



Our fundraiser is over, the workshop has begun, and we have been having a fantastic time in the creative writing sessions with The DiatrIBE!

We are beyond thankful for your support and the generous donations that have helped us secure this partnership!

The teaching artists with the DiatrIBE have been having a blast getting to know MOKA and 15 of the individuals we serve. Individuals are currently diving into creating their own art. Sharing poems of their own creation with edits starting next week. Additionally they are testing out their public speaking skills, learning about local poets, and the best ways to practice self care when the stories they are telling become heavy on their mental health. Keep an eye out on our social media for updates on this fantastic program!

The cover of the 2019-2020 Annual Report. It features a dark purple background with the text "DON'T MISS OUR 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT" in white and yellow. Below the text is a photograph of a woman with her hands raised in a gesture of surprise or joy. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the text "OUT THIS JUNE" and a dark purple banner with the text "Reply to this newsletter via email to be added to our mailing list!".

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MOKA in the Media

We had the pleasure of talking with Andy O'Riley and Muskegon Channel about Step It Up Muskegon choosing MOKA for a generous donation by Shon Cook Law and Scherdel Muskegon. This was an opportunity to share our personal stories, give thanks to the community for their continued support and give a quick overview of what MOKA does!

Click the button to the right for the full recording.

[Step it Up Muskegon - MOKA Given \\$1000 from Shon Cook Law and Scherdel Muskegon](#)



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Advocacy for the MI Direct Support Workers Wage is still a top Priority.

We are asking for your support in ensuring the MI DSW wage is funded in the 2022 budget by contacting your legislators and telling them it is imperative to support the full funding of the DSW wage for the next fiscal year. Hundreds of thousands of our states most vulnerable citizens depend on the dedicated, hardworking people that make up Michigan's Direct Care Force – let's support them in making this temporary wage increase permanent.



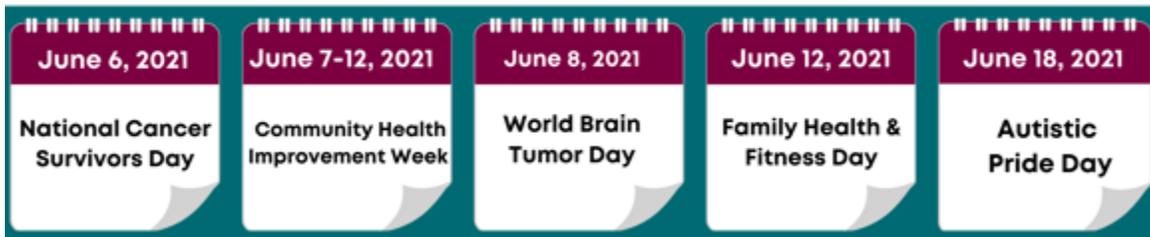
Joe DeYoung of WKTV's The Joe Show welcomed MOKA's own Jamey Curtis and Jaicarri Sanders to discuss their involvement with MOKA and our Supported Employment program.

Jamey and Jaicarri had the opportunity to share a little about the process of creating the necessary tools to meet Jaicarri's employment goals. They also discuss steps that can be taken to become more independent, skills they have worked on building and what Jaicarri does at his current place of employment!

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