

2014-2015 Annual Report



Dear parents, donors and friends,

The organization is pleased to introduce Jill Harrison as the new Executive Director of DSACO. She started her official duties in May, and has hit the ground running. Jill will work hard to build upon DSACO's offerings and support acceptance and inclusion for people of all ages with Down syndrome.



Through the generous support of parents, businesses, sponsors and the general community, DSACO had an amazing and successful year. We hosted our first summer basketball camp and greatly extended our medical and education outreach within the community.

There are more exciting developments on the horizon, as well. Over the next year, we are working to add a Smart Start

Kindergarten Readiness Program for parents of children with Down syndrome who are getting ready to enter school. We are also working on a new Teen & Adult Self-Advocacy Workshop Series, to support our self-advocates as they work toward more independent lifestyles. At the same time, we will continue to build upon our existing programs, including expanded hours for the Tutoring Lab, Quarterly Workshops, Kylee's Kitchen classes on the first four Friday nights of each month, and more.

We look forward to the future with excitement, as we continue to raise awareness, provide resources and promote acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome. We could not do it without the generous support of people like you.

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 26 families this fiscal year and hosted four new parent breakfasts. Each breakfast averaged 9 families in attendance.

Quarterly Workshop Series

DSACO provided four parent and educator workshops during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The most exciting thing was the number of educators who attended each event! Close to half of all attendees at each workshop were educators of all grade levels from across the state. This means that DSACO is reaching an important audience when it comes to educating and raising awareness about Down syndrome.



This year's workshops included:

- Therapeutic Use of the iPad at Home and in the Classroom
- Bodies, Boundaries and Human Sexuality Workshop, taught by Terri Couwenhoven
- Curriculum Modification and Inclusion to Meet Student Goals, taught by Dr. Lewis Jackson, University of Northern Colorado
- Neurodevelopmental Complexity of Down Syndrome: Implications for Learning & Managing Behavior in Children with Down syndrome, How Understanding Leads to Intervention, taught by Dr. Mary Pippin of the Trisomy 21 Program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Medical & Education Outreach



This year, a new and prospective parent pamphlet, which included current, accurate information about Down syndrome, was created and sent to 250 OB/GYNs and pediatricians in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas. The packets had a warm reception from local physicians and many doctors' offices are already calling for additional pamphlets. DSACO members are able to assist us with our efforts by picking up pamphlets at the office to give to their doctors.

Our Education Outreach-Awareness Trainings, held in partnership with the Oklahoma Development Disabilities Council reached a record number of community members including 714 students, 34 classrooms, 41 teachers/TAs and two school counselors. Committee Chair, Fara Taylor, also conducted *Your Own Awareness* presentations and one-page training for eight parents.



DSACO Basketball Camp

With the help of DSACO mom, Stacy Lanier, and Coach Jerry Dockery of Moore Public Schools, DSACO was able to host its first basketball camp in Summer 2014. 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 8 and 18 spent the week learning basic basketball skills, taking part in typical basketball drills and tested their skills during a game at the end of the week. Lucky participants were even joined by members of the University of Oklahoma Men's Basketball team.

Not only did participants have a great time playing ball, but the association was once again able to raise awareness about Down syndrome within the general public by securing a full, front-page article about the camp in the sports section of the Oklahoma.

We look forward to continuing this tradition each summer.

Kylee's Kitchen

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.

The first year of Kylee's Kitchen was a huge success! Each week almost every slot was full. Due to the positive feedback from families, as well as teens and adults. DSACO decided to double the number of classes we offer each month.



DSACO Learning Lab & Tutoring Center

Tutoring began during the Spring semester of the school year and has drawn quite a few attendees, including many regular students who visit almost every session. The program has been such a success, the board of directors decided to extend tutoring through the Summer months so that parents would have the opportunity to keep children educationally engaged during the off-months.

Weekend tutoring will be offered from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the first and third Saturdays and from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. So that we will know how many tutors are needed, students will need to sign-up for each session they plan to attend.

Also, during our regular business hours, DSACO offers various classroom materials such as books, math and handwriting worksheets, phonic cards, educational games and additional manual program tools used alongside our touch-screen computers. This equipment is here to expand the learning experience of our children and provide them with equal opportunity to achieve personal and academic goals.

Down Syndrome Festival & 5K

Although there were a few changes to our annual awareness walk, our 2014 event was a HUGE success. Led by chairpersons, Jill Harrison and Eilene Franks, our various committee members put in a lot of hard work to make this one of the best years ever! The total number of runners in our 5K increased by 20% and our fundraising income increased by 13%.

