

Annual Report 2017



Mission:

Our purpose is to promote greater acceptance and understanding of Down syndrome; to educate, inform and involve all people to recognize the uniqueness and capabilities of individuals with Down syndrome and inherent dignity of all people with developmental disabilities; and to provide education and support for communities, families and individuals living, learning and growing with Down syndrome.

Events:

- Talent Show in April
- Family Time Pool Party at the YMCA in June.
- Calendar Release Party in September at the Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Annual Holiday Party at Faith Lutheran Church
- Women's Night Out events throughout the year

DADS group Events:

- A family fun day at the Wonderlab in April.
- Disc Golf Fundraiser in October and raised over \$2,700
- DADS meetings throughout the year and helped with Buddy Walk

Fundraisers:

- Created our 10th annual "Beautiful Faces – Extraordinary Lives" calendar. Photos taken by Natalie Mathers of Mathers Photography. Included eleven different sponsors and has raised over \$7,500
- Held the 10th annual Buddy Walk Sunday, September 24th at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. We raised over \$23,500 and partnered with Stone Belt as the event sponsor. There were over 1,200 participants.
- Received \$225 in general donations.

Outreach and Education:

- Held 1st First Call training (Trained 5 first call volunteers including 1 postpartum, 2 prenatal, 1 grandparent, and 1 experiencing loss)
- Hosted Play-n-Learn groups for infants and toddlers, featuring sign language, OT activities, literacy, and Music Therapy. Served approximately 7 families
- DADS group hosted Special Needs Trust Funds training with Gordon Homes in March
- Gave out (3) new parent packs to area families, including one Spanish version
- Sent one 1 first birthday gift
- Participated in the Transition Fair at Ivy Tech which is hosted by Monroe Co. Community School Corp and Community Transition Council
- Hosted Backpack giveaway in August and distributed 100 filled backpacks.

Volunteers:

- Coordinated over 125 volunteers at the annual Buddy Walk.

Sponsorships:

- Sponsored the Night to Shine Prom
- Provided sponsorship for the photo booth at the "Be a Star" Transition & Family Resource Fair at Ivy Tech in April
- Global Down Syndrome Foundation Adult Medical Guidelines (Project is underway and slated for completion by December 2018)
- Stonebelt Luncheon It Matters To Me (Key note Lt Gov. Suzanne Crouch, panelists Mark Stoops and others, focusing on current healthcare issues)

Grants:

- Received a \$2,000 grant from Vectren for the publication of our 2018 Calendar.
- Received a \$200 grant from Bloomington Board of Realtors and a \$500 grant from Monroe Co. Autism Foundation for the purchase of items for the backpacks.

Financial Report as of Nov 30, 2017:

- Total Income \$38,180; Total expenses \$37,090; net profit \$1,090.
- Net Assets over \$39,500

Board Members:

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