



2022

Annual Financials

Community

IMPACT REPORT

Down Syndrome Network Arizona



Education



Advocacy



Support

IMPACT

DSNetwork has been supporting people touched by Down syndrome since 2002.

From the initial diagnosis through school-aged years and beyond, individuals with Down syndrome and their families face a wide range of challenges and find themselves immersed in an ever-changing, often complicated journey to learn how to best support and nurture their loved ones. We are action-oriented – always striving to improve the options and opportunities available for people with Down syndrome. We are committed to ensuring that all individuals with Down syndrome have the opportunity to fully participate in society. Down Syndrome Network helps every step of the way.

MISSION

Our mission at DSNetwork is to educate, support and advocate for those in our community touched by Down syndrome. DSNetwork achieves this goal through an open, supportive and collaborative network that connects individuals and families with needed resources and information.

VISION

A community that embraces, supports and inspires individuals with Down syndrome to live healthy, self-determined and fulfilling lives.



2022 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Jennifer O'Connell, Executive Director

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& Enrichment Center

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2,750

Individuals with Down syndrome
and their families were reached
with essential services

Enrichment Center

- Provided a myriad of resources for families, educators, service providers and health care professionals
- Collaborated with GiGi's Playhouse Phoenix for World Down Syndrome Day
- Started an Inherent Bias and Delivering the Diagnosis professional development workshop for doctors in residency training at Phoenix Children's Hospital

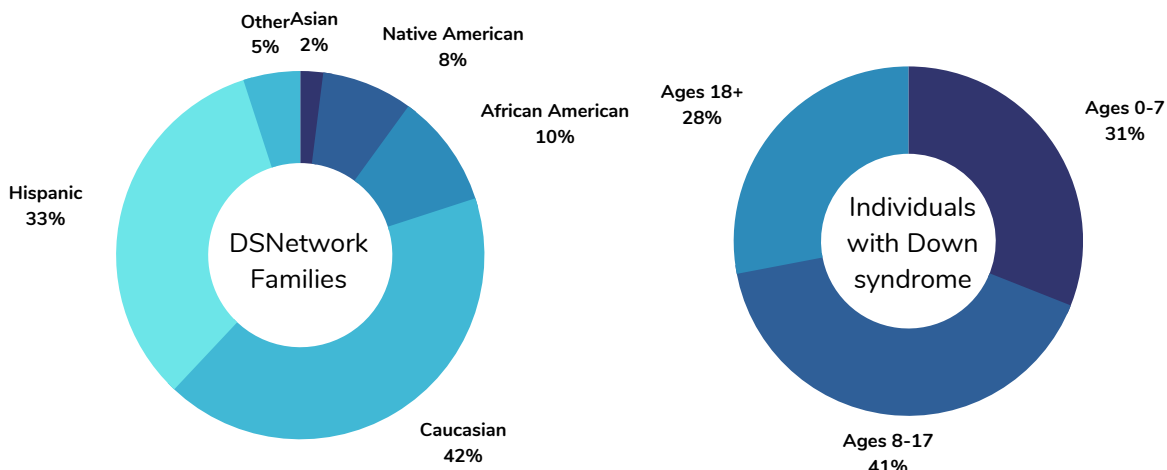
Volunteer Engagement

2,220

Volunteer hours
valued at \$62,160

- Volunteers were an integral part of programs and provided encouragement to the participants as the programs remained virtual in format

DEMOGRAPHICS





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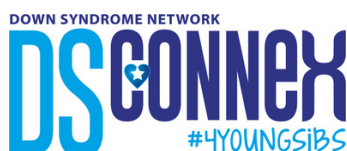
resource packets were
provided to parents who
learned their baby has
Down syndrome

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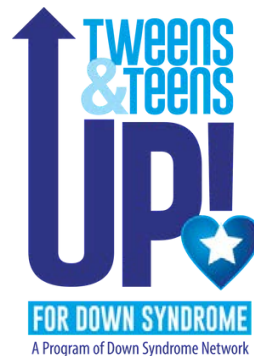
babies a year
are born in the
state of Arizona

Programs for all ages

0 - 7 YEARS



8 - 17 YEARS



18+ YEARS



- Over 300 children, youth and adults with Down syndrome participated in Club Xtra, Tween & Teen Up, DSConnex and XCell program activities and community outings
- Over 75 parents connected at Mom's Night Out and Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome meetings
- Over 150 families reached out for information and support including 25 parents who learned their baby has Down syndrome

Awareness



90 individuals with Down syndrome of all ages had their photo taken for the 2023 calendar at SelfieWorld Scottsdale for the cherished photo shoot. The annual DSNetwork calendar has been a treasured tradition for over 20 years to celebrate the beauty of Down syndrome and increase awareness. The calendar is launched each Fall at the Down Syndrome Walk Arizona.



Advocacy

HB 2113

DSNetwork's strength comes from 20 years of advocacy that champions equitable solutions to critical issues that impact our loved ones with Down syndrome. These solutions are created from a coalition of voices and perspectives that seek a better future for all of those touched by Down syndrome in Arizona.

