



1st Annual Membership Meeting  
March 8, 2001



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# DSANI Board Members

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- Deb Gavette - President
- Joe Bockerstette - Vice President
- Jen Pickard - Secretary
- Laurie Shomo - Treasurer
- Jenny Bockerstette - Outreach
- Marsha Scheitlin - Resource Library
- Randy Pickard - Member Services
- Brenda Amburgey - Fundraising



# DSANI Board Members (2)

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- Marilyn Miller/Sherrie Floyd - Programs
- Jim Augustin - Member At Large
- Chris Tallo MD - Medical Advisor
- Lisa Gulyas MD - Medical Advisor
- Tom/Rita O'Neill - Advisors



# DSANI's Beginnings

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- Began with the Buddy Walk in October 1999
- Formed a non-profit corporation on January 1, 2000
- Inaugural meeting held on March 3, 2000; attended by over 100 people interested in enhancing the lives of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome



# Our Initial Objectives

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- Provide informational packets to new parents
- Provide current information to area service providers & medical professionals
- Create a support group for parents, with a focus on speakers
- Increase awareness & support of Down syndrome within our community
- Establish a lending library of materials on Down syndrome



# 2000's Achievements

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- Outreach
  - New Parent Packets in 11 NE IN counties
  - Infant/Toddler Parents Program
- Member Services
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Membership directory
- Resource Library
  - Identified materials & location for DSANI library



# 2000's Achievements (2)

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## ■ Programs

- Educational programs
  - Estate planning, Article 7, behavioral therapy
- Family & social programs
  - Three Rivers Festival, Northside Park picnic, Zoo day, Komets & Fury games, swim, dance, & golf lessons
- In-service programs to area educators

## ■ Fundraising

- Buddy Walk
- Saxton Golf Outing
- Equipment Grants





# 2000 Buddy Walk

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buddy Walk in Northeast Indiana was held on September 23, 2000.
- Over 250 walkers participated and, together, raised \$25,000.

## Title Sponsor



## Presenting Sponsors



*The Medical Protective Company*





# Our Financial Position

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**2000**

**REVENUES**

Buddy Walk	\$ 26,263
Memorials	\$ 11,420
Membership	\$ 540
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$ 2,188</u>
	\$ 40,411

**EXPENSES**      \$ 13,495

**SURPLUS**      \$ 26,916



# Our Plans for 2001

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- Complete the DSANI library at AWS and make it available to membership
- Train New Parent Mentors
- Organize play groups/ friendship groups
- Encourage more families to become involved
- Increase activities for adults with Down syndrome and their families
- Continue our programs
- Build on the previous Buddy Walk successes



# Our Teams

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- Outreach
  - New Parent Packets, Infant/Toddler Parents Program, New Parent Mentor training
- Fundraising
  - Buddy Walk, grants
- Member Services
  - Newsletter, member data base, mailing management
- Programs
  - Educational speakers, social gatherings, play groups
- Resource Library
  - Library materials and operating procedures



# Summary

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**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**