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of Houston

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THE DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON'S MISSION IS TO CREATE AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME THROUGH ADVOCACY, SOCIALIZATION, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL OUTREACH.

WE ENVISION A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, REALIZE THEIR LIFE ASPIRATIONS, AND BECOME ACCEPTED AS A WONDERFULLY NORMAL PART OF A VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

DSA H SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2011
10:00 am English and 1:00 pm Spanish

Speaker: Mrs. Wendy Dawson

SOCIAL MOTION SKILLS

Most people want to feel accepted, a part of, and included. Most people want to enjoy friendships and social activities. Children and adults with Down syndrome are no different. And as a community supporting those with Down syndrome, we want that for them more than anything.

Join us as Wendy Dawson, Director and Founder of Social Motion Skills, introduces us to Houston's first-ever, comprehensive social skills program for any child, adolescent or young adult who finds interacting with the world around them difficult, mysterious, and even a bit scary. It is the goal of 'Social Motion Skills' to break down those barriers to society by reinforcing positive character traits, introducing age-appropriate social skills and activities, and practicing those skills in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere.

<http://www.socialmotionskills.org/>

You don't want to miss this! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Paula Davis, Vice President

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President's Corner

Hello Members and Friends,

September is a big month for DSAH. We have our Fourth Gala and Auction, *A Night in the French Quarter*, on September 17th at the First Base Club in Minute Maid Park. This fundraiser seeks support from professionals and family members—therapists, physicians, pharmacists, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Please solicit support for this fundraiser to sponsor our Outreach Programs! Simply provide an introduction to the Gala Committee Member with the Community Outreach or Marketing department at your work. Contact gala@dsah.org for more information. Of course, all DSAH members are invited to support DSAH through buying tickets, obtaining a sponsorship, or volunteering at the Gala.

September also settles into a routine for school-aged children. Bus schedules, ARD meetings, and preparation for transition: ECI to Preschool, Preschool to Kindergarten, Elementary to Middle School, Middle School to High School, and High School to...where? Most of our loved ones with DS can work. Are we doing everything we can to help our loved one reach their potential? DSAH has workshops for organizing ARD paperwork to better prepare you for your ARDs. DSAH has information on inclusion to develop social and language skills as well as academic skills. We have a two-days a week Adult Education for Life (E4L) Program for those who have completed high school, and plan to add more vocational training and opportunities. (We'd love to make E4L five days a week and increase enrollment so that no one is on the waiting list.) At every stage of your child's life, keep the longest time of your child's life in mind—their life as an adult. We are here to help, unite, and problem solve for all members.

I was fortunate to be Camp Director for Camp Ability for 3 weeks this summer, with Preschool, School-Age, and Teens. I was so surprised at the maturity and calmness of the teens! We have wonderful individuals with DS in our lives! Let's celebrate their gifts to our lives and to the world!

Have a great September and I hope to see you at the Gala on September 17th!

Ann Fontenot
MCD, CCC-SLP
DSAHA President

Saturday Respite at DSAH is now open to ALL disabilities

Our new Saturday Respite Program at the Down Syndrome Association of Houston will now be accepting children with all disabilities ages 6 to 14. Our NEW program will focus on working with the participants on their fine and gross motor skills through various activities such as painting, arts and craft making. Our experienced personnel will be on hand to work with the participants in group settings to help them build life and social skills.

When: the second Saturday of the month

Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Where: DSRC 7015 W. Tidwell Bldg. G Suite 108, Houston TX 77092

Price: \$30.00 per participant

To reserve your spot in our Saturday Respite Program, please call 713.682.7237 or send us an e-mail to info@dsah.org with the participant's name, disability and parent's contact information.

Due to facility restrictions, we are unable to accommodate **wheelchair-bound** or medically fragile participants.

Microboards 101

Our Diversity Outreach event "Introduction to Microboards 101" forming a non-profit for your child or adult with intellectual disabilities was a huge success. We had three current Microboards present from the Houston Region, Guiton's Microboard, Amanda Blue's Microboard and Nick's Anatomy Microboard all three focus people were present, Alexia, Amanda and Nick. We also had a food vendor Deidre Edmondson from Homemade Gourmet who provided refreshments for the event. Also present were Mercedes Alejandro who translates for our Hispanic families for the Arc of Texas and her mom. Mercedes currently manages 3 microboards including Amanda's and Nick's. She also presented a segment on the Waiver Programs available in Texas. We also had new members, Margarita Robliss, Sonya Sneed, Regina Colemon, Effie Keller and Pollette Holcombe all with their families.

