

Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis

The mission of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis is to benefit the lives of people with Down syndrome and their families through individual and family supports, information, public awareness and advocacy.

The vision of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis is to be the most comprehensive resource on Down syndrome. We envision a community where all people with Down syndrome can achieve their full potential.

Our Core Values

- ✓ We value the role of families in meeting the needs of people with Down syndrome.
- ✓ We value the rights of people with Down syndrome to participate in decisions about their lives including having choices about where they live, learn, work and play.
- ✓ We value equal access to a comprehensive array of health care services.
- ✓ We value the importance of an informed and accepting community.
- ✓ We value a well-informed membership and highly competent leadership.
- ✓ We value excellence in services for all stages of life.
- ✓ We value the diversity in our community, which will be reflected in our membership, board and services.
- ✓ We value the contributions of our volunteers.
- ✓ We value grass roots participation in public policy making.
- ✓ We value research that is conducted within accepted human rights guidelines and focused upon improving quality of life.

Steps for Organizing a Successful Event

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Register your event.

Any fundraising event for the benefit of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis must be approved in advance by the Office of Development. The enclosed Special Events Proposal Form must be completed and filed with the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis' Office of development no less than 60 days prior to the proposed event date before approval can be granted.

☀ Form a planning committee.

The enthusiasm and dedication of the people who plan and organize the event increases the probability of a successful activity.

☀ Establish goals.

Have a realistic and measurable financial goal.

☀ Brainstorm ideas.

Give free reign to your imagination. Several heads are better than one!

☀ Be sure you've chosen the "right" event.

The type of event you choose should fit the size, interest, talents, goals and time availability of your group.

☀ Identify your audience.

Who is most likely to attend and support the type of event you have selected?

☀ Schedule the event.

Schedule your event for a time that is appropriate and convenient for those who will be attending.

☀ Plan a budget.

Identify sources of income and expenses. If you keep your costs down, you will generate a larger donation, which is something everyone will appreciate.

☀ Collect the funds.

We ask that all funds be forwarded to the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis' office within 30 days of your event.

☀ Thank you!

Please be sure to acknowledge everyone who participated in or supported your event and let them know how much you appreciate their help.

So take the first step.

Complete the enclosed proposal form and return it to:

Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis
8531 Page Ave., Suite 120
St. Louis, MO 63114
314.961.2504
Amber@dsagsl.org

You will be contacted within one week from the day your application is received. We look forward to learning more about your proposed event. In the interim, if you have any questions, please call 314.961.2504. On behalf of the many individuals and families we serve, thank you for supporting the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis.