

2013-2014 Annual Report



Where We Have Been Shapes Where We Are Going...

Dear parents, donors and friends,

Only 14 short years ago, a group of parents had a vision of creating an organization that would provide support and resources for families who had children with Down syndrome. This group of parents began by making visits to hospitals and doctor's offices to educate people about Down syndrome and also held support meetings so that parents, guardians and extended family members would have a place to go to feel safe about speaking about their children and to become encouraged and driven to help them succeed.



Many of those parents are still active in our association today and have been amazed at how their vision and grown into a very incredible reality. Through the continued support of parents, as well as through expanding relationships with businesses and individuals in the community, DSACO has grown to include in-house educational resources for students and programs that promote social growth and independence among teens and adults.

What is ahead for DSACO?

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma is pleased to announce that through increased fundraising and generous donations, we are able to offer new programs beginning in summer 2014.

DSACO X-treme Summer Science Camps were designed to give children between the ages of 5-12 with Down syndrome the chance to experience a similar experience to that of their peers. Because the mission of DSACO is to promote acceptance and inclusion, these camps were open to children with Down syndrome as well as their siblings who do not have Down syndrome. The themes for this year's camps included Independence Day and science.

Through the hard work and dedication of parent, Stacey Lanier, DSACO will be offering its first-ever **DSACO Basketball Camp** in July for children with Down syndrome who are between the ages of 8-16. We are thrilled to partner with Chesapeake Energy to make this camp possible.

We look forward to the future with hope, encouragement and motivation to continue to grow our programs and services so that we may continue our mission to "raise awareness and provide resources, as well as promote acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome.

Sincerely,

The DSACO Board of Directors & Executive Director



First Connections

Our First Connection program makes experienced parents of children with Down syndrome available to parents with a prenatal diagnosis or with children newly diagnosed with Down syndrome.

First Connections, visited and/or sent new parent information to 23 families this fiscal year and hosted four new parent breakfasts. Each breakfasts averaged 12 families in attendance, with our largest breakfast hosting 17!

Parent & Professional Education Seminars

Approximately 70 people attended this year's Reaching Across the Plains Annual Conference, which featured inclusion specialist, Patrick Schwarz.

We also hosted reading specialist, Natalie Hale. With over 90 people in attendance, Ms. Hale educated parents, educators and other professionals on techniques that could be used to encourage reading at any age. Ms Hale was so impressed by the facilities and services offered by DSACO, she devoted an entire post on her blog to our association. You can read it at www.specialreads.com/blog/?p=1994

We are excited to announce we will host two more seminars before the end of 2014 on the topics of iPad technology and sexuality.





Family Social & Support Events

DSACO realizes the importance of frequent family events that allow friendships and support networks to blossom. It kept tradition alive by hosting its annual Deck the Halls holiday party and Easter Eggstravaganza.

Because DSACO understands the importance of having a good support network, it provided opportunities to fellowship with each other through other events including:

- P2P Meetings
- Mommy Mingle Mondays
- D.A.D.S.
- Mother's Day Tea
- D.A.D.S. Day at the Ballpark

Teen & Self-Advocate Programs

Continuing to emphasize the importance of teen and self-advocate social and educational opportunities, DSACO presented a number of opportunities for this wonderful group of individuals, including our annual Fall Party and Valentine's Banquet.

Realizing the importance of independent living skills, DSACO felt the need to expand our programs. With the help of Joe & Nicole McFarlane and their family, we were able to create Kylee's Kitchen. The kitchen was named in honor of the McFarlane's late daughter, Kylee, who was born with Down syndrome. This program meets twice a month and aims to teach teens and adults how to cook quick healthy, dishes in the microwave.

In an effort to help develop social and independence skills, while at the same time keeping memory and cognition sharp, DSACO began DSACO's Club. Twice a month (once a month in the summer), DSACO invites teens and adults to the Club to participate in a variety of activities geared toward successful living. Activities have included group sharing time, going to dinner and learning how to order, pay and tip as well as interpersonal interaction with peers.



DSACO Learning Lab

Through a generous grant from the Kirkpatrick Foundation, DSACO is now able to provide a more personal educational experience with new HP, touch-screen computers and numerous software programs such as ABCmouse, TouchMath and edHelper, which can enhance the learning process for children with Down syndrome.

In addition, DSACO offers various classroom materials such as books, math and handwriting worksheets, phonic cards, educational games and additional manual program tools used alongside the computer. This equipment is here to expand the learning experience of our children and provide them every opportunity available. We want to provide every child and parent with equal opportunity to achieve personal and academic goals. Therefore, learning center is a free service available to individuals with Down syndrome of all ages.

2013 Buddy Walk & Run for T21

2013 brought a change to our annual event with the addition of the Run for T21 5K. Our first race had over 200 participants! We are pleased to announce that with the support of families, friends and businesses in the community, we were able to raise \$131,700 at our 2013 event! Despite the cold start to the day, over 5,000 people attended to help raise awareness about Down syndrome.