Future dates on this Microboard presentation will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the DSAH Resource Center from 10a-2p. I will also be presenting this segment at the Fort Bend 2011 Resource Fair and Conference on October 29, from 11:30-1p. and again on November 15th at the MHMRA Conference Center in Houston. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Guiton
DSAHA Diversity Outreach Director
The Arc of Texas Houston Regional
Microboard Coordinator
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DSAH Instrumental In Forming the Texas Down Syndrome Governmental Affairs Committee!

We are pleased to announce that DSAH is a founding member of the Texas Down Syndrome Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), a network of Texas Down syndrome Associations united to help affect public policy. Down syndrome GACs work in collaboration with the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) National Policy Center to promote and pass Federal and State legislation, and to influence the design of regulation, budget decisions, and other public policy that affects our Down syndrome community. The new committee is called the Affiliation of Texas Down Syndrome Associations (ATDSA).

Texas is the 14th state to form a Down syndrome GAC with NDSS.

The inaugural Texas DS GAC Leadership Conference, for which DSAH had the honor of being a sponsor, was held recently in Austin, TX. In attendance were representatives from nine Texas DSA's, State Legislators John Davis, Dist. 129 and Elliott Naishtat, Dist. 49, DADS Commissioner Chris Taylor, Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson of the Texas Supreme Court, legislative aides representing multiple State Legislators, self-advocates, representatives from Texas Advocacy organizations, and experts on national policy from NDSS. Attending from DSAH were Board Members: Tamara Ishee, Legislative Awareness Director and Kristin Miller, New Parent Contact Director; and Lore Mason, a member of our Legislative Awareness Committee.

It was remarkable that this initial meeting drew the support and recognition of such prominent leaders and advocacy organizations. They were thrilled to see a Down syndrome GAC join the forces for all Texans with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities! One of our first tasks was to discuss and prioritize the many issues currently facing us after the 82nd Texas legislative session concluded, and then vote on the top two which would become the focus of ATDSA. Our top two priorities are, ECI funding which was just cut by \$30M leaving new babies only two hours per month of direct services, and to institute Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which helps educators by providing a framework for understanding how to create curricula that meets the needs of ALL students from the start.

This is exciting, new territory for DSAH to be a part of the NDSS' national initiative to develop and support a network of state organizations that are committed to policy change. The Affiliation of Texas Down Syndrome Associations is committed to working to improve the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome. Plan to see much more from DSAH's Legislative Awareness Committee!

To learn more about GACs and Universal Design for Learning (Maryland is first to get a UDL bill passed in legislation), go to ndss.org/policy.

Left to right: Lore Mason-DSAH, Rep. Elliott Naishtat, Kristin Miller-DSAH, Rachel McClure-Leg. Aide to Lon Burnam, Rep. John Davis, Tamara Ishee-DSAH



Pictured from left to right: Lore Mason, Kristin Miller, Stephanie Lee Smith, Senior Policy Advisor, NDSS, Ashley Penza, Sen. Zaffirini's Legislative Aide, Tamara Ishee



Kase Marshall Golf Tournament

Please join us on Friday, October 28, for the "must attend" Golf Tournament of the Year! The Second Annual Kase Marshall Golf Tournament benefits DSAH to support families who have a child or adult with DS. The exclusive Longwood Golf Club is the setting.

Kase Marshall, son of Jean Anne and Matt Marshall, was born in 2009, with DS in conjunction with a heart condition that required open-heart surgery. The Marshalls were blessed to benefit from the proceeds of the First Golf Tournament. This First KM Golf Tournament was organized by their family and friends with the help of the DSA of Brazos Valley. The Marshalls want to thank this first support group by paying it forward. They want to ensure that similar families have support to care for their beautiful child.

