



Volunteer e-news



Tri For Joe Benefits DSAGC

A very big THANK YOU goes out to Tom and Jennifer Gerstle of Anderson Township who have organized this multi sport event in honor of their son Joe, pictured above with his grandfather. The triathlon attracts athletes from all over the country to raise funds to support the DSAGC. The Gerstles and their strong band of volunteers have worked very hard over the last 5 years and have raised close to \$100,000.

A round of applause for the Gerstle Family and all who volunteered and supported this event. Next year's event will be held in May, 2011.



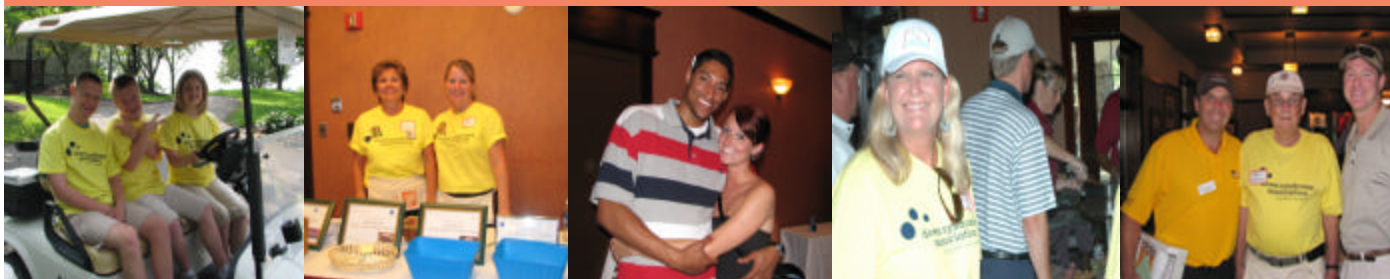
Golf Volunteers Contribute Priceless Support

The Burger Kings, Dick Mahoney, Zip Montag and Bob Rolfes of Sharonville proudly served “burgers at the bend” to over 230 golfers and many volunteers at the DSAGC Golf Tournament at Shaker Run Golf Club on June 21. Zip and Dick have volunteered for this event for over 10 years. Many of our volunteers return year after year to help make the event run smoothly.

This year over **75** volunteers provided over **560** hours of energy, hard work and devotion to the DSAGC.

Thank you volunteers. It couldn't happen without you!

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Thanks Golf Volunteers! L to R Peter Merz, Michael Boiman and Lindsay Allen provided lots of help with the evening program; Linda Dragan and Traci Wagner helped with the Pick-a-Prize Raffle; Josh Hardin and Hilary Steele were active volunteers with the evening events; Leslie Brown sold a record breaking number of ball drop tickets with Jo Ellen Cooney Marques; and Doug and Frank Kammerer spent the entire day helping with a variety of jobs.

"To see people come out and support a cause that is so near and dear to my heart is an emotion I simply cannot put into words. I met so many people at the golf outing who gave their time, support and money without a second thought. These people are true heroes and I welcome the chance to be a part of such a wonderful event."

Jo Ellen Cooney-Marques, Parent of Aidan and Volunteer

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Buddy Walk

On September 11, 2010, the DSAGC will host the 9th 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 to join the excitement of preparing for this great celebration. If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities, please contact Quentin at quentin@dsagc.com or call 513-761-5400.

Age Requirement: 13 and up.

Pre-Walk

T-shirt pick-up—DSAGC offices 2 hour shifts beginning at 10 am to 6 pm

Set-Up—Friday, September, 10, 2010 at Sawyer Point. Tents, tables, banners and signage. Noon

Day-of Volunteers

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

Traffic Control—Responsible for walker safety along routes.

After-Party—Set-up, food and drink, grillers and cooks, vendor booths, children's activities.

Clean -up/Tear down—Loading truck and unloading at 644 Linn St. 3:00 pm

Annual Summer Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 8, 2010

Time: 3 to 6:00 pm

General help with children's games and activities

Age Requirement: High school students and up.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Help design, create and build a float for our families to ride in the 2011 parade.



Thank you to the Xavier University Occupational Therapy students for their assistance as Group Leaders with the DSAGC Independent Living Retreat. The retreat was held the weekend of June 25th in St. Bernard.

Five groups of young adults were led by XU students, Sarah Conroy, *pictured at left in center*, Julie Dinkelacker, Lauren Knodle, Emily Haffner, and Molly Dalton.

The XU students worked with DSAGC Adult Coordinator Pam Rieke since February, planning and preparing for the retreat. They taught classes on advocacy skills, time management, healthy eating and also planned an excursion on the Metro bus to Fountain Square. THANK YOU!



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Like To Organize? We have a job for you!

Our mailroom/kitchen could use some re-organization. Office supplies, postage table, copier and cleaning supplies, etc.

Date: Any day Monday through Friday

Time: Anytime during office hours

Help with Espanol Materials

We would like to organize the *ds press* articles that have been translated into Spanish for our website. This job will not require any translating but ability to read Spanish will be helpful.

Date: Any day Monday through Friday

Time: Anytime during office hours

Data Entry/General Office Help

We require assistance adding information in our Raiser's Edge database and our Volunteer database.

Date: Any day Monday through Friday

Time: Anytime during office hours

Planning Committee for Anniversary Celebration

The DSAGC will celebrate it's 30th Anniversary in 2011 and we will be looking for help with planning ways to commemorate this event.

AIM Coordinator

Helper to assist adults in preparing DSAGC calendar for mailing on third Friday each month



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 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.



Billboard Inspires Volunteer

Last year, Christine Annin noticed a billboard while traveling on I 75. The adorable face which caught her eye reminded her of a close friend in Denver who has a baby with Down syndrome. The little baby sitting in a flower pot encouraged others to "Come Grow With Us at the DSAGC!" Christine decided to give us a call to see if she could provide any volunteer assistance to our organization. Since that time Christine has volunteered over 20 hours to the DSAGC. Please watch for Part 2 of Christine's' story in the next issue of the Volunteer e-news.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to our terrific office volunteers: Christine Annin, Damien Marques, AIM and Joan Eve for the beautiful baby blankets. Thanks also to our Barnes & Noble Book Fair Readers: Jillian Daugherty, Lauren Froh, Sarah Klein, and Aislinn Lindsey. DSAGC Shoppe models Kim and Urban Vega; Outreach Speakers Rosie Abel, Teresa Cracas, Dave Fenton, Jenny Motley and Tom Palermo. Thanks to William and Leigh Whitaker and Janet Bourne for their help with the Ice Cream Social and to the many other dedicated volunteers who keep us moving forward!

Volunteer Committees Provide Impressive Number of Hours of Support

In the second quarter of 2010, the DSAGC received the benefit of over **376** hours of volunteer support from the following hard-working committees: Board of Trustees, Golf, Buddy Walk, Development, CAP, Hispanic Outreach, Inner City Outreach, Governmental Affairs, Adoption, Lose the Training Wheels, Executive Committee, and our wonderful Neighborhood and Satellite Group Leaders. Their contributions represent over \$7,600 of in-kind support. Obviously, our organization would not exist without this incredible commitment and dedication. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!



Many thanks to the **Golf Committee** for raising a record number of funds at this years event. Committee members include: John Allen, Steve Hunt, Doug Kammerer, Scott MacEachen, Bill McCloy, Bob Sheil, Rob Sheil and shown here, Tom Gregory, Dave Lapham and Ty Steele.