



Volunteer e-news



Volunteers Doug Kammerer, Cathy DeDiemar, and Scott MacEachen were instrumental in helping organize the day's events, assist with set up and coordinate volunteer activities.

The DSAGC held it's 8th Annual Buddy Walk at Sawyer Point on October 10. **Over 100 volunteers** contributed countless hours of support to make this event a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the wonderful folks who helped organize t-shirt pick-up, coordinate the vendors and mascots and many other tasks. Thanks also to the many area elementary and high school students, local businesses, NKU and Xavier University students who helped to make this day such an outstanding event. This year's Buddy Walk raised over \$300,000 to help support the programs and services of the DSAGC.

THANKS VOLUNTEERS!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Volunteers provide 850 hours to Buddy Walk**
- **Students and families volunteer at Holiday Party**
- **Golf Outing needs volunteers**
- **Committee members log over 285 hours.**

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HELPING HANDS AT HOLIDAY PARTY



Over 30 members of the Mason High School Lacrosse Team spent their Sunday afternoon on Dec. 6 volunteering at the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati's Annual Holiday Party at the Oasis Conference Center. The girls assisted over 500 children and family members with arts and crafts, entertainment and acting as Santa's helpers. Mason resident Lauren Dunn and Coach Paul Limpert helped to organize the team's volunteer efforts. In addition to our many wonderful student helpers, a very big THANK YOU goes to **Bob, Kay and Peter Merz**, Joyce Unkraut's family, Joan Eve and Ann Withrow. Thanks to each of you for helping to make the Holiday Party such a wonderful event!

“The joy and happiness in the faces of the children brings the same joy and happiness to us. We look forward to this event each year and hope that we will always be invited in the future.” ***Coach Paul Limpert, MHS Lacrosse Coach***

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Golf Tournament

Date: Monday, June 21, 2010

Time: Morning, afternoon or all day opportunities

Location: Shaker Run Golf Club, Lebanon, OH

Description: We are in need of volunteers to help support a variety of activities including:

Golfer/Volunteer Registration, hole contests, raffle ticket sales, obtaining donations for silent and matchbook raffles, ball drop, photos, dining room set-up, etc.

Contact: 513-761-5400

New Parent Dinner

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM (6:00 set-up)

Location: Crossroads Community Church, Madison Rd. Oakley

Description: We are in need of volunteers to help with food set-up, decorations and assist with clean-up.

Contact: Martha@dsagc.com

TACO PARTY WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES



The DSAGC Taco party was held in September to welcome our newest families to the DSAGC. Volunteer Chad Mayer (right) takes a moment to enjoy the fun with Elex Ogunleye.



Volunteers and staff help to prepare taco fillings for the buffet line.

“The Taco Party was so much fun. I loved playing with the babies and helping with the food.”

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More Upcoming Volunteer Events

Early Matters Program Springtime Social

Date: Saturday, April, 3, 2010

Time: 3-5 PM. Volunteers needed from 2:30 to 5:30 PM

Location: ABC Therapy Network 9902 Windisch Rd. West Chester

Description: Assist staff with set-up, refreshments, activities, photos and clean-up.

Contact: Martha@dsagc.com

Office Support

Date: Any day Monday through Friday.

Time: Any time between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Location: DSAGC Office 644 Linn St. #1128. Cincinnati, OH 45203

Description: Data entry. Will train on proper format.

Contact: Collette@dsagc.com

DSAGC

The DSAGC was formed in 1981 by a small group of dedicated parents who envisioned a more welcoming community for their children. Today, we provide a wide variety of programs and services for over 1,000 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.



Thank you to the many wonderful middle and high school volunteers who were a tremendous help at this year's Buddy Walk. Over 75 area students participated representing more than 10 schools in Greater Cincinnati. Thanks also to the Xavier University Men's Soccer Team and 50 student volunteers from NKU!

Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to our terrific office volunteers: Jason Walker, Kyle Vorhees, Matt Cavanaugh, Chad Mayer, Connie Boston, Anne Marie Graham, Kristen Vonderbrink, John Nusekabel, Starfire Out & About Group, UC DAAP student, Kevin Lindsay and Jonathan Hartman. PoSec Conference volunteers Kay Merz, Bev Allen, Mac Mattheis, Katie and Paulette Apostolides, and Megan McCormick.

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 **285 hours** of their time, expertise and hard work to benefit our organization.



Many thanks to Cincinnati Bengal Kevin Huber (center), Gary Osterfeld, UC students from Sigma Sigma, Steve and Robert Hunt, Doug and Ellen Kammerer, Rob and Kathleen Shiel, John Nusekabel, Jonathan Hartman and many others for their assistance with the Kelly Towel Project.