In the spirit of passing on their blessings, Matt Marshall is the Chair of this year's Golf Tournament. Are you ready for a party and great golf? This is a Halloween Costume Contest Golf Tournament! There will be prizes given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Also: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, along with random awards. Best individual and Team costumes will receive awesome awards!

Individual Golfer

Early Bird Registration - before September 17, 2011:
\$125.00

Late Registration - after September 17, 2011:
\$150.00

Foursomes

Early Bird Registration - before September 17, 2011:
\$500.00

Late Registration - after September 17, 2011:
\$600.00

Hole Sponsor + Foursome: \$600.00

To register, sponsor, or donate visit:
www.kasemarshallgolf.com

To volunteer or for more info, contact
mattcfa@gmail.com.



2011 Houston Buddy Walk



The countdown continues and we are 3 months away from our 11th Annual Houston Buddy Walk! Every day we have more and more teams formed! Thank you to all of my team captains who have done so. If you still have not registered your team, do so by visiting www.houstonbuddywalk.org and follow the prompts. If you don't have computer access you can always come to our September Team Captain meeting on 9/10 and get your team started. Many of our deadlines are coming up, so please remember to mark your calendar with the following dates:

Team Captain Meetings – are held at DSRC located at **7015 W. Tidwell Bldg. G Suite 108 Houston TX 77092.**

9/10/2011 ~ 9am-11am **10/13/2011** ~ 6pm-8pm

10/28/2011- Last day to turn in your child's BIO for the Imagine the PossAbilities tent.

10/28/2011 - Deadline for Sponsors to get Logo or Name added to back of T-shirts!

New This Year!

Donate a theme basket to our Buddy Walk raffle! We are looking for team captains that would like to donate a basket in honor of their team for our Buddy walk Raffle. Each basket will be displayed at the event with the team's name. We are looking for baskets with the following themes: Christmas, hunting, sports, BBQ, summer, pet and many more. If you would like to donate one, please send us an e-mail to buddywalk@dsah.org

Also with a new venue comes new opportunities for our team captains to get some much deserved Tender, Love and Care! This year we have created a new incentive for our team captains to have some friendly completion and receive their own space or tent to showcase their team!

If your Team raises \$3,000 - \$4,999 - Your team will receive a 10x10 space at the Buddy Walk where you can bring your own tent and decorate. Your team will have a place to meet and greet.

If your Team raises \$5,000 and above - Your team will receive a 10x10 area with a tent provided by the Houston Buddy Walk. You can decorate your area and use it as a meet and greet area.

Don't forget to get your Domino's Fundraising cards today! You can sell them for \$10 and it all goes to your team. If you have any questions about the Buddy Walk, please don't hesitate to contact me at 713.682.7237 or at buddywalk@dsah.org.

Happy Fundraising!
Alejandra Lima
2011 Buddy Walk Director



Meet Brayden's Buddies... they are ready for the 2011 Buddy Walk

The Down Syndrome Association of Houston
Presents
FOOTPRINTS INTO THE FUTURE



Saturday, November 12, 2011 - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
United Way of Greater Houston - 50 Waugh Drive - Houston, Texas 77007

What is transition? What does it mean? And what do you have to do to prepare? Each step will be explained – from early childhood to school and into adult life for individuals with disabilities, for their families and for the educators who support them. In this conference, Jo Ann Simons will present “Footprints to the Future” which includes a life planning document designed for families that provides a place to record specific and personal information about their loved ones. Keynote and breakout sessions include:

- Guardianships and Special Needs Trusts
- Special Education Law
- Federal Funding Options and Medicaid Waiver Programs
- Student Introduction Portfolios
- Health and Wellness
- How to Write IEP Goals and Modify Curriculum
- Adaptive Behavior in the Classroom
- Develop Effective Transition Goals for High School
- Accessing Post-Secondary Education
- Employment Possibilities
- Building Relationships and Creating a Meaningful Day
- When Therapy is Not Enough

Keynote Speaker: Jo Ann Simons, has been an active member of the Down syndrome community for over thirty years. Simons is currently the President and CEO of the Cardinal Cushing Centers. Jo Ann was formerly the Board Chair of the National Down Syndrome Society. Mrs. Simons has been supporting and inspiring parents through her writing and lectures for three decades. Simons is now being reprinted in publications around the country and was the basis for the recently published “Down Syndrome Transition Handbook.” She was also a contributing writer in the 3rd edition of “Babies with Down Syndrome.” She resides in Swampscott, Massachusetts with her husband Chet Derr, and is the mother of two children, Jon (who has DS) and Emily.

