Have you ever dreamed of being a rock star? I think you'd find many people whose answer is yes. To be on the big stage, hearing the crowd chant your name and sing along with you. Maybe even give you a standing ovation or beg for an encore. Well, it really is a pleasure to be able to make those dreams come true for some very special people in our community through the DSAGSL Rocks! Program.

DSAGSL is incredibly appreciative for the partnership with local music store and lesson provider, Mozingo Music, who make this program a reality. The team at Mozingo Music are wonderful to work with and have embraced the Down syndrome community with so much love and support.

Sixteen individuals with Down syndrome kicked off the first round of rock band practices. They practiced weekly in bands of 4 or 5 people, with a professional musician, for 8 weeks. Each person was able to explore different instruments, learn about sound equipment, sing in a microphone, and be a part of a rock band! It all culminated in a performance at the Hard Rock Café. No one was surprised it was a sold out show! For that one amazing night, we were all #FriendsWithARockstar

The fall session was such a success, DSAGSL and Mozingo Music have partnered once again for a second session. This time around there were 6 bands participating and performances at the Tin Roof, February 25th. It was a ROCKIN' GOOD TIME!

You can learn more at the DSAGSL Rocks! Program at dsagsl.org/programs/next-steps/dsagslrocks/
Makini Anwisye has been an educator for more than 35 years. She and her husband are founders of the Frederick Douglass Institute Elementary School (1979) and Hofi Ni Kwenu Academy High School (1992).

Makini became active at the DSA when her daughter Abeo, now 27, was in her late teens, and became a board member in 2013. Makini resigned from the board in 2017 to join the staff as the Employment Program Coordinator. "Thankfully, our population of adults with Down Syndrome are living longer and this population is growing rapidly. We are in many cases entering un-charted territory and we at the DSA want to be in the vanguard that assists families and self-advocates in obtaining the right services and assistance they deserve."

Makini has a passion for finding young adults with Down syndrome competitive employment. She now takes that passion a step further adding Adult Services Coordinator to her responsibilities. "Thankfully, our population of adults with Down Syndrome are living longer and this population is growing rapidly. We are in many cases entering un-charted territory and we at the DSA want to be in the vanguard that assists families and self-advocates in obtaining the right services and assistance they deserve."

Makini Anwisye is married to husband Sanyika. They have 4 children, 1 son-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law and 8 grandchildren. She enjoys spinning classes, hanging out with family and scrapbooking. She is very excited about her job at the DSA and looks forward to the new challenges.
Ms. Paula Mass

My name is Paula Mass and I have been a DSAGSL office intern since 2013. Since coming to work here as an intern, I have learned to be a better self-advocate. I went to the state Capitol last year to be an advocate and to Washington D.C. I am also now on the DSA Board of Directors!

I work at the DSA Office on Mondays. I am usually there from 9:00-4:45. I do many things when I am at the office. I help with the mailings that go out, I get the mail when it comes in and pass it out, I work on the birthday cards that go to all of the members, and any other things that I am asked to do. I like being an intern at the DSA. I remember when I was asked to be an intern at the office. I was more than thrilled to become a part of the DSA team.

This job has helped me to be a better self-advocate. I did not know what a self-advocate was at first. I was sort of stuck in my own ways before, but I had to move past that. The more I learned about how to talk to people who came into the office, even though I was scared, it helped turn my attitude around. It wasn’t easy at first, but everyone at the office was patient with me. I guess I was shy.

Later, I was asked to be on the Board of Directors for the DSAGSL. My father talked to me about having a spot of the board as a self-advocate and he told me what that would mean. That meant that I would have to speak up even more. I was a scared again, but I gave it a try.

I speak up more now than I ever did. I speak up about things that are important to me. I also speak up about things that are Down syndrome. I speak up for my friends and family if I need to. I am a self-advocate and I am proud of it. Just think, this all came from becoming an intern here at the Down Syndrome Association Office.

