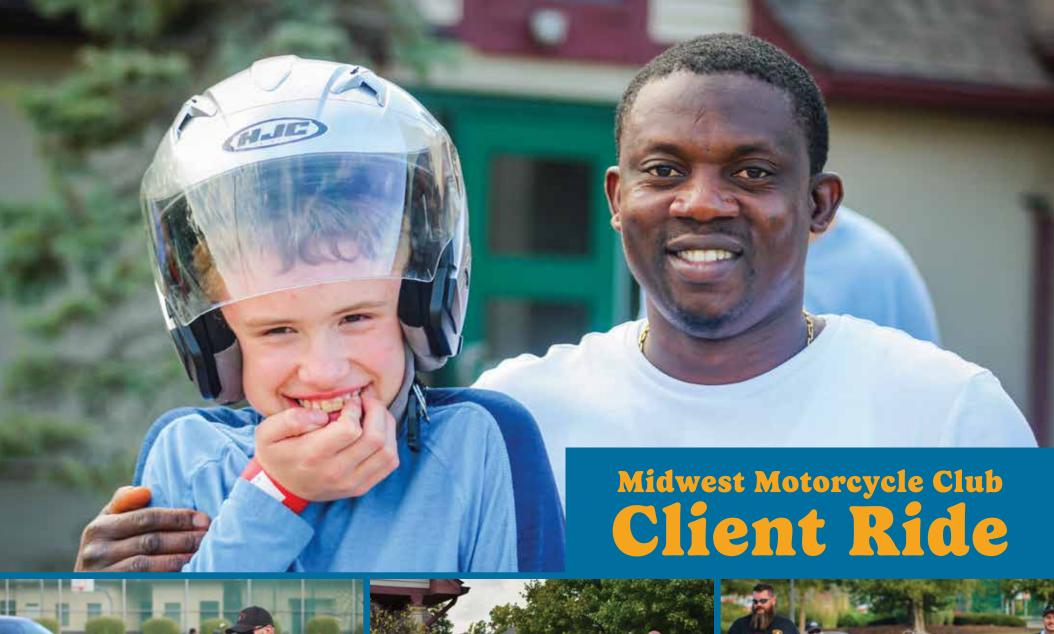
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	Labor Day					
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National Grandparents Day	Direct Support Professional Recognition Week		Patriot Day			
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	Damar Cup					



A Season For Giving Back

Every Monday from 10 to 1, you'll find Keaton Pitner at Damar's Ameriplex ABA Clinic. However, even though Keaton has received services from Damar for years, at the ABA Clinic he's giving instead of receiving: Keaton volunteers at the clinic, helping to create therapy materials.

Damar behavior consultant Brookelin Propes said Keaton's ABA gig emerged from conversations she had with him about working and volunteering. A 21-year-old with an autism diagnosis, Keaton has volunteered for other organizations, but, as he and Brookelin discussed new possibilities, the logical option was right in front of them. "He said he feels the best and most like himself when he is with his friends at Damar," Brookelin says.

Adds Keaton, "Brookelin saw this volunteer opportunity, and she asked me if I wanted to do it, and we had an interview, and I nailed the interview."

A Brownsburg High School graduate, Keaton also works at Culver's, running cash registers, taking food to customers and more. Looking into the future, he hopes someday to train for a paying position with Damar, not only as a job but also as a way to give back to the organization that has helped him find his footing. "They've helped me get new jobs, they've helped me with coping skills, they've helped me with a lot of stuff," he says. "I'm happy that they've helped me so much."

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Holiday Events









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			First Day of Hanukkah			
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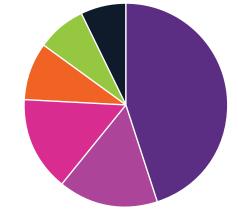
Revenue & Expenses for Damar Services, Inc., Damar Subsidiaries & Damar Foundation, Inc.

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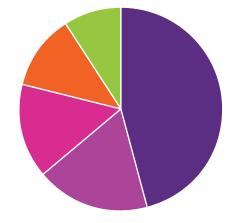
Revenue Sources:

State Departments of Child Services:	45%
Medicaid:	16%
State Departments of Education:	15%
Other Revenue:	9%
Commercial/Private Insurance:	8%
Investments/Philanthropy:	7%



Expenses:

Residential Treatment Services	45%	
Community Living Supports:	19%	
ABA Services:	15%	
Clinical & Medical Services:	12%	
Admin & Fundraising:	9%	



Financial responsibility and stewardship is an important role of the Damar Board of Directors and management team in ensuring the financial stability and health of Damar for future generations of families in need. This summary represents Damar's financial revenue and expenditures for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The gain or loss on investments as a result of market fluctuations are excluded as to not over or underrepresent the results of operations. The Financial statements of Damar Services, Inc. are audited annually by an independent firm and receive unqualified opinions on a regular basis. Audited financial statements are available up request. Expenses are shown as a percent of the agency's functional expense allocation.

Learn more about the many ways you can support the clients Damar serves each day, and how your generous contribution can make an immediate impact in someone's life.

Damar.org/Donate





While Damar's services and programs are varied and complex, the goal is simple: to help people achieve their highest levels of self-sufficiency and personal dignity. Our

philanthropic giving programs were created to support this goal on a consistent and on-going basis. In 2023, we helped to provide over \$1,000,000 in much needed funding and extra support for programs and services that affected the lives of more than 1,600 Damar clients and family members every day. For a complete listing of our donors, please visit: damar.org/donors.

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Damar wishes to thank Hylant and the Hylant Family Foundation for their multi-year generous donation to Our Road to Remarkable campaign.

The President's Circle

As Damar relies more heavily on philanthropy, one group of donors can be relied on to provide a steady and sturdy foundation for all that Damar does: The President's Circle. These donors of \$1,000 or more a year give clients the services and support they need to lead more successful, independent lives.

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