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Buddy Walk



On Saturday, October 1, 2005, DSANI once again hosted a fabulous Buddy Walk. It was a record breaking year with an estimated 875 people filling Foster Park. There were lots of families having fun, smiling faces, old and new friends, kids playing games and much more. We all came together to raise money to benefit DSANI and NDSS and to raise awareness of individuals with Down syndrome. We were able to raise over \$55,000 and received great awareness within our community. Mark your calendars now for the 8th annual Buddy Walk on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at Foster Park – it will once again be a fun-family event!



Financial Statement

Income:	
Buddy Walk	\$50,342
Donations	\$ 2,573
Other	\$ 2,106
Total Income	\$55,021
Expenses	
Operating	\$25,096
Programs	\$17,172
NDSS Contributions	\$15,000
Katrina Relief Fund	\$ 1,000
Total Expenses	\$58,268
Surplus	\$ 3,247
Cash Balance	
Minus Current Liabilities	\$60,505

DSANI is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.



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Special Thanks

It is with great appreciation that we say "Thank You" to two valuable board members that are stepping down this year.

Sherrie Floyd has served DSANI for many years in the area of Programs. Under Sherrie's guidance, we have seen continued growth in the Holiday Party and other social activities and the development of new opportunities such as the Red Cedar day camp.

Joe Bockerstette has been involved with DSANI since its inception. He was instrumental in taking DSANI from a steering committee to the vibrant organization that it is today. The roles that Joe has played in the formation and growth of DSANI have been many. Joe served on the Executive Committee since the inception of the organization, first as Vice-President and then as President from 2003 – 2005; continuing to serve today in the position of Past-President. He has brought particular strength in the areas of finance and strategic planning. Joe's leadership is also recognized at a national level. In May, 2005 Joe was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Down Syndrome Society. He is very involved with the NDSS Affiliate Advisory Board and its strategic planning, the current strategic planning process that is underway by the NDSS Board of Directors, also the NDSS Audit Committee.

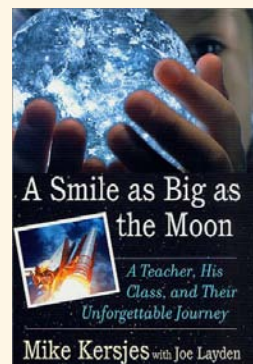
Thank you Sherrie Floyd and Joe Bockerstette for your many years of dedicated service to DSANI and its' members! Your presence on the Board of Directors will be greatly missed.

2005 Year in Review



Each year DSANI continues to grow and our 6th year was no exception. Our membership base remains at about 150 families, friends and professionals. From our humble beginning with a single Buddy Walk to our ability to have a strengthen and presence in the Down syndrome community within northeast Indiana as well as state-wide. Some of the highlights of the year include:

- Provided new parent packets to hospitals and physicians in northeast Indiana
- Published the DSANI Star newsletter on a monthly basis
- Launched a new DSANI website
- Continued to add materials to the extensive DSANI library of books and other materials on Down syndrome
- Sponsored several social programs including annual holiday party, swimming, bowling, Mom's Night Out, Wizards game and much more
- Created a partnership with Red Cedar to offer day camp designed for individuals with Down syndrome
- Added both materials and schools served to the Books To Schools program
- Conducted the annual membership meeting with "A Smile As Big As The Moon" author, Mike Kersjes
- Held the 7th annual Buddy Walk with record attendance
- Added self-advocate David Miller to the Board of Directors



DSANI Star Awards

STEVE & MITZI STEWART Steve & Mitzi have sponsored a golf outing in Columbia City for the past 3 years to benefit DSANI. They have also attended numerous Buddy Walks in recent years and have been faithful supporters of DSANI.

SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM TEAM AT HAVERHILL This team provides instruction for students with a variety of special needs including Down syndrome. Their performance in the classroom goes far beyond their position requirements. In addition



to academic instruction, they deal with social and self-help skills each student will need for a happy and productive life. They provide all of this with true compassion and devotion to each child. They also give of their time to support Buddy Walk and Special Olympics This team is truly exceptional in their dedication to the children trusted to their care.

STEVEN MIKULSKI Steven has volunteered for 2 years at the Buddy Walk to lead the self-advocate group and this past year joined the Buddy Walk committee as a valuable member of the planning group. Steven wrote



articles for the newsletter and created a strong and vibrant group of self-advocates to work at the Buddy Walk. Steven is an inspiration to all of us with younger children.

AUBURN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER #566 For the past 2 years, under the guidance of member



Kari Minch, the Auburn Moose #566 has hosted an event to benefit DSANI. This event has not only raised several thousand dollars for DSANI but also awareness of our organization and individuals with Down syndrome in the Auburn/DeKalb county area.

Self-Advocates

There is becoming a "presence" of self-advocates in DSANI events – witness the increased involvement at the Buddy Walk.

Another milestone for DSANI and self-advocates came with the addition of a self-advocate to the Board of Directors. David Miller joined the board in the spring of 2005.



Self-Advocate David Miller

We now have a group of moms of older kids meeting every few months with speakers and social opportunities.

A program on "Stranger Danger" was offered to the Self-Advocate group.

The Self-Advocate group has developed over the last year and continues to grow and strengthen.

Programs

Over the past year, DSANI has once again offered a variety of programs to our members and the community. Two highlights of the year were:

Over 175 DSANI members and their children attended the Annual holiday party. Those in attendance were treated to food, games and prizes. All DSANI members' children were treated to a visit with Santa and received a gift and family picture.

The IEP Parent Conference was repeated in February. The conference is an opportunity for parents of children with special needs to meet and discuss their experiences with the IEP process in their school systems.



Annual Holiday Party



IEP Parent Conference