Self-Advocates:
Apply for an internship today!

Office Intern responsibilities include assisting DSAGSL staff members with projects and tasks, while learning valuable office skills and gaining professional experience. Projects and tasks include preparing cards for the monthly birthday card mailing, filing and copying, restocking office supplies, preparing meeting rooms, and assisting with special events.

Email Makini@dsagsl.org to apply!
The Down Syndrome Research Foundation (DSRF) has compiled a list of safe and effective apps your loved one with Down syndrome can use as tools for learning. Although this list was compiled with individuals with Down syndrome in mind, many of these apps are useful for individuals with other developmental and learning delays as well. Some can be used in early childhood while others will still be useful for individuals with Down syndrome throughout adolescence and even into adulthood. Thank you DSRF for your work on creating this extensive list!

**LANGUAGE - BUILDING SENTENCES & QUESTIONS**

**ConversationBuilder** - A terrific app to help students have multi-exchange conversations with other students. The app allows students to record their voice and practice conversations repeatedly.

**LanguageBuilder for iPad** - This app helps children create original sentences about a photo and can provide optional “hints” which bring up a sentence pattern students can read and complete. The app records the students’ sentences too, and can be used to work on labeling, simple word combinations, and more complex sentence patterns.

**Sentence Builder** - A wonderful, straightforward app that focuses on expressive language use using written, auditory, and visual support.

**StoryBuilder** - A higher-level app to focus on inferencing, description, and paragraph development, using pictures and sentences.

**iBernard - FREE** – A wordless video app that allows students to describe what is happening. A great way to work on vocabulary, sentence structure, narrative skills.

**QuestionIt Lite - FREE** – A symbol-based app that works on all wh- words at the word and sentence level, with many ways to provide a variety of cues and teach students at their more appropriate level.

**Sound Touch Lite - FREE** – An excellent categorization app that encourages turn taking with the iPad, and is great to practice asking and answering, “What do you hear?”

**LANGUAGE IN PLAY**

**Balloonimals** - This animal balloon app gets students guessing what animals are being made, taking turns, and talking about colors, animals, and actions.

**Toca Kitchen Monsters - Free** - All Toca Boca apps are very fun and fabulous for teaching turn taking and asking and answering questions.

**Toca Store** - All Toca Boca apps are very fun and fabulous for teaching turn taking and asking and answering questions.

**LANGUAGE & SOCIAL SKILLS**

**Communication Skills** - This program is a higher level version of the Communication Skills How-To Series (HTS). This Learning Activity Series (LAS) approaches the content in a way that is more suitable for advanced users, using interactive lessons based upon video modeling. Users will learn different aspects of effective communication like Non-Verbal Communication, Listening Skills, and Verbal-Speaking skills. They will also learn other everyday communication
Training Schedule

Day 1: July 26, 2018 from 9am-4pm
Intro to Down Syndrome & Developmental Disabilities in the Classroom, Curriculum Modification, Adoptions and Technology

Day 2: July 27, 2018 from 9am-4pm
Behavior Solutions, Inclusion, Social Learning, and Thinking Transition

A Down Syndrome Education Specialist is an educator, professional, parent, and/or caregiver trained to help facilitate the education of students with Down syndrome.

The goal of the Down Syndrome Education Specialist Program is to provide support for educators, professionals, parents and caregivers, seeking to build meaningful education for students with Down syndrome.

In order to become a highly valued Down Syndrome Education Specialist, participants must attend both seven-hour workshops.

The cost of attendance is free!

Encourage the staff at your child's school to sign up for this information-packed workshop. Register online at www.dsagsl.org/programs/education-programs/
The DSAGSL Ready2Work Employment Initiative has been steadily growing over the last several years. The Employment Academy is in its third session, the Jr. Academy has officially launched, and the Pop-Up Snack Shop has been met with excitement and enthusiasm from the business community. We are full steam ahead with a Job Club coming soon and employment showcase event in the works for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Individuals with Down syndrome are READY TO WORK and DSAGSL is ready to support them in finding meaningful employment.