A special thank you to Traveling Tails for donating the use of their petting zoo and to all of those who made special appearances on our performance stage!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to our 2013 Buddy Walk and Run for T21 Sponsors and Raffle Prize Donors!

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2013 Buddy Walk Top 21 Fundraising Teams

Addison's Army	8,675.00	Team Caleb	3,230.00
Rallying for Rhenner	7,622.00	Olivia's Monkey Munchkins	3,130.00
Team Emerson	7,264.01	Nathaniel Daniel's Gang	2,715.00
Finley Unlimited	6,635.00	Lauren's Love Bugs	2,570.00
Evelyn's Crew	5,607.06	Lil' Rob All-stars	2,445.00
Ellie's Allies	4,571.00	Hudson's Homies	2,380.00
Emily's Extreme Team	4,030.00	Team Buggy Jo	2,350.00
Rilee's Rockers	3,925.00	Dodge's Dream Team	2,250.00
Kerstin's Kisses	3,710.00	Madi's Minions	1,962.00
Captain Beckett's Team	3,416.00	Isiah's Crusaders	1,650.00
Drew's Crew	3,250.00		

2014 Bountiful Blessings Calendar

We had another amazing calendar in 2014 and raised \$16,493 that will be used to continue providing valuable resources to families of and individuals with Down syndrome.

Thank you to our 2014 Bountiful Blessings Calendar Sponsors:

Aaron Tatum Custom Homes, LLC
Andrews Davis
Chermac Energy Corporation
Commercial Cleaning Services of Oklahoma
Copeland Construction
Saints Pediatric Associates
Saints Midtown Associates

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J.L. & Delores Fuller
Richard & Elaine Randall
Rick R. Schmidt, M.D.
Dr. Lucas Trigler



2014 Golf Tournaments

In 2014, DSACO benefited from two golf tournaments, Jacob's Buddies and the DS Awareness Cup.

The 10th annual Jacob's Buddies Golf Tournament was hosted by the Brooks Family and was held at the Cimarron Golf & Country Club on April 26, 2014. Twenty-nine teams, helped raise approximately \$7,200 at the event.

The inaugural DS Awareness Cup, organized by board member Scott White and presented by O-Tex, was held on May 5, 2014 at the Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. The organization's first corporate golf tournament was a success and raised approximately \$9,694.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and event organizers!



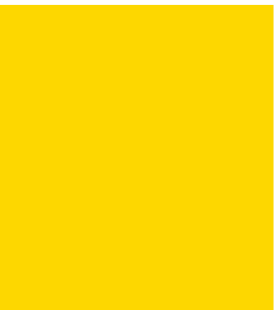
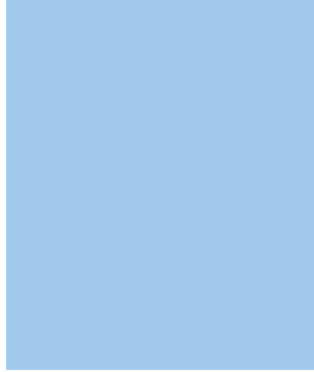
Thank you to the 332 volunteers that made each DSACO event a huge success!



DSACO Financial Summary

	Jul '12 - Jun 13*	Jul '13 - May 14
Income		
Donations	10,792	21,678
Event Registrations	18,415	19,586
Fundraising Income	121,646	146,514
Grants	23,300	20,000
Merchandise Sales	922	343
Interest Income	1,160	593
Sponsorships	20,025	47,318
Total Income	\$196,260	\$256,032
Expense		
Accounting Services	1,584	3,000
Advertising	1,056	1,070
Bank/Online Donation Fees/Finance Charges	3,008	3,365
Books/Mdse. to Sell	1,170	660
Books for Library	26	617
Dues and Memberships	7,718	5553
Event Entertainment/Location/Food	44,354	44278
Giving/Donations	6,300	1300
Insurance	10,082	9,808
Meals & Entertainment	848	1,334
Miscellaneous	2,956	3,319
Office Supplies	394	3,662
Equipment	0	6,919
Parent to Parent/First Connections	4,843	2,432
Payroll Expenses	59,903	57,107
Postage	2,020	654
Printing & Photography	15,343	15,215
Prizes, Gifts and Awards	5,683	12,780
Professional Fees	275	8,774
Rent & Utilities	13,405	26,080
Scholarships - Conferences	10,268	7,392
Speaker Fees and Travel	4,466	6,121
Supplies	810	3,835
T-Shirts	3,481	3,436
Training & Education	2,258	2,730
Travel	4,682	3,539
Online/Web Site Hosting Fees	259	985
Depreciation Expense	1,417	0.00
Total Expense	\$208,609	\$235,965
Net Income	-12,349	20,067

* Numbers vary from previous annual report to reflect board mandated change from January to December Fiscal Year to July to June Fiscal Year.



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