

Volunteer e-News

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE PEDAL POWER AT LTTW!



The DSAGC was proud to host the 2nd Annual Lose The Training Wheels Summer Camp. This week-long camp was held at the College of Mt. St. Joseph with the help of over 60 volunteers! High school students from five area schools, Oak Hills, Elder, Mother of Mercy, Seton and St. Ursula donated **over 850 hours** of their time to assist campers with developmental disabilities in learning to ride a two wheel bike independently. By the end of the week, 81% of the children were riding independently. The key to the success of this wonderful camp belongs to the two women who spent countless hours organizing, planning and coordinating the camp. **Thanks to Kay Merz and Bev Allen!! You made it all happen.**

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Volunteers provide 850 hours to LTTW**
- **25 UC students volunteer at IMDSA**
- **Buddy Walk needs over 50 volunteers**
- **Committee members log over 90 hours.**

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UC students Jon Hale, Michelle Ruschav, Lindsey Roberts and Brittany Floyd take a break from volunteer duties at the IMDSA Research & Awareness Conference.

DSAGC HOSTS IMDSA CONFERENCE

The DSAGC was very pleased to be the hosting organization for the International Mosaic Down Syndrome Association Research & Awareness Conference which was held July 10 –12, 2009 at the Sheraton North Hotel. Over 25 students from UC contributed countless hours of support in preparing mailings, registration, child-care, set-up, AV technical support, etc., to help make the event a great success. Special thanks to Brittany Floyd, and her father, Michael Floyd, Cassi Ballenger, Emily Sites, Jon Hale, Michelle Ruschav, Lindsey Roberts, Emily Rayburn, Kara George, Nicole Nocero, Colleen Dannerling and Taylor McConney.

“The student volunteers were a tremendous help to us throughout the conference. They were always willing to step up and get the job done.”

Kristy Colvin, Pres. IMDSA

Upcoming Volunteer Events

The Buddy Walk Needs You!

On October 10, 2009, The DSAGC will host the 8th Annual Buddy Walk at Sawyer Point. We expect over 8,000 walkers and we need your help. Bring your friends, family, church or school group or come alone and make new friends! If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please contact Nora at nora@dsagc.com or call 513-761-5400. All Buddy Walk volunteers must be at least 13 years old.

Pre-Walk

T-Shirt pick-up—DSAGC Office. 9/30/09 to 10/8/09. 2 hour shifts from 10:00AM to 6:00 PM

Set-Up—Friday, October 9, 2009 at Sawyer Point. Tents and signage. Noon

Day-of Volunteers

Crowd Rover—Direct walkers to starting line and distribute ID bracelets

Traffic Control— Responsible for walker safety along the route

After-Party —Set up, food and drink, Grillers and Cooks, Vendor booths, such as PowerAde Wall, Kids activities, Mascot assistants, Clean Up and Tear Down



St. Ursula Academy students, Jen McGarey, Maggie Quinn, and Mary Casey volunteered at the DSAGC Annual Picnic by organizing group games and relay races for the children.

THANK YOU, COURTNEY

We are sorry to have to say good bye to our summer public relations student intern, Courtney Caudill.



Courtney volunteered over 180 hours in the DSAGC offices this summer. She helped Nora Quinn, Event Coordinator prepare for the DSAGC Golf Tournament hosted by Dave Lapham and the 8th Annual Buddy Walk. Courtney is a journalism major who will be starting her sophomore year this fall at Indiana University.

“My friends and I had so much fun volunteering at the Picnic. The kids were so cute and lots of fun to work with.”

Maggie Quinn, Volunteer

More Upcoming Volunteer Events

DSAGC HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2009 1:00 –4:00 PM Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140

Gift wrapping –DSAGC Office. First week of December. Santa’s helpers needed to wrap presents for children.
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM 2 hour shifts.

Santa’s Helpers at Holiday Party - High School students are needed to be Santa’s helpers, assist with holiday arts and crafts, and generally assist staff. Volunteers will receive T-shirt.

Contact Nora at Nora@dsagc.com

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Gift Pick-Up—DSAGC families donate items for other families of children with Down syndrome. Volunteers are needed to arrange pick-up of these items.

Contact Martha at Martha@dsagc.com

BE A BUDDY-DS PLUS

Sunday, September 13, 2009 4:00 to 6:00 PM Clippard YMCA —College Age or older to provide support and supervision to children with dual diagnosis and other mental health conditions at indoor pool. Contact

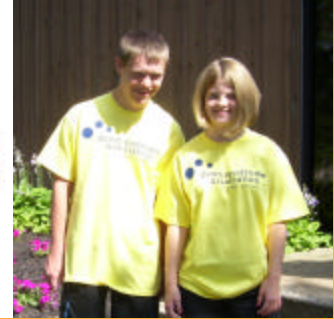
Janet@dsagc.com.

EARLY MATTERS TACO PARTY

Saturday, September 12, 2009 3:00 to 5:00 PM. High school and up are invited to come help with set-up, food serving and clean-up. Contact Martha at Martha@dsagc.com

DSAGC

The DSAGC was formed in 1981 by a small group of dedicated parents who envisioned better opportunities for their children. Today we provide a wide variety of programs and services for over 2,000 families in the Greater Cincinnati area. Our mission is to empower individuals, educate families, enhance communities and together, celebrate the extraordinary lives of people with Down syndrome.



Peter Merz and Lindsay Allen volunteered at the DSAGC Golf Tournament in June at the Shaker Run Golf Course. 67 Volunteers donated over 400 hours of their time to help with this event.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Spotlight

Many thanks to our terrific office volunteers: Nancy Gray, Annie Callan, Anne Marie Graham, Starfire Out & About Group, and Christine Annin. Special thanks to Erin Hickey, Molly Smale and Humberto Salazar for their help with Spanish translation. Special thanks also to Dave Rickerd for his creative gifts for our golf sponsors.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

The DSAGC has formed several committees and advisory boards to help provide focus and direction to unique areas of interest. Since our last issue, the Board of Directors, Committee members and Advisory Boards have volunteered over 90 hours of their time, expertise and hard work to benefit our organization.



Thank you to the Occupational Therapy students from Xavier University who spent over 120 hours assisting adults with Down syndrome at our Independent Living Retreat in June. The

students planned and coordinated all aspects of the weekend retreat.

Thank you XU students for your many hours of dedicated volunteering!