For information about setting up a Pop-Up Snack Shop or Lunch and Learn at your place of business, contact Makini Anwisye, Makini@dsagsl.org

Business Spotlight

It is our pleasure to recognize Enterprise Holdings, Inc. and Enterprise Fleet Management for their support of the DSAGSL Employment Initiative. In September 2017, representatives from Enterprise joined us at the Ready2Work Employment Summit where they learned more about how employing individuals with Down syndrome is good for business. Shortly after, Enterprise Holdings, Inc. invited DSAGSL for a Lunch and Learn. Since then, Enterprise Fleet Management has hosted numerous Pop-Up Snack Shops. Thank you, Enterprise! We appreciate your support of the Down syndrome community and your partnership with DSAGSL.

Newly Employed Self-Advocate Spotlight

Congratulations Ms. Jennifer Brandmeier who has been working at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne Catholic School (ICD) since November! Jennifer is a proud graduate of the DSAGSL Employment Academy. Jennifer works in the school cafeteria two days a week. She also volunteers as at the DSAGSL office, and at in the office at St. Louis Life where she lives. When asked about working at ICD, Jennifer can be heard saying enthusiastically, “I love my job because I like being around little children. Also, everyone is nice there, and I get paid!” Jennifer has goals to expand her responsibilities and work part-time in the library. ICD is working with Jennifer to get her trained so she can start spending one day each week returning books to their proper place on the shelves. Something Jennifer says she really looks forward to. “I like my job and the people in the school. I would like to stay there for a long long time. I am so thankful to have a job and to work there!” Thanks Immaculate Conception at Dardenne for being open and welcoming to Jennifer!!
Save the Date

Relay and Run for 21k Race & World Down Syndrome Day Celebration
March 25, 2018 from 7:30-11:30
Shaw Park & Clayton High School, Clayton
Register online www.runfor21k.com

Friends for All Seasons Family Picnic & Photography Event
April 29, 2018 from 10:00- 2:00
Faust Park, Chesterfield
RSVP online at www.dsagsl.org

Birdies & Bass Golf Tournament
May 14, 2018 starting at 9:00
Persimmon Woods Golf Club & Lakes, Weldon Springs
Contact erin@dsagsl.org for more information

Step Up for Down Syndrome
June 3, 2018 from 9:00-1:00
Upper Muny Parking Lot, Forest Park
Start your team today at www.support.dsagsl.org

Lydia Cox Memorial Bike Camp
June 4-8, 2018
South Technical High School, South County
June 11-15, 2018
Harvester Christian Church, St. Charles
Register online at www.dsagsl.org

Small Steps Therapy Summer Camp
July 16, 17 & 18, 2018 from 9:00-12:00
United Services for Children, St. Charles
Sign up online at www.dsagsl.org

Down Syndrome Education Specialist Summer Bootcamp
July 26-27, 2018 from 9:00- 4:00
DSAGSL Office, St. Louis
Register Online at www.dsagsl.org
NEW MOTHERS’ LUNCHEON

On Saturday, August 26th, 56 new moms along with over 40 babies enjoyed our annual New Mother’s Luncheon. This is the 7th year for the event which we co-host with the Pujols Family Foundation. Over 50 volunteers helped to make this event possible!

LEAP WORKSHOPS

10 people were in attendance at our LEAP class about starting a MO-ABLE Savings Accounts and 30 people attended our class on IEP’s

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Andi and Christy presented to over 1000 students and teachers at many different schools

POP UP SNACK SHOP

32 Self-Advocate entrepreneurs participated in hosting 9 Pop-Up Snack Shops at events and businesses serving more than 1,300 people.

CELEBRATION BASKETS

Christy connected with 38 new families to provide New Parent Packets and Celebration Baskets.

