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2016 Annual Report for Down Syndrome Network of Arizona

Mission

Our mission at DSNetwork is to educate, support and advocate for those in our community touched by Down syndrome.

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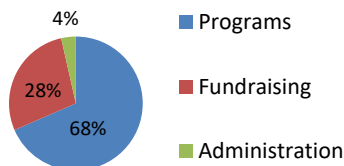
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Financial Information

Expenses



The following is an overview of DSNetwork's income and expenses for the year-ended December 31, 2016.

Total Income: \$190,068.17
Program Expenses: \$130,421
Fundraising Expenses: \$53,301
Administrative Expenses: \$6,727
Total Expenses: \$190,598
End-of-Year Net Assets: \$163,537

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of preparing this annual report is that it gives us the opportunity to look back and be thankful for all that the Down Syndrome Network has accomplished.

DSNetwork serves 2,500 individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Additionally, DSNetwork provides educators, therapists, medical professionals and service providers with hands-on information and workshops. Though the past fiscal year was filled with wonderful opportunities. Together we accomplished the following.

- **Connecting321 New Parent Outreach** – Through this program, more than 100 New Parents Resource Packets were provided to parents who learned their baby has Down syndrome. A group of 15 moms and dads who have children with Down syndrome served as mentors to these families and received a half day of training about how to assist/mentor new parents.
- **Connecting321 Medical Outreach** - DSNetwork partnered with Phoenix Children's Hospital on a Down Syndrome Medical Conference for parents and caregivers to learn from top-notch medical professionals and annually attracts at least 100 people.
- **Connecting 321 CLUB Xtra for KIDS (0-7)** – Preparations were made to launch this segment of Connecting321 in January 2017,
- **Tweens & Teens CAN!** - More than 260 youth/young adults participated in monthly group sessions while making long-lasting friendships.
- **Community Education** - Conducted four workshops on various topics reflecting during stages of a person with Down syndrome's life. As we began to promote the workshops, we realized there is a much greater need for educational programs in our community. 370 attended these workshops.
- **Aging Matters: Growing Older with Down syndrome** - This is the first generation of adults with Down syndrome living longer due to better medical understanding and care in their younger years. As the result of a survey to our families and what was expressed as an essential need, DSNetwork hosted an "aging" conference attended by 85 people. From there, we started developing a program plan to be launched in January.

We thank you for helping us achieve these accomplishments and look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Hales
Board Co-Chair

Rebecca Frederick-Jilg
Board Co-Chair