CEUs provided by Texas Woman’s University

CPEs provided by Texas Education Agency

Brigette Richards is 25!! by Terice Richards

Brigette Richards has been bringing joy and laughter to others for 25 years now! "It hasn't been easy", says her mom, but God named Brigette, so we always knew He knows her as well as all children, and maybe, especially Special Ed children. That knowledge has been a consolation, especially during difficult times for Brigette, in high school, for example, when her mom would tell her "God named you, He knows you and He has a plan for you, for your life."

It started after Brigette's mom, Terice, had suffered a couple of miscarriages before Brigette was born. Terice suspected that she might be pregnant and she began asking God for a sign that if she was pregnant, she would carry this child to full term. One day, she went into the chapel and "prayed for a long time" for God to show her a sign that if she was pregnant that this baby would be OK.



She started reading the Daily Missalette and noticed that it was "St. Briget's Day". As she was looking at the Missalette, she heard a voice say, "There's a good name for your daughter". She paused, looked around and saw that there was no one behind her and no one close enough to her that would have said this.

"It was God's voice", she said to herself. Sure enough, even before consulting her OBGYN, or taking a pregnancy test, Terice knew that she was pregnant and that she was going to have a little girl..

We know that the Lord has opened up wonderful opportunities for Brigette throughout her life. Brigette began her therapy at two weeks of age. MHMRA has been a wonderful resource and provided great therapy for Brigette from the beginning. Steve & I also served on the Board of DSAH. "We became involved when Brigette was a couple of months old," says Terice. "and served several years. It was wonderful networking and friendship for us and for Brigette."

At age 18 months, Brigette was enrolled at the Westview School, and along with classes at MHMRA, went to speech and therapy classes at Westview School.

Other activities at an early age included Gymboree at 6 months, Mom & Tot Swim and Dance for Toddlers at the YMCA. "Brigette had trouble with dance, coordinating music with movement. We switched her to gymnastics. She loved it and stayed with it for 12 years." Along with gymnastics, Brigette loved her many years of swimming, along with her many years of dance.

Brigette followed the lead of one of Special Ed friends, Kathryn, and tried out for and was selected to perform in her first talent show in middle school. This opened the door for some of her friends with Down syndrome to also perform in talent shows at her school. By the time she got to high school, Brigette, cheered on by her friends, danced to her favorite singers in high school two years in a row!

Brigette loves children. She has volunteered as a babysitter at the YMCA and the nursery at St. Martha's in Kingwood. She has also been teacher's aid at youth catechism classes. She is a salaried employee, works as a sacker at H.E.B. in Kingwood. Brigette loves people, she strikes up a conversation with everyone, is friendly and has fun as a sacker. Ask her what her favorite part of her job is and she'll tell you it's "the tips!"

Brigette is dating Billy, the love of her life, a friend whom she met through the Village Learning Center, in Kingwood, where she attends the Day Habilitation Program. Asked about the future, Terice says, "It's all in God's hands, He brought Billy to Brigette and we leave it in His hands to work out the details."

Nuestra Misión: "la de Crear conciencia y aceptación de niños y adultos con síndrome de Down a través de abogacía, socialización, educación y difusión médica."

Un Mensaje de nuestra Presidenta

Hola Miembros y amigos,

Septiembre es un gran mes para DSAH. Tenemos nuestra 4ta Gala Y subasta, *A Night in the French Quarter*, el 17 de Septiembre en el First Base Club en Minute Maid Park. Este evento busca el apoyo de profesionales y miembros familiares.—terapistas, doctores, farmacéutas, padres, abuelos, tías, tíos y primos. Por favor ayúdenos a buscar patrocinadores para apoyar nuestros programas. Puede ayudarnos introduciendo uno de nuestros miembros de comité a la persona encargada de relaciones publicas o programas comunitarios en su trabajo. Comuníquese con gala@dsah.org para mas información. Claro que como padre de familia, usted también nos puede ayudar comprando su boleto, obteniendo un patrocinio/donación o voluntariando.

