

2006/2007

Annual Report

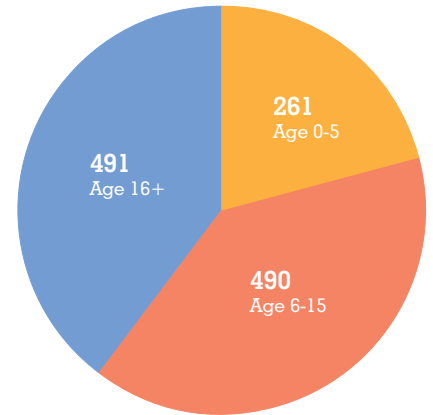
Our Mission

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati (DSAGC) is a 501(3)(c) established in 1981 by a small group of parents who envisioned better opportunities and services for their children. Today, we fulfill this role by providing nineteen programs and services to accomplish our mission which is; to empower individuals, educate families, enhance communities and, together, celebrate the extraordinary lives of people with Down syndrome.

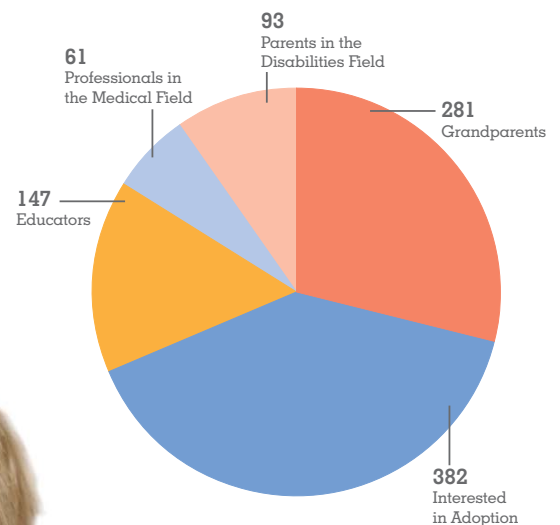


"I have hopes and dreams and goals just like you even though I have an extra chromosome in each cell of my body. I have a dream. My dream is to go to college to study to be a personal trainer. The reason I want to be a personal trainer is to help people. There are things I struggle with and some things that make me sad but mostly I have a great life and am very happy."

Who We Serve — By Age



Who We Serve — Non-Parents



Programs & Services

Three Key Outcomes for 2007-2010 Strategic Plan:

1. Outreach to underserved families
 - Understand needs of each group
 - Determine where DSAGC can make a difference
 - Develop strategy to address those areas
 - Set benchmark to measure progress
2. Volunteers
 - Increase volunteer-led groups
 - Improve volunteer relationships
 - Increase numbers of volunteers
3. Financial Stability
 - Maintain current stability
 - Create stability for 2-5 years
 - Become less event reliant
 - Create stability 20-25 years



"The DSAGC provided funding so Christina could go horseback riding. Thank you so much!"

Hospital Program — Provides essential information contained in a "Hospital Packet" to over 40 area hospitals to be distributed to any new family who delivers a baby with Down syndrome.

Parent To Parent Program — Provides new families with emotional and informational support in the early days following a baby's birth by connecting them with a trained mentoring family.

Early Matters Program — Provides education and networking opportunities for parents and family members of children ages birth to five through monthly informational meetings with guest speakers.

Baby Matters Program — Provides emotional support geared towards families of newborns.

School Age Matters — Provides informational and social support for parents of school-age children.

Adult Matters Program — Provides educational, social, and volunteer opportunities for adults sixteen and up, and their parents, through such activities as computer classes, an online Friendship Network patterned after myspace.com, and small community friendship groups.

Support Connections — Provides informational and emotional support through eight email-based small groups to families who are unable to attend meetings, but want to connect with other families in similar situations. Local experts also are available to answer their questions.

Outreach Program — Provides presentations by staff and the Self-Advocate Speaker's Bureau to any group seeking to increase their awareness of people with Down syndrome. Some of these groups may include health professionals, high school faculty and students, graduate students, and so on.

Teacher Education Program — Provides newsletters, workshops, informational packets and an email network for educators in our area.

Adoption Awareness Program — Provides national and international adoption consultation and links birth families with potential adoptive families.

Public Awareness Program — Provides opportunities to positively change the perceptions of people with Down syndrome among the general public through marketing and public awareness events.

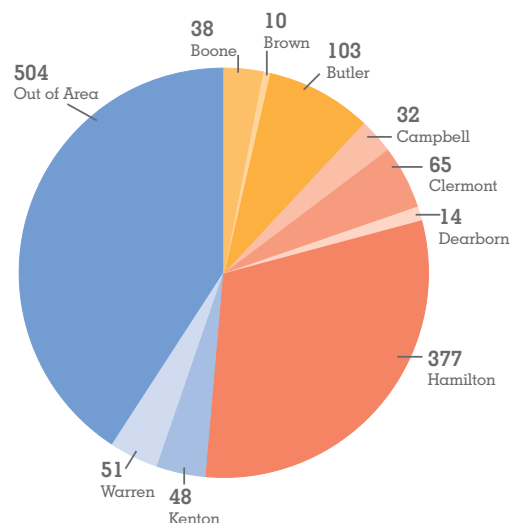


"My play group has been a great way for us parents to connect as well as the kids. That was an unexpected benefit!"