SMALL STEPS THERAPY SUMMER CAMP

The DSAGSL hosted our first Small Steps Camp. 9 children participated. The camp was a three day program and was led by an occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist, physical therapist and a music therapist. The children explored many areas of development by learning about all things water. Each child was able to have time with the therapists to work on skills such as jumping, counting, making requests, sensory exploration, and so much more. It took place at Parkway Early Childhood Center.

AGES AND STAGES

The DSAGSL wants to empower parents with information. Parents of children and adults with Down syndrome turning 3, 10, 16, and 30 receive important books and articles addressing specific ages or transitions in life.
SOCIAL EVENTS

DSAGSL and St Louis Life partnered on many social events this year. Individuals participated in a game day with games, crafts, and snow cones. We also had a summer Luau. There was tie dye t-shirts, crafts, dancing, and food. In December we had a holiday party with cookie decorating, ornament making, and games.

HEALTHY FUTURES: AGING & DOWN SYNDROME WORKSHOP

The DSAGSL and the Wellness Center hosted a day-long conference on Aging and Down syndrome on August 5th. There were over 100 people in attendance. Dr. Brian Chicoine, Dr. Judith Miles, and Dr. Poelker spoke at the conference.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Over 400 people enjoyed our annual holiday party. The fun included a caricature artist, photo booth, crafts, and pictures with Santa and of course lots of dancing!

TALENT SHOW

19 acts with 98 people with Down syndrome showcased their talents at one of our most favorite nights of the year. 150 people attended to watch the show on October 7th!

MENTOR TRAINING

This past September, 16 new parent volunteers became trained as mentors. This program matches new parents with experienced, trained mentors for the baby’s first year. We are planning another mentor training for families who live in Illinois. If you are interested in becoming a New Parent Mentor, please contact christy@dsagsl.org.

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

DSAGSL had 9 Dine Outs in October, 21 Scavenger Hunt Signs placed around the greater St. Louis area displaying facts about Down syndrome, and 40 Support Signs displayed in the front yards of community members declaring, “This Family Loves Someone With Down Syndrome!”

21 SUN SALUTE YOGA FOR DOWN SYNDROME

68 yogis came to enjoy a morning of wellness activities including group yoga, tumbling and gymnastics for all abilities, music therapy, and bike riding. Participants also snacked on healthy foods, learned about essential oils, and got henna tattoos.

THERAPEUTIC PLAYGROUPS

35 infants and toddlers attended our playgroups at the office and at Play 2 Learn

STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE CLASSES

20 students completed the Employment Academy Classes and 4 have since gone on to gain meaningful employment. 10 students completed the Healthy Relationships class over the summer.
The DSAGSL cannot thank our volunteers enough for all the time they generously give to our organization. We could not accomplish nearly as much without the dedicated individuals that staff our events, fold thousands of t-shirts, or help build our office equipment. We are lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers who not only help when we need it, but who work to spread our message in the community and help make our vision, a community where are people with Down syndrome can achieve their full potential, a reality. Thank you, to our volunteers, for all of your hard work!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Relay and Run for 21k and World Down Syndrome Day Celebration
March 25th at Shaw Park in Clayton
7:00am-11:00am

Birdies & Bass Golf Tournament
Anglers and Drink Cart Attendees Needed!
May 14th at Persimmon Woods Golf Club
various shifts available

Step Up for Down Syndrome
June 3rd at Forest Park
8:30am - 1:30pm

Lydia Cox Memorial Bike Camp
June 4th-8th at South Technical High School,
June 11th-15th at Harvester Christian Church
various shifts available

Family 2 Family

Family2Family is a network of volunteers who are willing to help other families by using their common experiences. These volunteers have experience or knowledge in a variety of areas – medical issues such as heart defect, new diagnosis of autism or leukemia, and other general issues such as IEP support, homeschooling, puberty, guardianship, bi-lingual parents, or families looking to connect for social opportunities.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have questions, contact Christy Klaus at (314)961-2504 ext. 2 or at christy@dsagsl.org.