Septiembre también marca el comienzo de una nueva rutina para niños de edad escolar. Horario de buses, reuniones de ARD, y preparación a transición: ECI a Pre-escolar, Pre-escolar a Kinder, Elementaria a Escuela Media, Escuela Media a Bachillerato, y bachillerato... hacia donde? La mayoría de nuestros seres queridos con síndrome de Down pueden trabajar. Estamos haciendo todo lo que esta a nuestro alcance para que ellos alcancen su mayor potencial? DSAH tiene talleres para organizar papeleo de ARD's, en información en inclusión para desarrollar habilidades sociales al igual que académicas. Nosotros tenemos un programa de dos días a la semana para adultos llamado Educación para Toda La Vida (E4L) para aquellos que han completado su bachiller y quisieran añadir mas entrenamiento vocacional. (Quisiéramos extender este programa a 5 días a la semana y que nadie estuviera en la lista de espera). En todas las etapas de su hijo(a), tenga en cuenta el futuro de el o ella como adulto. Estamos aquí para ayudarle, unir y resolver problemas juntos para nuestros miembros.

Tuve la fortuna de ser Directora del campamento de verano por 3 semanas este verano para niños de los 3 a los 17 años. Estuve muy sorprendida en ver la madurez y lo calmado que son los adolescentes! Tenemos grandes individuos con síndrome de Down en nuestras vidas! Celebremos sus regalos a nuestras vidas y al mundo!

Tenga un gran septiembre y espero verlos en la gala el 17 de Septiembre!

Ann Fontenot
MCD, CCC-SLP
DSAH President

REUNION MENSUAL DE SEPTIEMBRE DE DSAH

Sábado, 24 de Septiembre del 2011

10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Presentadora: Mrs. Wendy Dawson

HABILIDADES SOCIALES DE MOVIMIENTO

La mayoría de personas quieren sentirse aceptadas, pertenecer a algo, ser incluidas y para personas con síndrome de Down eso no es diferente. Como una comunidad que apoya a nuestros individuos, queremos que se sientan incluidos lo mas posible.

Acompáñenos cuando Wendy Dawson, Directora y Fundadora de Social Motion Skills, nos introduce al primer programa de Habilidades Sociales de Houston para cualquier niño, adolescente o adulto que encuentra difícil el interactuar con el mundo alrededor. Es la meta de esta organización romper cualquier barrera de la sociedad reenforzando actitudes positivas para todas las edades. Para mas información visite: <http://www.socialmotionskills.org/>

Usted no se querrá perder este taller! Espero verlos pronto

Paula Davis, Vice President

Microboards 101

Nuestro evento de diversidad "una Introducción a Microboards 101— formando una organización no lucrativa al rededor de su niño o adulto con una discapacidad" fue un gran éxito.

Tuvimos tres microboards presentes del área de la región de Houston; estos fueron: Guiton's Microboard, Amanda Blue's Microboard y Nick's Anatomy Microboard con la persona de enfoque presente. Tuvimos también refrescos proveídos por Deidre Edmondson de Homemade Gourmet. Presente también estuvieron Mercedes Alejandro, la traductora en Español para las familias del Arc y su madre. Mercedes actualmente maneja 3 microboards los cuales incluyen el de Amanda y el de Nick. Ella también presentó un segmento en los programas de exención de Medicaid disponibles en Texas. También asistieron nuevos miembros como lo son Margarita Robliss, Sonya Sneed, Regina Colemon, Effie Keller y Pollette Holcombe con sus respectivas familias.

La próxima presentación de Micorboards 101 será el martes 20 de Septiembre en El Centro De Recursos de DSAH de 10a-2p. También estaré presentando este segmento en el Fort Bend 2011 Resource Fair and Conference el 29 de Octubre de 11:30-1p. Y el 15 de Noviembre en el Centro de Conferencia de MHMRA en Houston. Espero verlos en uno de ellos!

