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Annual Report 2024

January 1, 2024—October 31, 2024

Advocacy & Inclusion Matter

of West Central Minnesota

Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024

The Barn Theatre

Welcome

AIM Year in Review

Award Presentation

Ruth Mossberg Service Professional Award

Anne Miller Dedicated Volunteer Award

Mary Rhude Advocacy Award

Community Partner Award

People First Member of the Year

People First Highlights

ACGC Presentation

Guest Speaker—Sarah Swedburg

Closing Remarks



Painting Class



MN State Capitol Tour



Oak Knoll Cemetery



Little Crow Ski Show



Crafting in the woods





Thank you to our volunteers:

AIM Board Members
 Amber Silva
 Amy Hennes
 Romana Thorpe
 Diane Maurice
 Glacial Ridge Curling Club
 Kandiyohi County 4-H Dog Club
 Karen Lush
 Let's Go Fishing Volunteers
 Lynn Petersen
 Mark & Lynn Stier
 Mid-Minnesota Development Commissions
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 Paula Oslund
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 Willmar Public School - Focus House
 Willmar Airport
 Willmar Warhawks
 HMD Photography
 Grand Rental
 Mainstream Boutique
 Maurices
 NuVisions
 Jeff Filipek
 Bev Kaler
 Willmar High School National Honor Society

People First Officers
 Amber Tallman
 Bev Schafer
 Vicki Litzau
 Engan Associates Architects
 Helanie Bolter
 Kandiyohi County 4-H Horse Club
 Lindsey Meyer
 LuAnn Krueger
 MACCRAY Students
 Mel Thorpe
 WCI
 Paula Nelson
 Sue Enstad
 Willmar FFA Chapter
 Willmar Stingers
 Kandiyohi County Jail
 Willmar Parks & Rec.
 Schwegman's Dry cleaners
 Ridgewater College
 General Mailing
 Bremer Bank
 R & J Tours
 S & S Sweets & Treats
 Willmar Fest Queens and Candidates
 Little Crow Ski Team

We apologize if we inadvertently omitted you from the list of supporters or volunteer. Please contact the office and we will make the correction.



Thank you to our supporters:

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 Willmar Knights of Columbus
 Willmar Pizza Ranch
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 In Honor of David Slinden
 In Memory of Mitch Gripentrog
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 Willmar Stingers
 In Memory of Shannon Bolter
 In Memory of Lori Hebrink
 In Memory of Wilton Gustafson
 Tidal Wave Auto Spa

Income and Expenses **January 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024**

INCOME

Donations	\$ 56,909
Fundraising	\$ 13,644
Grants	\$ 40,432
Program Income	\$ 8,936
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,355
Total Income	\$ 121,276

EXPENSES

Program Expenses

People First Stipend	\$ 270
People First Events	\$455
Event Expenses	\$ 15,064
Scholarships	\$ 255
Fundraiser Expense	\$ 6,943

Marketing/Other	\$ 6,745
Payroll	\$ 36,881
Office Expenses	\$ 16,161

Total Expense	\$ 82,774
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Net Income	\$ 38,502
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AIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

Brittany Norris, President
Mitch Johnson, Vice-President
Kala Kaehler, Treasurer
Amanda Titus, Secretary

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Caleb Bedner, President
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Jessica Castro, Secretary
Lindsey Harms, Member-At-Large

Paula Nelson, People First Advisor

AIM and local partners put on a spring, summer and fall dance. We offered painting, ceramic, Advocacy fair, fall festival, crafting in the woods. AIM programs to support staying healthy including healthy living, fitness, walking club, curling and bowling league. AIM offers education seminars to learn about guardianship, government and basic classes.

AIM has a self-advocacy group called People First. The group is led by people with disabilities with some assistance from advisors. They elect their own officers for a two-year term, plan events for the Third Thursday of every month and volunteer for many things.

AIM is fully funded by individual, companies, sponsorships and grants. We greatly appreciate the generosity of all the supporters, board members and volunteers.



Summer Dance



Walking Club



Garden Tour

Mission: AIM provides opportunities and resources to support inclusion and independence for people with disabilities.