DSNetwork successfully advocated in the AZ legislature to change state law A.R.S. § 36-551 so that Down syndrome becomes an eligible category under the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). This change will reduce the burden on families in the first part of the eligibility process for DDD services.





DOWN SYNDROME WALK ARIZONA

- Returned to ASU Homecoming Parade & Block Party on November 19, 2022
- 20th annual Down Syndrome Walk Arizona was a record success with 102 teams, 910 registered walkers, and 48 volunteers
- Raised \$118,436 benefiting the programs and services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families
- Fiesta de Parada - Day of the Dead theme

Connecting Families

SPRING FLING



FAMILY PICNIC

Over 150 people gathered in person to connect and play outdoor games, an egg hunt and family picnic lunch provided by DSNetwork

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION!

In celebration of this important global awareness day on March 21, over 500 people participated. World Down Syndrome Day proclaimed official in 2022 by State of Arizona and several local city mayors

HOLIDAY PARTY

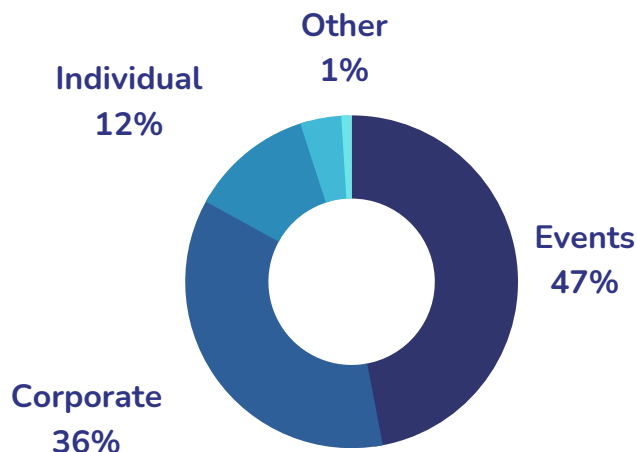


WINTER WONDERLAND

More than 400 gathered to celebrate together for an amazing brunch at The Ashley Castle, photos and gifts from Santa, crafts, activities and holiday cheer

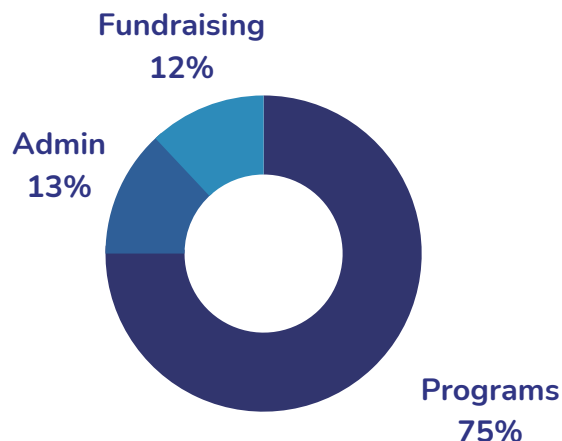
Revenue & Support

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| Corporate & Foundation | \$ 128,674 |
| Special Events & Sponsorships | \$ 168,363 |
| Individual Contributions | \$ 42,115 |
| Restricted Grants | \$ 15,000 |
| Program Services | \$ 3,076 |
| Interest Earned | \$ 52 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 352,614 |



Total Operating Expenses

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| Program Services | \$ 290,300 |
| Administrative | \$ 50,918 |
| Fundraising | \$ 47,316 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 388,534 |



Total Net Assets

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| Beginning | \$ 171,322 |
| Ending | \$ 135,402 |



LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION AWARDS GALA

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, the gala returned for it's 7th annual Spark of Awesome awards ceremony at the Phoenix Art Museum for a successful fundraiser, silent and live auctions, casino night and Masquerade Xtravagana.



75

Moms, dads and
other caregivers
connected at
Mom's Night Out
& D.A.D.S.
meetings



133

Youth were
engaged in team
building
activities while
gaining self
confidence

2750

Individuals with
Down syndrome
and their families
receive essential
services from
DSNetwork



145

Adults with
Down syndrome
assisted as they
experience
accelerated aging



1200

Family members
participated in
meaningful
seasonal
celebrations
throughout the
2022 year



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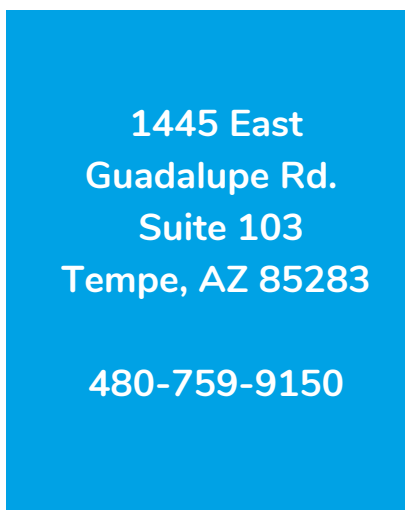
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