Sinceramente,

Cynthia Guiton
DSAH Diversity Outreach Director
The Arc of Texas Houston Regional Microboard Coordinator
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La Caminata Anual de Amigos del 2011

Continuamos el conteo y solo nos quedan 3 meses para La Caminata de Amigos del 2011! Cada vez tenemos más y más equipos registrados. Gracias a todos los capitanes por tomarse el tiempo de hacerlo. Si no ha hecho su equipo, visite www.houstonbuddywalk.org todavía tiene tiempo! Si no tiene acceso a la computadora, usted puede formar su equipo en la próxima reunión de capitanes este 10 de Septiembre. Se acercan muchas de nuestras fechas límites, así que marque sus calendarios:

Reuniones de Capitanes de Equipo – son en el Centro de Recursos en el **7015 W. Tidwell Bldg. G Suite 108 Houston TX 77092.**

9/10/2011 ~ 9am-11am **10/13/2011** ~ 6pm-8pm

10/28/2011- Ultimo día para entregar la Biografía de su hijo para el Imagine the PossAbilities tent.

10/28/2011 – Ultimo día para poner logos de patrocinadores en la parte de atrás de la camiseta.

Nuevo este año:

Done una canasta a nuestra rifa en la Caminata. Estamos buscando capitanes de equipo que quisieran donar una canasta con diferentes temas como de verano, BBQ, casería, navidad, mascotas y mucho más. Esta canasta será parte de rifas las cuales tendrán el nombre de su equipo. Si le interesa envíenos un email a buddywalk@dsah.org. Igual, con un nuevo lugar, vienen nuevos incentivos para los capitanes y queremos darles un poquito de amor para que tengan su propio espacio.

Si su equipo recauda de \$3,000 - \$4,999 – Su equipo recibirá un espacio de 10x10 en La Caminata en donde usted puede traer su **propia carpa** para decorar. Así tendrá un lugar en donde encontrarse con sus otros miembros de equipo.

Si su equipo recauda \$5,000 y mas - Su equipo recibirá **una carpa provista por nosotros** y un espacio de 10x10 en La Caminata en donde usted podrá encontrarse con sus otros miembros de equipo.

No se olvide de usar las tarjetas de Domino's Pizza para recaudar fondos, estas las vende a \$10 cada una y recibirán 16 pizzas gratis! Toda venta será aplicada a su equipo. Si tiene preguntas sobre La Caminata llámeme al 713.682.7237 o por correo electrónico a buddywalk@dsah.org.

Alejandra Lima
2011 Buddy Walk Director



Los Esperamos!

Torneo de Golf Kase Marshall

Por favor acompáñenos el viernes 28 de Octubre al mejor torneo de Golf del año! El Segundo Torneo de Golf Kase Marshall beneficiando a DSAH para ayudarnos a dar apoyo a familias que tienen un hijo con síndrome de Down. Este torneo será en el exclusivo Longwood Golf Club.



Kase Marshall, hijo a Jean Anne y Matt Marshall, nació en el 2009, con SD al igual que con una condición cardiaca la cual requirió operación de Corazón abierto. Los Marshalls fueron bendecidos de beneficiarse de los fondos del primer torneo organizado por el DSA de Brazos Valley para cubrir gastos médicos. Los Marshalls quieren agradecer todo el apoyo recibido y ahora quieren hacer su parte. Ellos quieren asegurarse que todas las familias tengan el mismo apoyo para sus bellos hijos.

En el espíritu de seguir enviando Bendiciones, Matt Marshall esta encargado del torneo de esta año. Esta listo para una gran fiesta y golf? Este es un torneo con un concurso de disfraces! Habrán premios para los mejores disfraces al igual que premios para los mejores puntajes.!

Golfista Individual

Inscripción Temprana - antes de Septiembre 17, 2011: \$125.00

Inscripción General - después de Septiembre 17, 2011: \$150.00

Foursomes

Inscripción Temprana - antes de Septiembre 17, 2011: \$500.00

Inscripción General - después de Septiembre 17, 2011: \$600.00

Patrocinador de Hoyo + Foursome: \$600.00

Para inscribirse visite www.kasemarshallgolf.com para mas información contacte a mattcfa@gmail.com.

