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Dear Friend,

On Saturday, September 17th, 2011, the Down Syndrome Association of Houston (DSA) will hold "**A Night in the French Quarter**" **Gala and Auction** at the First Base Club in Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston. On behalf of the Gala Committee and Board of Directors, we invite you to support our Gala and Auction which benefits the many Outreach Programs DSAH offers to its members and the Greater Houston Community.

The Mission of the Down Syndrome Association of Houston (DSA) is to create awareness and acceptance of children and adults with Down syndrome (DS) through advocacy, socialization, education, and medical outreach. We envision a world in which all people with DS 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.

The 2011 Gala and Auction is a significant fundraising event necessary for DSAH to accomplish this mission. All funds raised from the 2011 Gala and Auction will go towards the following **Outreach Programs** of DSAH:

- **Medical Outreach to Health Care Professionals and Families**-Provide accurate information about DS, pre/post-natal diagnosis support, connect to resources (including the National DS Adoption Network), New Baby Baskets, and the Teddy Bear Hospital Program.
- **Educational Outreach**-To Early Childhood Intervention (ECI), School Districts, support for the Adults' Education for Life Program, and conferences for members and the Greater Houston Community.
- **Community Groups**-Social opportunities closer to the homes of members.
- **Diversity**-African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and multi-ethnic families.
- **Advocacy**-Local, state, and national participation.
- **Family Members**-DADS group, Sibling Club, Saturday Respite, and Parent Socials.
- **Media**-Public Relations, Publicity, Newsletter, Internet, and Social Media.

Today, I am asking you to join me in supporting "**A Night in the French Quarter**" **Gala and Auction** with a financial or auction item contribution. As a leader in the Houston community, I urge you to support this very worthy cause which directly benefits thousands of people.

Thank you again for your support of DSAH and a favor of reply by August 1, 2011.

On behalf of the DSAH Board of Directors, members, and children and adults with Down syndrome, we look forward to seeing you on September 17th, 2011.

Sincerely,

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