2017 ANNUAL CELEBRATION AWARDS

Scott Williams
Self-Advocate of the Year

Susie Stufflebam
Self-Advocate of the Year

Jessica Crockwell
Donor of the Year

Bonnie Sheppard
In-Kind Donor of the Year

The Marvin Family
Third Party Fundraiser of the Year

Dakona Werner
Program Volunteer of the Year

Joyce Fulks
Special Events Volunteer of the Year

Lesley Gaudy
Special Events Volunteer of the Year

Kelly Ruby State Farm
Employer of the Year

Lydia Faith Cox Family Foundation
Partner of the Year

Lathrop & Gage, LLP
Sponsor of the Year

Want to Get Involved?

Would you like to volunteer? Is there someone you’d like to nominate for a 2108 award?
Contact Abigail at 314.961.2504 ext. 6 or abigailbeckord@dsagsl.org to learn how!

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”
DSAGSL 2017 Grants and Awards

The DSAGSL is so pleased to have been awarded grants from the following fine foundations. We are so appreciative of their support for our vital programs and services!

The Wayne C. Kaufmann Charitable Foundation – Ready to Work Employment Initiative
Wells Fargo Foundation – Ready to Work Employment Initiative
Trio Foundation – Services and Supports for Aging Adults with Down Syndrome
St. Joseph’s of Cottleville Tithing Outreach – New Family Support
Old News Boys- Various Direct Programs

We are honored to have received the following Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action Conference Awards in 2017. We are always working hard to provide the best programs and services for our families and it thrilling to be recognized for our efforts!

Best Partnership – DSAGSL & Best Buddies – A Perfect Friendship
Best Use of Social Media - #DiscoverDSAGSL: An Awareness Scavenger Hunt

Kimberly and Neil Sanders held a “dollar dance” at their wedding in November and raised $400 for the DSAGSL Ready to Work Initiative, a program Kimberly’s cousin, Aaron, participates in. Family and friends donated a dollar to dance with the bride or groom. Thank you so much to the Sanders, and to their friends and family, for supporting the Down syndrome community in such a special way.

Third Party Fundraisers Benefiting the DSAGSL

Thank you to the following groups for your support in 2017!

All of the amazing 2017 Step Up for Down Syndrome Teams
21 Sun Salute Yoga for Down Syndrome Event- Michelle Abounader
Beishir Lock & Security, Inc.- Ted and Heather Beishir
Donna Calamia
Puttin for Down Syndrome- St. Louis DADS
Kimberly & Neil Sanders
Signature Consultants- Josh Bahr
Working Wonders 4 Downs Golf Tournament- Holly & Jay Kriegesmann
Get a Head Start on Making Summer Plans

It’s that time of year again. It’s time to start filling out registration forms for summer camps and activities... Time to get ahead of the game, secure a spot before they fill up, and ensure this summer is packed with fun and learning. DSAGSL has a few summer programs to consider as you fill your calendar.

**SMALL STEPS THERAPEUTIC SUMMER CAMP**
Small Steps camp is for kids with Down syndrome ages 3-5. Campers participate in therapeutic play with an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Therapist, and Music Therapist along with Early Childhood Special Education professionals.

2018 Small Steps Camp is July 16th- July 18th at United Services for Children in St. Charles. You can register for the camp online at www.dsagsl.org

**LYDIA COX MEMORIAL BIKE CAMP**
DSAGSL is proud to continue our partnerships with the Lydia Faith Cox Family Foundation and iCan Shine to bring you our annual Lydia Faith Cox Memorial Bike Camp. This camp teaches individuals with developmental disabilities ages 8+ to ride a conventional two wheeled bike resulting in a lifetime of confidence, physical activity, and independence.

We are excited to announce there will be two camp sessions to choose from in 2018!! The first camp will be held Monday, June 4th- Friday, June 8th at South Technical High School in South County. The second session will be held from Monday, June 11th- Friday, June 15th at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles!! Visit www.dsagsl.org for more information and to register.

