

Raising a child with special needs doesn't take a special family; it makes a family special.

Team Up News

Winter 2015-16



FOR DOWN SYNDROME

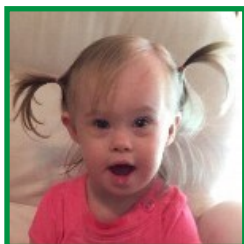
Down Syndrome Network
of Greater Greensboro

Mark Your Calendars

DSNGG Holiday Party SpareTime	12/6 2pm
FSN Holiday Jambo- ree (Hanes-Inman)	12/12 9:30
Mom's Night Out Elizabeth's Pizza	1/10 6:30
New Mom's Brunch Lucky 32	1/23 11:30
Jump n Fun Free Family Event	1/31 5-7pm
Date Night (Southern Lights Bistro)	2/20 7pm
Mom's Night Out Liberty Oak	3/13 6:30

Buddy Walk

Thank you to everyone who walked, donated and/or supported DSNGG at the 12th annual Buddy Walk! We hope everyone had a great time celebrating our loved ones and raising awareness of Down syndrome in our community. It was a beautiful day at Keeley Park, and the smiles only made it brighter! Take a look at our "top teams"!



Emma Hemrick
Emma's Entourage



Jack Hickling
Jack's Pack



Javi Chaires
Here Comes Javi!



Joel LaTour
Team Superman

We will be bringing in speakers/workshops in 2016. Look for an email soon to gauge interest on which education-related workshops you would like to see from ECAC and to see if there is enough interest to bring Handwriting Without Tears to Greensboro.

Moms: Join us for dinner and conversation with other moms who "get it" at our Moms' Night Outs.

Dads: Join other dads of children with special needs; check fsncc.org for upcoming dates and locations.



February Date Night

Calling all DSNGG couples! This is always a highlight as the moms and dads get together for a fun, relaxing evening. Join us on February 20 at 7pm at Southern Lights Bistro for a delicious dinner and great conversation! The cost is \$25 per couple, and an email and Evite will come in the new year.

Holiday Jamboree

The Family Support Network is hosting their annual Holiday Jamboree at Haynes-Inman Education Center. Join them on December 12 from 9:30 to noon for breakfast, crafts and pictures with Santa (or a winter scene). RSVP by Dec 10 to support@fsncc.org. Donations of new-born onesies, new receiving blankets and board books are appreciated.

New Moms' Brunch

January 23 at 11:30am

If you had a baby with DS in 2015 or moved and became part of DSNGG, you'll receive an Evite in the first week of January. If you do not receive it, please email dsngginfo@gmail.com. The board would love to get to know you better in a relaxed atmosphere while enjoying a delicious brunch at Lucky 32.

Jump N Fun

Free Family Event

January 31 5-7pm

Join us for a fun, free family event at Jump n Fun! We will play from 5-6:30 and then enjoy some light snacks. An Evite will come in the new year. We will also still have our Tumblebees Family Event in April, so plan to come get out some energy during the cold, winter months!

Buddy Break

We've had great feedback from this program. It is a free program where kids with special needs (VIP kids) make new friends, play fun games, enjoy crafts, therapy dogs, stories, music, activities and more! Siblings have fun too! Meanwhile, their caregivers get a break from their ongoing care-giving responsibilities for three hours on a Saturday morning each month. VIP children are ages 2-16 and siblings are 4 years-5th grade. But you must reserve. Go to www.BuddyBreak.org and select West Market Street United Methodist Church and call (336)560-3967 to reserve and set up an orientation. We hope many of you can participate in this amazing program!

Buddy Walk Sponsors

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See the opportunities below. Each family from DSNGG that registers for the IDSC Meetup in Charlotte will receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card. And we will be offering a few scholarships to the NDSC Convention... details will come by email.

Advocacy Opportunity

NDSS Buddy Walk on
Washington

Washington, DC
April 11-12, 2016

Advocate and meet with
members of Congress.
You are trained by NDSS
through webinars.
Visit ndss.org for details.

Research Opportunity

NDSC National Down
Syndrome Convention

Orlando, Florida
July 21-24, 2016

Hear amazing speakers
and connect with others!
Register in the spring at
www.ndsccenter.org

Fellowship Opportunity

IDSC Meetup in
Great Wolf Lodge

Charlotte, NC
September 16-18, 2016

Enjoy great rates at GWL
(hotel and waterpark) and
connect with Ds families!
Check out theidsc.org for
details and promo codes.

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."