

THE ORGANIZATION

Down Syndrome Alabama members are diverse. Everyone is welcome. Membership is free!

DSA is an affiliate of the National Down Syndrome Society, National Down Syndrome Congress and the Alabama Association of Nonprofits.

DSA's outreach extends and is growing throughout Central Alabama. DSA has a strong partnership with many statewide agencies and advocacy groups.

A record of board members, annual reports, organizational structure, and tax information is available online at downsyndromealabama.org

Future ideas become reality with energized volunteers and a strong contributor base. CAN YOU HELP?

DSA OFFERS

- Support
- Education
- Resources
- Materials
- Website
- Newsletter
- Networking
- Presentations

GET INVOLVED

- Become a...
- Member
- Volunteer
- Contributor
- Program Sponsor
- Event Sponsor

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Down Syndrome Alabama



*Lifelong
Awareness*



Acceptance



Advocacy

WALK AWAY FROM ACCEPTANCE ADVOCACY
RUN GOLF FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME



Down Syndrome Alabama promotes lifelong *Awareness Acceptance Advocacy* for individuals with Down syndrome

WHAT IS DOWN SYNDROME

3 copies of 21st chromosome = Trisomy 21

Down syndrome occurs at conception.

Each cell of the embryo has 47 chromosomes instead of the usual 46

1 baby in every 690 births has Down syndrome. As the child grows, the extra chromosome uniquely impacts how he or she develops

People with Down syndrome have needs, hopes, interests and talents that shape a life of potential just like any other person

HISTORY OF DOWN SYNDROME ALABAMA

(Formerly Parent Advocates Down Syndrome)

For more than 30 years Down Syndrome Alabama has offered advocacy and support programs for people with Down syndrome, their parents, family members, caretakers, educators, medical professionals, service providers and local communities.

DSA members have been at the forefront of promoting early intervention, inclusive practices in schools and the community.

DSA is a proponent of opportunities in secondary education, volunteerism and employment.

THE DSA COMMUNITY C.A.R.E.S.

connections-actions-resources-education-support

Advocacy, Support & Activity Groups:

New Parent & Toddler Support

Elementary Activity Group

Middle & High School Activity Groups

Self-Advocates Group and Board

Sibling Support

Hispanic Support

Adoption Education & Support

Healthcare Referral Program

Heart to Heart Hospital Outreach

Conference, Seminars and Workshops

Education & Outreach Programs

John Mark Stallings Advocacy Programs:

The Caretaker to Caretaker Healthcare Referral Program will create a network of recommended healthcare providers for individuals with Down syndrome all across Alabama

Satellite locations are being established throughout Central Alabama to serve families beyond the Greater Birmingham area

THE GOLF EVENT

Is an opportunity in early summer for caring individuals, sponsors and DSA members to bring awareness & raise funds for programs that support the life issues facing teens and adults with Down syndrome



THE WALK EVENT

Is held in October at the beginning of National Down Syndrome month. Thousands walk to honor individuals with Down syndrome of all ages, increase awareness and raise vital funds for resources, advocacy and educational programs



RUN EVENT

is DSA's new annual fundraiser to spread Awareness and celebrates the end of National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The Run is held at the height of Fall's beauty and offers a festive 5k and 10k competitive trail run with a 1 mile Costume Boo Fun Run.