Check out the DSAGSL February Sharing Our Strategies E-news about Summer Plan Ideas on our website for even more suggestions! www.dsagsl.org/newsletter-ene

**Silver Steps Support Group for Caregivers of Active Aging Adults**
Are you a caregiver of an active aging adult with Down syndrome? Join us for a meeting once a month to discuss the unique challenges caring for an adult with Down syndrome can present, and network with other caregivers.

Contact Makini@dsagsl.org for more information

**Parents & Caregivers of Children & Adults with a Dual Diagnosis**
Are you a parent/caregiver to an individual with a dual diagnosis of Down syndrome and autism? The DSAGSL is in the planning stages of an event to support families.

Please contact christy@dsagsl.org to be included in the communication about this event.

Be Aware: Changes to DMH Case Management!
There are significant changes coming to the way the Department of Mental Health handles case management for people with developmental disabilities. If your child or adult is not currently enrolled in Medicaid, they may no longer receive case management services through their current provider. Contact your regional office or current case management provider for more information about these changes, and to determine what your next steps may be. Department of Mental Health Regional Offices can be located at: dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities/
DSAGSL Community Groups provide information, resources and/or emotional support for parents and friends of individuals with Down syndrome. Each group has its own personality based on location, culture, native language and the age group(s) they serve. Each community group is open to all DSAGSL members. Contact the groups below for more information about their respective events, or call 314.961.2504 if you belong to a group that would like to be a part of our community group network.

Missouri

Heartland Community Group
(Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois)
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of the month, 10a-12p
Cape Girardeau Public Library, Penzel Conference Rm
CONTACT: Claire Watson – heartland_cg@dsagsl.org, (573)334-5685
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/HeartlandDSA

Central Missouri Down Syndrome Family Network
(Columbia, Jefferson City & surrounding areas)
CONTACT:
Kate Basi (Columbia) (573)449-8342
Nancy Parsons (Ashland) (573)864-6223
Paula Backues (Jefferson City) (573) 230-7230
centralmodsfamilynetwork@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/centralmodsfamilynetwork/

Kirkwood/Webster Mom's Night Out
(Kirkwood/Webster and surrounding areas)
Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month (usually) at 7p at various locations
CONTACT: Stephanie Holmes - kirkwood_cg@dsagsl.com, (314)495-9388
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/kirkwoodwebsterdsmoms/

Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (DADS)
CONTACT: Tony Sorocco - dadsstl@outlook.org, (314)393-8548
Website: www.dadsstl.org
Facebook: DADS St. Louis Chapter
https://www.facebook.com/groups/270173929671043/

St. Charles County Community Group
(St. Charles, West county and surrounding areas)
CONTACT: Karen Ryan – stc_cg@dsagsl.org, (314)795-1419
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stcdsgroup/

Down Syndrome Community Group of Northern Central Missouri
(Kirkville, Brookfield and surrounding areas)
CONTACT: Becky Pike – kirkville_cg@dsagsl.org, (660)651-5139
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/dscnemo

North County/North City Community Group
(North St. Louis County and St. Louis City)
CONTACT: Sergei Marchenko – north_cg@dsagsl.org, (773) 817-7054
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NCDCSG.STL/

Down Syndrome Group of the Lake of the Ozarks
(Camdenton, MO and surrounding areas)
This group is looking for new leadership!
If you are interested in leading this group, please contact Christy@dsagsl.org

Illinois

Metro East Down Syndrome Alliance
(Belleville, O'Fallon, Shiloh Illinois and surrounding areas)
Meetings: Second Monday of the month, Sept – May
6:30-8:00PM at Cornerstone Christian Church
Shiloh, IL
CONTACT: Bob Lutz – medsa_cg@dsagsl.org, (314)458-6918
Amanda Lutz - (618)593-0092
Amanda Joyce (314) 593-0092
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MetroEastDSA

