

Annual Report 2018



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:

- Family Time Pool Party at the Bryan Park in July.
- Calendar Release Party in September at the Whippoorwill Hill
- Annual Holiday Party at Faith Lutheran Church
- Women's Night Out events throughout the year
- iCan Bike camp in May
- Random Acts of Kindness to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day 3/21
- Cocoa Couture Fashion Show in February

DADS group Events:

- A family fun day at Classic Lanes Bowling in February.
- Disc Golf Fundraiser in October and raised over \$1,800
- DADS meetings throughout the year and helped with Buddy Walk

Fundraisers:

- Created our 11th annual "Beautiful Faces – Extraordinary Lives" calendar. Photos taken by As You Are Photography. Included ten different sponsors and has raised over \$1,900.
- Held the 11th annual Buddy Walk Sunday, September 23rd at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. We raised over \$10,100 and partnered with Stone Belt as the event sponsor with over 1,000 participants.
- Received \$460 in general donations.

Outreach and Education:

- Produced a video about the benefits of employing people with Down syndrome.
- Hosted Play-n-Learn groups for infants and toddlers, featuring sign language, OT activities, literacy, and Music Therapy. Served approximately six families.
- Gave out two new parent packs to area families
- Sent one 1 first birthday gift
- Toured Stone Belt's Project Search program
- Attended Council for Community Accessibility's Roundtable event with community leaders and leaders in the disability community discussing accessibility and general disability issues in our community.

Volunteers:

- Coordinated over 140 volunteers at the annual Buddy Walk.

Sponsorships:

- Provided sponsorship for the photo booth at the “Be a Star” Transition & Family Resource Fair at Ivy Tech in April
- Sponsored a dance for self-advocates in memory of Mindy Powell, one of our calendar models who loved to dance.

Grants Received:

- \$1,000 grant from Vectren for the publication of our 2019 Calendar.
- \$900 grant from Global Down Syndrome Foundation to produce the employment video and to pay self-advocates to talk about their employment experiences at events

Financial Report as of Dec 31, 2018:

- Total Income \$57,350; Total expenses \$61,978; net loss \$4,628.
- Net Assets over \$30,655

Board Members:

Cyndi Johnson, President
Dawn Gray; Vice President
Vicki Borrelli , Secretary
Gina Lovell, Treasurer
Rosalie Sherwood, Ex-officio

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