"The DSAGC helped our family by starting their social group for ages 13-16 so my son can begin to form friendships."

Who We Serve — Families By County



dspress — Provides important medical, educational and community information to over 3,100 families and professionals nationwide. This nationally recognized bi-monthly newsletter is also available in Spanish and archived on our website.

Family Support Helpline — Provides one-on-one support for families — available 24 hours a day — requesting information or support on any aspect of Down syndrome. Referrals are also made to other collaborating agencies.

Parent Email Network — Provides weekly emails with DSAGC updates, shared information from other agencies, and opportunities for parents to pose questions to other parents in an email format.

Website (www.dsagc.com) — Provides current information, program descriptions, community events and links to other helpful sites.

Lending Library — Provides a unique and comprehensive collection containing over 500 resources with a search component for easier access and tracking capability for our families and community.

Information Packets for Families and Professionals — Provides nine informational packets geared specifically to family members such as grandparents, and professionals such as pediatricians.

Advocacy and Public Policy — Provides a grassroots response to public policy issues which impact our constituents through work of the DSAGC Governmental Affairs Committee.

Gifts for Grace Scholarship Fund — Provides financial funding to families and self-advocates attending educational, social, or recreational events that connect them to their community.

"We so love the Coney Island Family Picnic and A Winter's Night Dream Dance! It is so important that our kids can participate in a friendly setting. Our parents can socialize and we can all feel special in a good way!"



Top Lists for 2006/2007

2007 Buddy Walk Teams

1. Alyssa's Aces
2. Ryan's Racers
3. Jenna's Hailstorm
4. Allycats
5. Will the Thrill
6. Liza's Leapers
7. Michael's Merry Marchers
8. Patrick's Pals
9. Emma's Angels
10. Mary's Magic

Top Corporate Sponsors (in alphabetical order)

1. AK Steel
2. American Financial Group
3. Champion Window Manufacturing and Supply Co, Inc.
4. Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions
5. Cincinnati Center for Developmental Disorders
6. Federated Corporate Services
7. First American Title Insurance Company
8. Ford Dealers Advertising Fund
9. Hills Communities
10. Macy's, Inc.
11. Targeted Marketing Solutions, Inc.
12. TSS Technologies

Top In-Kind Donations (in alphabetical order)

1. Homeloan Experts
2. Holland Communications
3. Jeff Ruby Culinary Entertainment
4. Lamar Advertising
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6. Steinhauser, Inc.
7. Targeted Marketing Solutions, Inc.

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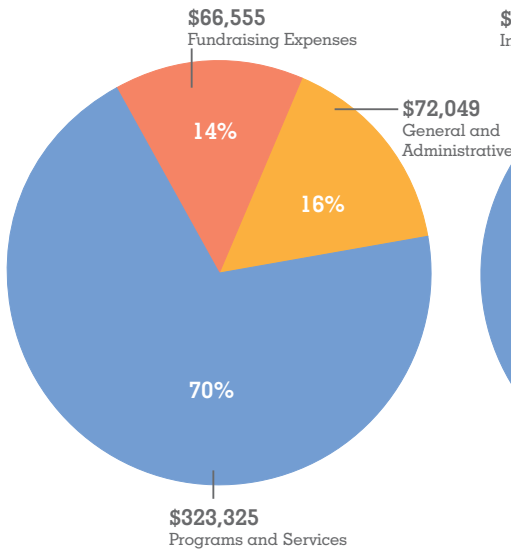
1. "A Good Neighbor"
2. Anonymous
3. Bill and Jenny McCloy
4. David Bell
5. Donald Mueller
6. Gerstle Family/Tri for Joe
7. Gregory Leahy
8. Linda Flower
9. Richard Thomas
10. Ron Koettters
11. Thomas O'Brien
12. William Riffle

Top Foundations (in alphabetical order)

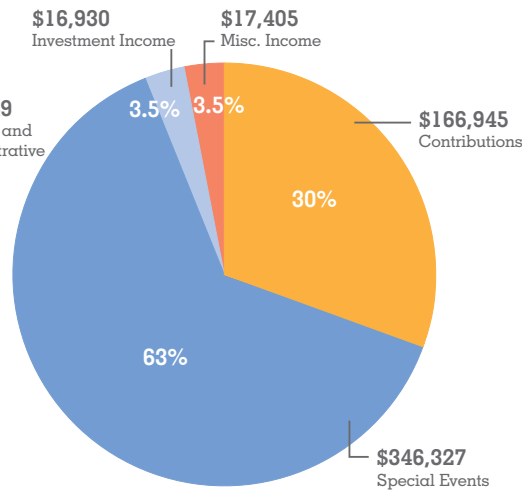
1. The Charles H. Dater Foundation
2. Duke Energy Midwest Charitable Giving
3. The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
4. The Jack J. Smith Charitable Trust
5. Marge and Charles Schott Foundation
6. Mitzvah Challenge
7. The Otto M. Budig Family Foundation
8. The Sutphin Family Foundation

2006 Financial Statement

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