Southern Illinois Community Group
(Carbondale, Creal Springs, IL and surrounding areas)
This group is looking for new leadership!
If you are interested in leading this group, please contact Christy@dsagsl.org

Other Down Syndrome Community Groups

Riverbend Down Syndrome Association
(Southwest Illinois)
CONTACT: secretary@riverbenddds.org, (618)288-2555
Website: www.riverbenddds.org

Down Country
(Hannibal, Quincy and surrounding areas)
CONTACT: info@upatdowncountry.com, (217)617-3568
Website: www.upatdowncountry.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UpatDownCountry

Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks
(Springfield, MO and surrounding areas)
CONTACT: info@ozarksdsg.org, (417)885-9905 or (888)655-5173
Website: www.ozarksdsg.org

Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society
(Springfield, IL and surrounding areas)
CONTACT: lldds@comcast.net, (217)741-1832
Website: www.lldds.org

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization
(McLean county, Bloomington/Normal and surrounding towns)
CONTACT: info@cidso.org, (309)452-3264
Website: www.cidso.org

Single Parents of Children with Down syndrome
Are you interested in a group specifically for single parents? A few of our members have expressed an interest in creating a group. To find out more, please contact: Christy@dsagsl.org
Create a lasting legacy and honor your loved one with a Legacy Wall Tile. Donations to our legacy wall provide year-round services, supports and programs for individuals with Down syndrome in our community.

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A life that touches others goes on forever - Always on my mind, Forever in my heart

Planned Giving and Tax Credits

There are many ways to leave a legacy to the Down Syndrome Association. Every dollar left to our organization allows us to provide vital programs for our families, and for that we are eternally grateful. Consider a gift of stock. The DSAGSL is prepared to accept your generous donation of stock, and there are many benefits of giving a gift in this manner. Contact Erin@dsagsl.org for more information about the tax benefits of giving a gift of stock.

Planning your legacy. When planning your estate and the legacy you want to leave, consider including the DSAGSL. Gifts can be made from your IRA, will, or trust. Speak with your financial advisor about your options in making a lasting difference for our organization. If you don’t have a financial advisor, contact Erin@dsagsl.org for more information. If you chose to include the DSAGSL, please let us know so we can honor you.

Stay Connected

Are you receiving our regular e-news blast in your inbox? Don’t miss out on the latest news and upcoming events from the DSAGSL. Visit www.dsagsl.org to sign up today!

Follow us on social media for event notices and updates, pictures, stories, and more! Facebook.com/dsagsl

Donation Wishlist

We are so appreciative of the many donations our office receives every year. We are currently in need of the following items. Call us at (314)961-2504 if you would like to generously donate!

- Gift cards to SAMS, Walmart, Target
- An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device
- Forever stamps
Step Up for Down Syndrome

Sunday, June 3, 2018
9am - 1pm (walk starts at 10am)
Upper Muny Parking Lot in Forest Park
One mile awareness walk, crafts and activities for all ages, lunch, and music

www.support.dsagsl.org/stepup

WELCOME CORPORATE TEAMS!

Corporate Team Opportunities Available:
- Recognition Banners
- Logo on Event Shirts
- Website Recognition
- Game Booth
- Food Booth
- Water Station Sponsor

Sponsorship Opportunities Available:
- Presenting Sponsor $10,000
- Extra Mile $7,500
- Pace Setter $5,000
- Making Strides $2,500
- Big Step $1,000
- First Step $500

For more information about Corporate Teams or Sponsorship Opportunities please contact Erin Suelmann: 314.961.2504 - erin@dsagsl.org
Birdies & Bass Golf Tournament
Monday, May 14, 2018

Registration & Putting Contest begins at 9:00am!

Persimmon Woods Golf Club & Lakes

A one-of-a-kind event! Enjoy a morning of fishing to lower your golf score, 18 holes or great golf, prizes, food, beverages, dinner reception, live auction, inspiring program and awards

www.dsagsl.org/events/birdies-bass