La Asociación de Síndrome de Down de Houston

Presenta

HUELLAS HACIA EL FUTURO



Sábado, 12 de Noviembre del 2011 - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
United Way of Greater Houston - 50 Waugh Drive - Houston, Texas 77007

Que es transición? Que significa? Y que tengo que hacer para prepararme? Cada paso será explicado – desde la infancia a la época escolar hasta la vida de adulto de individuos con discapacidades, estos pasos serán para las familias y educadores que los apoyan. En esta conferencia Jo Ann Simmons presentara “La Huellas hacia el Futuro” el cual incluye un documento de planeación designado para las familias el cual que provee un espacio específico para apuntar información personal sobre sus seres queridos. Sesiones adicionales incluirán los siguientes temas:

- Tutela y Planeación Financiera
- Leyes sobre la Educación Especial
- Programas de Medicaid
- Portafolios para introducir a estudiantes
- Salud y Bienestar
- Como escribir Planes Individualizados Educativos Y Modificar Currículos.
- Clases con Comportamientos Adaptivos
- Desarrollo de Metas Efectivas de Transición para el Bachillerato
- Acezando Educación Post-Bachiller
- Posibilidades de Empleo
- construyendo relaciones y creando un Bonito Día
- Cuando la terapia no es suficiente.

Presentadora: Jo Ann Simons, ha sido una miembro active de la Asociación de Síndrome de Down por mas de treinta anos. Simmons actualmente tiene el titulo de Presidente y fundadora de Cardinal Crushing Centers. Jo Ann formo parte de la junta directiva de La Sociedad Nacional de Síndrome de Down y ha estado inspirando y apoyando a padres con sus escritos por mas de tres décadas. Sus enseñanzas has sido replicadas es varias publicaciones a través del país y son los orígenes del libro publicado “Down Syndrome Transition Handbook.” Ella también contribuyo en la escritura de la tercera edición publicada de “Bebes con Síndrome de Down.” Ella reside en Swampscott, Massachusetts con su esposo Chet Derr, y es la madre de dos niños, Jon (con síndrome de Down) y Emily.

DSAH es instrumental en la Formación Del Comité Gubernamental de Síndrome de Down de Texas!

Nos place en anunciar que DSAH es un miembro fundador del Comité Gubernamental de Síndrome de Down; una colaboración de Asociaciones de Texas unidas para ayudar a pólizas publicas. Este comité trabajara con el Centro de Póliza Nacional de NDSS para promover y pasar legislaciones Estatales y Federales, para influenciar el diseño de regulación, presupuestos y cualquier otra decisión que incluye a la comunidad con síndrome de Down. El Nuevo comité es llamado La Afiliación de Asociaciones de Síndrome de Down de Texas (ATDSA por sus siglas en Ingles). Texas es el 14^{avo} estado en formar un comité legislativo con NDSS.

La conferencia inaugural de este comité fue recientemente en Austin, TX en la cual DSAH fue un patrocinador. Presentes estaban nueve representantes de diferentes Asociaciones de Síndrome de Down de Texas, Legisladores de estado John Davis, Dist. 129 y Elliott Naishtat, Dist. 49, Chris Taylor Comisionado de DADS, Juez Wallace Jefferson de la Suprema Corte, Asistentes legislativos representando a múltiples legisladores estatales, personas con síndrome de Down, representantes de organizaciones de abogacía y expertos en pólizas de NDSS. Representando a DSAH estaban Tamara Ishee, Legislative Awareness Director, y Kristin Miller, New Parent Contact Director; y Lore Mason, miembro del comité de legislación de DSAH.

Fue increíble ver como esta reunión convoco el apoyo y el interés de tan altos lideres en la comunidad y entidades. Estos estaban entusiasmados al ver como este comité se une a todos los Tejanos con discapacidades Intelectuales y Físicas! Nuestra primera meta es la de dar prioridad a los hechos que enfrentamos después que la sesión legislativa numero 82 de Texas concluyo y luego votar en las dos que seria el enfoque del comité. Nuestras dos prioridades son los fondos para ECI, el cual fue reducido por \$30M dejando a los bebes con solo dos horas al mes de servicios directos y el de instituir el Diseño Universal de Aprendizaje (UDL por sus siglas en ingles), el cual ayuda a educadores a entender como crear currículos educativos los cuales le ayudan a toda clase de estudiantes desde el comienzo.

