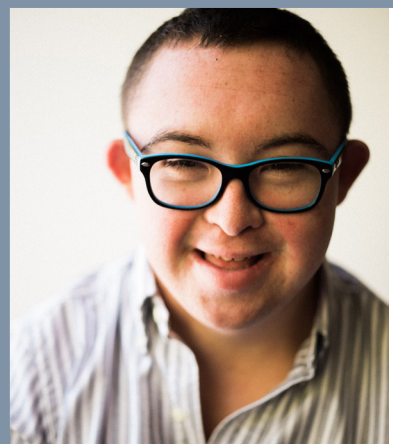




Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area
Connecting Families for 20 Years



Photos by Kevin McGladdery

Donor Impact Report

2017



From the Board Chairman

This Donor Impact Report provides information on how your gifts are making a huge and positive difference in the lives of our families. The data outlined in this report clearly shows our reach, impact and dedication as we move into our 20th year. All of us at the Down Syndrome Connection are so grateful for your generous support this past year.

Our board and staff are all about making a real difference through the power of optimism and persistence. It is such a joy for us to see people of all ages with Down syndrome being embraced by their communities and thriving.

The DSCBA is committed to empowering our members by providing education, tools, and resources. Our work continues to provide our members born with Down syndrome the best opportunity to become strong, independent and the most productive individuals they can be. Your contributions are making our goals achievable and opening doors of opportunity.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and recognize how very important your donations are in helping us to reach our goals and accomplish our mission.

We sincerely thank you for an outstanding year of giving.

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Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Medical Outreach & New Parent Support



400 Medical
Professionals
Trained

- ★ We presented at the 16th Annual Developmental Disabilities Conference, UCSF.
- ★ We provided trainings at:
 - ★ UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland
 - ★ John Muir Hospital, Walnut Creek
 - ★ Kaiser, Oakland



56 New Babies Welcomed (a new record!)

- ★ We connected families through Early Connections Support Groups.
- ★ We provided 53 New Family Welcome Bags filled with gifts, books, and resource materials.
- ★ We supported families with consultation and hospital visits.
- ★ We provided information and referrals.



Music Therapy



160 Children and Their
Parents Participated

- ★ Music therapy is a time for entire families, including siblings and parents, to make music together.
- ★ We provided 39 sessions of music therapy with our Board Certified Music Therapist, Nicole Patton.
- ★ Music therapy took place in Danville, Foster City, and throughout the South Bay.



Communication Readiness Program



16 Students Participated

- ★ We implemented the 6-week summer communication program for children ages 4-7 who are nonverbal or have limited speech intelligibility.
- ★ CRP focuses on multi-modal communication and school readiness skills. Many of the students this year had limited to no expressive language, were hard of hearing, or had a dual diagnosis of DS/ASD.
- ★ We presented a CRP research project to Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action and the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).

Down Syndrome Education Alliance



1,682 Students
and **155** Educators
Reached

- ★ We conducted 4 Road to Success workshops for 155 educators and parents.
- ★ We provided 33 Ability Awareness presentations throughout the Bay Area and in the Central Valley.



“Thank you so much! The presentation was incredibly informative and engaging. The three hours flew by and I feel more prepared to work with students with Down syndrome - and the parents.”

- Educator feedback from a Road to Success workshop



74
Students

Peer Development Classes



- ★ We held PDC at 6 locations: Benicia, Berkeley, Danville, Oakland, San Francisco & San Mateo.
- ★ We provided 15 scholarships.
- ★ We shared our PD program model at the TASH conference.

Emma Tippet, Juliana Portoni, Tatiana Casadont, and Nicky Lowe at Peer Development Class.

Photo by Kevin McGladdery

“I love that my son has a group of people that accept him just the way he is, that he is not judged or shunned by anyone...staff, participants, parents, all are supportive.”

- Parent of student in a Peer Development Class

Art Exhibit



- ★ A month-long public exhibit of DSCBA member artwork using recycled materials was held at the Village Theater Art Gallery in Danville. The event promoted awareness and showcased abilities.

Awards

- ★ DSCBA received two Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action (DSAIA) Affiliates in Excellence Awards for **Best Outreach Program** for our Medical Outreach Alliance and **Best Teen/Adult Program** for our Peer Development Classes.
- ★ DSAIA represents more than 1,000 leaders in the Down syndrome community and more than 80 organizations.
- ★ DSCBA was named the **2017 Charitable Organization of the Year** from the Danville Chamber of Commerce.