We are looking forward to our 2015 Down Syndrome Festival & 5K, as we will be celebrating something special. We hope you will join us on Sept. 26 as we recognize "21 Years of Celebrating the 21st Chromosome."



We would like to extend a huge thank you to our 2014 Down Syndrome Festival & 5K Sponsors and Raffle Prize Donors!



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DS Festival & 5K Top 21 Fundraising Teams

Team Emerson	\$12,058	Team Caleb	\$3,240
Finley Unlimited	\$9,735	Rilee's Rockers	\$3,190
Addison's Army	\$4,810	Drew's Crew	\$3,182
Kerstin's Kisses	\$4,620	Team Jake	\$3,113
Olivia's Monkey Munchkins	\$4,285	Marlie's Magic	\$3,076
Savannah's Sweeties	\$4,041	Captain Beckett's Crew	\$3,056
Team Nora	\$3,870	Nathaniel Daniel's Gang	\$2,745
Isiah's Crusaders	\$3,835	Lanee's Bunch	\$2,525
Evelyn's Crew	\$3,664	Ashlyn's Extras	\$2,500
Dodge's Dream Team	\$3,591	Monica Griffiths	\$2,455
Buggy Jo	\$3,547		

2015 Bountiful Blessings Calendar

We had another amazing calendar in 2015 and raised \$19,039! Money raised from calendar will be used to continue providing valuable resources to families of and individuals with Down syndrome.

Thank you to our 2015 Bountiful Blessings Calendar Sponsors:

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2015 DSACO Cup

Our 2015 DSACO Cup was held at the Lincoln Park Golf Course on April 25, 2015. Twenty-seven teams took part in this year's tournament. Players were able to get one of the first looks at the city course's brand-new clubhouse and enjoyed good weather, good company and good food for a good cause. The tournament raised \$10,770.24.

The DSACO Cup was organized by board member, Kerri Brooks, and community member, Mike Harlan.

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

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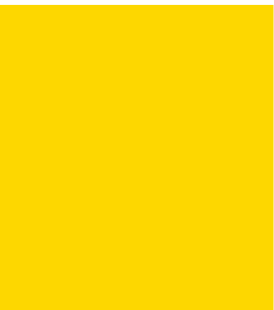
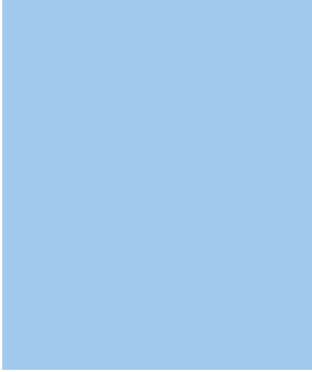
June '14-'15 June '13-'14

Income

Donations	38,128.93	18,314.24
Event Registrations	25,793.71	19,069.85
Fundraising Income	133,873.86	146,213.51
Grants	11,500.00	20,000.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	342.87
Designated Donations	12,402.89	3,452.74
Other Income	819.90	0.00
Sponsorships	24,345.60	48,117.82
TOTAL INCOME	246,864.89	255,511.03

Expenses

Accounting Services	3,000.00	3,000.00
Advertising	1,899.14	1,070.00
Bank Fees/Finance Charges/Online	1,048.19	10,701.96
Books and Merchandise	220.03	1,277.16
Dues and Memberships	310.00	100.00
Equipment Rental	2,557.76	729.99
Event Entertainment	1,734.67	4,164.97
Event Location/Food	24,960.71	40,113.14
Insurance	9,576.04	9,808.04
Meals/Entertainment	407.51	1,333.52
Miscellaneous	94.47	10,069.93
Office Supplies	6,170.09	3,624.27
P2P Groups/New Parent	1,240.68	1,881.71
Payroll	72,975.84	59,238.68
Postage	2,909.33	1,153.76
Printing & Photography/PR	19,573.96	16,041.86
Prizes, Gifts and Awards	5,279.21	12,964.84
Professional Fees	6,440.00	8,773.81
Rent	26,621.76	23,960.06
Stipends/Scholarships	4,702.00	7,392.00
Speaker Fees and Travel	6,711.09	6,120.97
Supplies	5,969.29	3,835.12
Telephone/Internet/Security	2,235.82	2,019.92
T-Shirts	2,750.25	3,435.93
Training & Education	1,204.00	2,355.00
Translation Equipment	642.50	520.00
Travel	5,051.04	3,539.02
Web site maintenance	1,054.64	965.01
Utilities	166.08	99.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	217,506.10	240,290.63
NET INCOME	30,048.96	16,808.97



Our mission:

To raise awareness and provide resources, as well as promote acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome

