



2015-2016 Annual Report



Dear DSACO Supporters:

As I wrap up my first year as the executive director of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma, I am in awe of how much the organization - with the ongoing support of the board, parents and volunteers – has been able to accomplish. Every person who has served the organization over the past year has done so with passion and determination.

DSACO had a fantastic year. The Festival & 5K raised a record \$168,000. For the first time in history, the DSACO Cup golf tournament sold out of space for teams. We held our first annual “See the Poss-Abilities” Fundraising Luncheon on World Down Syndrome Day, and the event raised an incredible \$19,000. We couldn’t have accomplished any of this without the support of generous donors, parents and friends like yourselves.



We were able to add several new programs over the past year. We began a new Self-Advocacy Workshop Series for teens and adults with developmental disabilities, which have been extremely popular. We added new social programming for our elementary-aged children each month. In June we relaunched tutoring and included weekday hours - and slots filled up quickly.

At the same time, we continued to support and expand our existing programs. We held four workshops for parents and educators, hosted our third annual DSACO summer Basketball Camp and expanded our outreach to elementary schools using the “Just Like You” DVD. Kylee’s Kitchen is full almost every Friday night, and the First Connections team continues to reach out to new families who have a child with Down syndrome.

Everything we do revolves around our mission, which is to “raise awareness and provide resources, as well as promote acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome.” I can’t wait to see what the next year holds.

Sincerely,



Jill Harrison, 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.

In FY16, the First Connections team continued to visit and/or send new parent information to new families, and hosted four new parent breakfasts. Each breakfast averaged 15 families in attendance, a 67% increase from the previous year.

Quarterly Workshop Series

DSACO provided four parent and educator workshops during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. This year’s workshops included:

- Handwriting without Tears: K-5th Grade (43 attendees)
- Transition Planning: Life After High School (29 attendees)
- Potty Training (24 attendees)
- Positive Approaches to Challenging Behaviors (28 attendees)

DSACO also received a large grant from the Sarkey’s Foundation, to help with workshops over the next year. Thank you to the the Sarkey’s Foundation!



Medical, Education and Governmental Affairs



The Education Outreach Committee completed 10 speaking engagements on college campuses. They also presented a copy of the “Just Like You” DVD to every school counselor in Edmond, along with a copy of the book “I Am Grace.” These tools can be used to teach children that we are more alike than different!

The Medical Outreach Committee started a new resident outreach program. Ten medical residents from OU have toured DSACO’s offices and learned about Down syndrome and what DSACO has to offer.

One of the most exciting developments of 2016 was that on June 6, 2016, OK ABLE was signed into law! Thanks to Doris Erhart, the committee chair, for working hard on this legislation. Oklahomans with disabilities can now save for the future without penalty.

This year DSACO sent two representatives to Buddy Walk on Washington, which is a two-day advocacy conference that brings together the Down syndrome community to advocate for people with disabilities. Eilene Franks and Heather Hancock attended on our behalf, meeting with legislative staff and explaining the importance of supporting those who are differently-abled.

DSACO Basketball Camp



DSACO hosted its third annual basketball camp in Summer 2016. Because of a generous in-kind donation, the week-long camp was held at the Chesapeake Corporate Gymnasium. Children and teens with Down syndrome between the ages of 10 and 18 spent the week learning basic basketball skills, and tested their skills during a game at the end of the week. Participants left with increased confidence and new friendships. Thanks to our t-shirt sponsor, Commercial Cleaning Services.

Teen & Adult Activities

DSACO believes in providing opportunities for teens and adults with Down syndrome as they progress throughout their lives. This year, DSACO held the always popular Halloween Dance and Valentine's Banquet, in October and February, respectively.

Kylee's Kitchen continues to be DSACO's most popular program. The kitchen can accommodate up to 10 participants and 10 volunteers, and the kitchen is consistently full! The kitchen teaches microwave-based recipes to teens and adults, and is meant to encourage independent living skills. It is averaging 9 participants and 8 volunteers each week. The program has also been a great way to reach new volunteers.



Self-Advocacy Workshops

This year we also launched a new Self-Advocacy Workshop Series. This series of six workshops are meant to teach teens and adults how to live their best lives. Topics covered included effective communication, healthy living and more. As of June 2016, four of the six workshops had been held at an average of 15 participants per session.



“See the Poss-Abilities” Fundraising Luncheon

On World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2016, DSACO held its first annual “See the Poss-Abilities” Fundraising Luncheon at the UCO/CHK Boathouse. Each board member hosted a table of community members, and over the course of lunch, attendees learned how DSACO serves the community. Each guest was asked to make a donation or pledge to DSACO. The event brought in gross revenue of \$19,000 toward DSACO's programs and services.

As part of the event, DSACO brought in Sean McElwee from the hit A&E Series “Born This Way” as the keynote speaker. DSACO also debuted a brand new 15-minute promotional video, which was made possible by a generous donation from Pediatric ENT of Oklahoma.



Down Syndrome Festival & 5K

Led by chairperson Eilene Franks, our various committee members put in a lot of hard work to make the 2015 Down Syndrome Festival & 5K the best year yet! The total number of runners in our 5K increased by 17%, from 300 to 350, and our fundraising income increased by 12% - the event's gross revenue was \$168,076! Thank you to our families who worked extremely hard to raise money and awareness for DSACO. We hope you will join us on Oct. 1, 2016, as we celebrate this year's Festival & 5K on the first day of Down Syndrome Awareness month!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to our 2015 Down Syndrome Festival & 5K Sponsors!

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Parent 2 Parent Support Groups



DSACO looks to connect parents with one another at every opportunity. One way this is accomplished is through P2P (Parent 2 Parent) Support Groups. These take place at different locations in and around the metro area. DSACO added two new P2P Groups this year - P2P Seiling and P2P Shawnee. The P2P Hispanic, P2P West (Yukon) and D.A.D.S. (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome) groups continue to meet monthly and provide valuable support to one another. The groups bring in monthly speakers and also have social gatherings. This year the P2P Hispanic Group held an outreach event at Gattitown in Oklahoma City. P2P West held an Ice Cream Social at Hope Retreat Ranch, and the D.A.D.S. group held a summer picnic. These groups are open to anyone with a loved one with Down syndrome.

2016 Bountiful Blessings Calendar

The 2016 Bountiful Blessings Calendar raised a gross revenue of \$21,316! Thanks to calendar committee chair Joni Nelson, and the entire calendar committee for their hard work. Money raised from the calendar will be used to continue providing valuable resources to families of and individuals with Down syndrome.

Thank you to our 2016 Bountiful Blessings Calendar Sponsors:

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Aaron Tatum Homes	Vision Center
Commercial Cleaning Services of Oklahoma	Chermac Energy Corporation
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2016 DSACO Cup

Our 2016 DSACO Cup was held at the Lincoln Park Golf Course on April 23, 2016. For the first time, the tournament was sold out with 31 teams. Many volunteers, players and self-advocates came out for good company and good food for a good cause. The tournament raised a gross total of \$27,329!



Thank you to the DSACO Cup committee, and the committee chair, Kerri Brooks.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors of this year's tournament:

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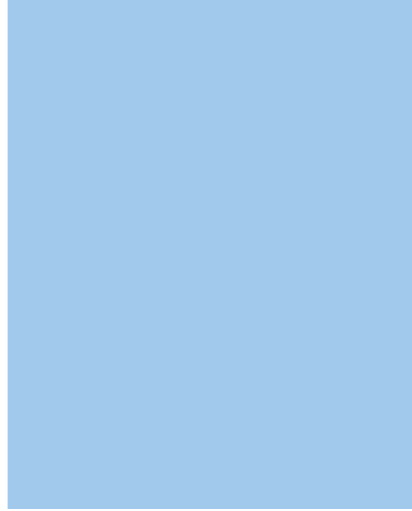
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Accrual Basis

Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma Profit & Loss July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4050 · Donations - Direct	24,821.37
4100 · Event Registrations	24,525.03
4200 · Fundraising Income	161,119.00
4300 · Grants	12,250.00
4550 · Sponsorships	40,345.00
Total Income	263,060.40
Gross Profit	263,060.40
Expense	
4901 · Software/Computer Programs	100.00
7010 · Accounting Services	2,875.00
7020 · Advertising & Marketing	1,273.60
7030 · Awards and Prizes	140.08
7040 · Bank Fees	2,472.18
7080 · Books for Library	21.78
7100 · Dues and Memberships	1,862.60
7110 · Equipment Rental	2,559.58
7120 · Event Entertainment	6,923.13
7130 · Event Location/Food	27,486.98
7135 · Finance Charge	37.00
7140 · Online Donation Fees	712.10
7150 · Giving/Donations	824.13
7160 · Insurance	4,256.04
7175 · Meals & Entertainment	17.04
7190 · Miscellaneous	208.04
7200 · New Parent Packets	217.62
7210 · Office Supplies	-1,436.07
7215 · P2P - D.A.D.S	451.92
7220 · P2P - Hispanic	475.70
7250 · Payroll Expenses	89,529.17
7260 · Postage	2,978.60
7270 · Printing & Photography	17,585.41
7275 · Prizes, Gifts and Awards	5,807.08
7277 · Professional Fees	14,818.18
7280 · Rent	26,153.76
7290 · Scholarships - Conf & Convention	9,224.00
7320 · Speaker Fees and Travel	1,030.00
7325 · Supplies	9,592.82
7330 · Telephone and Internet Services	2,007.73
7340 · T-Shirts	4,206.00
7345 · Training & Education	1,835.68
7360 · Travel	4,605.13
7370 · Web Site & Computer Maintenance	2,905.08
Total Expense	243,167.25
Net Ordinary Income	19,893.15
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
9100 · Interest Income	735.93
Total Other Income	735.93
Other Expense	
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Total Other Expense	152.57
Net Other Income	583.36
Net Income	20,476.51

2015-2016 Grants

In the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year, DSACO received \$9,250 in grant money to support its programs and services. DSACO received \$4,250 from four local Wal-Mart stores to support Kylee's Kitchen, our Friday night microwave-based cooking classes for teens and adults with Down syndrome. DSACO also received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Kerr Foundation to support the Learning Lab & Tutoring Center. DSACO is so grateful for community support!



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