Adult Programs



(left) Malia Ramsey, DSCBA's newest employee, puts together a new parent welcome bag. (above) Joseph Vaughn and Blair Hogan at Peer Development Class. Photo by Kevin McGladdery

- ★ We helped foster life-long friendships in 6 Peer Development Classes for adults.
- ★ We implemented a pilot **Future**

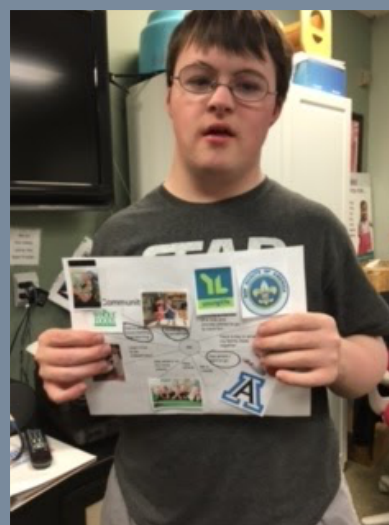
Connections program for four young adults to help them have a voice in their transition and life planning.

- ★ We **employed five adults part-time** at DSCBA: Our Ability Awareness Associate, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Teacher, Community Outreach Associate, and New Family Support Assistant.



5 Adults with Down Syndrome Employed

Future Connections



Daniel Sodestrom shares his Life Map in Future Connections.

My Top 3 Community Membership Goals:

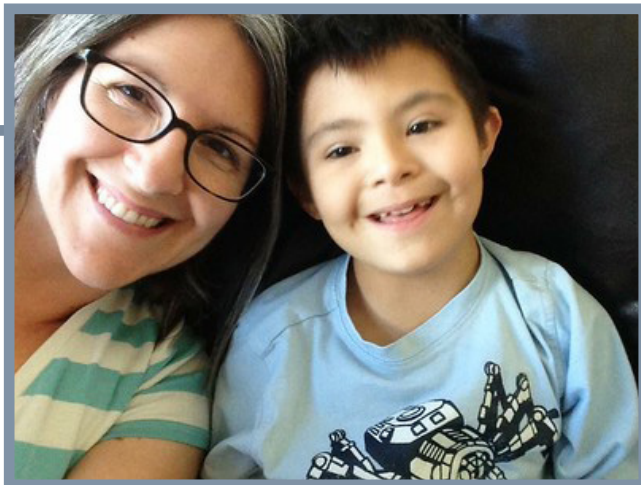
1. *Get a job and job training*
2. *Build friendships*
3. *Get where I want to go*

Social Media



4,500 Facebook Followers

- ★ Connecting families from around the world!
- ★ Average weekly reach of more than 10,500.
- ★ Two active Facebook groups: Down Syndrome and Autism Alliance, and Parents/ Caregivers of Teens and Adults with Down Syndrome.



- ★ We held 5 Parents of School-Aged Children Groups.

Support



11 Grandparents Groups

- ★ We provided hundreds of families and caregivers with phone and in-person consultation and assistance.
- ★ We provided workshops on Self-Determination and School Assessments; book events; art workshops.

Peninsula Expansion

- ★ Families connected at six support groups.
- ★ Moms got some respite at Mothers' Day Out.
- ★ Celebrated at the Support Group Anniversary Party, Halloween Party, and Holiday Party.
- ★ Provided Peer Development Classes in San Mateo.
- ★ Provided Music Therapy in Foster City.



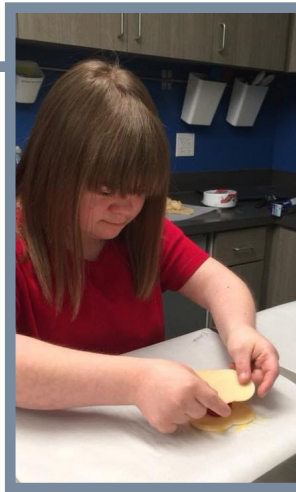
Events



\$423,159 Raised

- ★ World Down Syndrome Day Family Picnic.
- ★ Annual Spring Gala.
- ★ Fourth of July Parade.
- ★ Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk. Shout out to Peninsula families, the "Top Step Up Team Fundraisers!"
- ★ Holiday Party.
- ★ Thank you to others who raised funds on our behalf: Kids-N-Need, Chevron stations, & Knights of Columbus!

Renovation



With support from The Joseph and Vera Long Foundation, Danville Sycamore Rotary, Danville Rotary, Smart and Final, San Ramon Valley Kiwanis, and AD Architects, DSCBA realized our long-time dream of a facility with a kitchen, an oversized classroom, and additional office space - without having to move!

In Gratitude 2017 Supporters \$5,000 and Above

The DSCBA appreciates ALL donations that we receive of any monetary value. We receive no government funding, making every individual gift critical to maintaining and growing services. Due to space, we can't list every donor here, but we thank you for your support.

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Financial Statement (Includes Renovation Costs)

Income

Expenses

DSCBA Fundraisers	\$382,469	Programs	\$592,961
Grants	\$183,589	Fundraising	\$95,802
General Contributions	\$104,646	Administration	\$94,594
Funds from Legacy Gift	\$70,000	Renovation	\$182,292
Other Fundraisers	\$40,690		
Program Services Fees	\$33,476		
Renovation Income	\$170,325		
Total	\$985,195	Total	\$965,649



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