Esto es algo muy emocionante, para DSAH el poder interactuar con organizaciones como NDSS y otras organizaciones gubernamentales es un nuevo territorio pero nuestra meta es la de seguir proveyendo una mejora en la calidad de vida para individuos con síndrome de Down.

Esperen ver mucha mas acción del Comité Legislativo de DSAH!

Para leer mas sobre este comité y el Diseño Universal de Aprendizaje (Maryland es el primer estado en pasar esta ley), visite ndss.org/policy.



De izquierda a derecha: Lore Mason-DSAH, el representante Elliott Naishtat, Kristin Miller-DSAH, Rachel McClure-Leg. Ayudante Lon Burnam, el representante John Davis, Tamara Ishee-DSAH

El Programa "Sábados de Respiro" de DSAH abre sus puertas a TODAS las discapacidades.

Nuestro Nuevo programa "Sábados de Respiro" de la Asociación de Síndrome de Down ahora estará aceptando niños con otras discapacidades entre las edades de 6 a 14 años. Nuestro NUEVO programa se enfocara en trabajar con los participantes para afinar sus habilidades motoras finas y físicas a través de actividades en grupo como artesanías, pintura y juegos. Al mismo tiempo se trabajara en modismos sociales y de vida.

Cuando: el segundo sábado del mes

Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

Hora: 10am a 4:00pm

Lugar: DSRC 7015 W. Tidwell Bldg. G Suite 108 Houston TX 77092

Precio: \$30.00 por participante

Para reservar su espacio en el Programa de Respiro de los Sábados, por favor llame al 713.682.7237 o envíenos un correo a info@dsah.org con el nombre del participante, la discapacidad y la información de los padres. Debido a restricciones de nuestras instalaciones, no podemos recibir participantes en sillas de ruedas o medicamento frágil.



Supports the Education for Life Program!

The Education for Life Program students are now able to enjoy their Social Club activities to the max! From the crisp sounds of a new sound system, to playing with a new X-Box Kinect, our friends at Best Buy have made our Education for Life Social Club a rockin' place to be!



Best Buy, one of the leader companies in electronics, donated to the Down Syndrome Association of Houston a brand new SONY sound system, an X-Box Kinect console and three games and a hand-held PA system that will make our evenings at the Social Club more entertaining. From karaoke to exercising Best Buy is definitely helping us improve the quality of life of individuals with Down syndrome.



Thank you Lita Sharara and Best Buy!

DSAH Thanks our Night in the French Quarter Gala Sponsors



Will and Ann Fontenot



Duane Lecesne



*State Representative
Dr. Ama Allen*



Karen Dorame



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By Julithe Garrett



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4		5 Happy Labor Day	6 *ECI Staff Meeting 11am—3pm	7	8 *Education for Life *Adult Social Club No Classes or club *D.A.D.S. meeting 7p at RC	9 *Education for Life *Adult Social Club No Classes or club *Parents Night Out Cancelled	10 * Buddy Walk Team Captain Meeting 9am-11am @ the DSRC *Saturday Respite 10a-4p *Club 21 Western Round Up Dance 6p-9p @ West Grey Multiservice center
11		12	13	14	15 *Education for Life 9am - 4pm *Adult Social Club 4pm - 6pm	16 *Education for Life 9am - 4pm *Adult Social Club 4pm - 6pm *Respite Night 6:30pm - 10:00pm	17 *Gymboree 10a-11a *SibClub—cancelled *Baytown Community Group 10a-12p; e-mail for location *DSAH Gala @ Minute Maid Park from 6:30-10:30pm
18		19	20 *Microboards 101 10am—2:00pm at the DSRC	21	22 *Education for Life 9am - 4pm *Adult Social Club 4pm - 6pm	23 *Education for Life 9am - 4pm *Adult Social Club 4pm - 6pm * PCG—Mom's Night Out *Respite Night 6:30- 10:00p	24 *Monthly Meeting Topic: Social Skills 10am Eng, 1pm Spa Alex Angel's 11a Music Therapy—11a & 1p *Spring Community Group Movie Tavern on Richey Rd
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