

**dsagt**

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT





# OUR MISSION

Our mission at the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo is to empower all individuals with Down syndrome to achieve their goals and reach their fullest potential by providing support, education and advocacy not only for the individual, but also their families and communities.

# OUR VISION

Our vision is to build a community where all individuals with Down syndrome are accepted, included, and given limitless opportunities to pursue their dreams as respected members of society.



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# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

All,

Support. Education. Advocacy. The pillars of the DSAGT Mission. Reflecting back on the past year and how those pillars have been fulfilled, I believe the success of the organization is a direct effect of the incredible team we have leading the programming and the families engaged in our activities. Without all of you, DSAGT would not be the organization it is today. I believe Krista's letter will support just that....engaged families make for a robust organization.

Supporting families from pre-natal diagnosis through the life span is a passion of our entire board. It gives me great joy to lead a group of individuals focused solely on supporting individuals and their families as they navigate the joys and sometimes struggles of living a life in the incredible world of Down Syndrome.

But we can't continue our work without all of YOU! Attend our programs. Talk to family and friends about DSAGT. Encourage others to become engaged through volunteering and donating. Talk to your place of work about becoming a DSAGT supporter. As the saying goes, "It takes a village." I believe our village is strong and ready for the next year to be even better than the last.

With that, I leave you with this very simple quote from Mother Teresa, "Together we can do great things."

I look forward to working alongside all of you to DO GREAT THINGS!

-Robin Laird

# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Hello DSAGT Community!

Each year, this letter serves as a reflection of all the amazing achievements of the past year and as a way to celebrate the wins. And while I intend to do that here, I also would like to be transparent about some of the difficulties that 2025 brought to DSAGT. I know this year's letter is a bit long, but it's important information I need to share.

We are incredibly privileged as a staff to build meaningful relationships with the families we serve. With that closeness comes the weight of sharing in their hardest moments. This past year, several of our families faced significant challenges, and we often felt the ache of wanting to do more. We distributed more hospital care packages than in any previous year during my time at DSAGT, a reminder of how much our families have been carrying. We sincerely hope 2026 brings gentler days, and we remain committed to finding new and creative ways to support them along the way.

In fact, 2026 saw one of those new services come to life, thanks to the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation. We were gifted \$3,000 from the Foundation to start our Family Resource Closet! I'll be sure to share more about that in the following pages, but we're so grateful to be able to provide such high quality items to our families who may not otherwise have access to these things.

2025 was also a year of growth for our Organization. In January, we moved to our new location in the heart of Uptown Maumee. Our new office space is larger than our last, allowing us to host on-site programming, expanded space for our Resource Closet, and access to a large event space at the end of our building, where we've been able to host several of our society 21 events, and teen and adult dances.

2025 was also our first full year as a team of three, which allowed for increased growth in programs and services, including our Buddy Walk. In fact, the 2025 Toledo Buddy Walk was our largest one to date, with nearly 1,400 participants. For the second year in a row, we were able to raise over \$100,000!

This year also saw our largest new parent breakfast, since the program's inception. We had 8 new families in attendance. In total, we welcomed 16 new families into our organization in 2025, the most we've had in two years.

In accounting for our growth, we budgeted accordingly and conservatively, however, if you're familiar with non-profit work, then you know it can sometimes be difficult to budget certain revenues sources.

This year, we saw the closure of the Rite Aid Healthy Futures Foundation, which each year prior had given us \$10,000 annually, something we had expected again in 2025, but did not receive. Secondly, we budgeted \$6,000 for our annual Penn Station campaign, however, due to some changes in the campaign structure, that income has yet to be received as well. This accounted for the majority of our \$18,000 variation between our budgeted and actual revenue for the year.

In addition to these struggles, DSAGT also faced some unexpected expenses. Since 2020, we've been using a software called FlipCause, it housed our registrations, website, donation platform and donor database. Recently, the company began withholding funds owed to their customers. Thankfully, we were able to get back everything that was owed to us, but, it left us needing to find new platforms immediately, including moving our entire website to a new host.

This situation cost us an extra \$7,000 of expense this year. We had a couple other areas that we unknowingly budgeted too low for, due to rising costs, and all of this culminated into a \$44,000 loss for DSAGT this year.

As you can imagine, this has been a very stressful situation to navigate, especially as we enter 2026. Due to the nature of our Organization, currently about 60% of our total revenue isn't received until September and October. We're working on strategies to help bring in some of that income earlier, and hope that our incredible community of supporters will understand and make their gifts earlier in the year. We've also been working on diversifying our revenue streams over the last couple years.

In fact, in 2025, we were able to create a second fund with the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, with all of the revenue that has been raised by the Down for the Ride event. The earnings of this fund, will go towards supporting our new office space.

I want to make it very clear, that we do not take this lightly. I have been extremely calculated in our growth over the years, ensuring that each step is sustainable and in-line with what our families need. I'm confident we will overcome this loss. We are so grateful for all that 2025 brought, including the hardships, because we know it makes us wiser and stronger. Despite this difficult year, as I look through the work we accomplished in 2025, I feel extremely proud of our team, and extremely grateful for the community we serve. We will continue working hard to ensure we can meet the needs of our DSAGT families.

Thank you for being here, whether you're one of our families, donors or volunteers. Each of you makes DSAGT the incredible organization that it is.

Wishing you all the best in 2026,

Krista Jensen

# 2025 PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

83

Program Sessions  
and Events

11

Grants  
provided

160

Families served

86

Volunteers

# WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



As part of our current Strategic Plan, we are working to grow our World Down Syndrome Day celebration into a community wide celebration. This year we hosted a Family Bowling event and took part in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual WSDS Carnival in Findlay!

We're also extremely grateful to all of our community partners who celebrated WSDS with us!





# EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL AGE

## Little Learners

### Musical Minis



### STEAM & YOU



### Outstanding Teacher Awards



This year we awarded three local teachers with our annual DSAGT Outstanding Teacher Award for their dedication to creating an inclusive and welcoming classroom.

STEAM & YOU was a new program we put together this year, focusing on community based STEAM activities.

### Classroom Visits



# Teens & Adults

## OPENSLOT THEATRE



Our daughter Caitlin absolutely loves Open Spot. She gets so excited when she knows she is going to theater. This has been her favorite activity for years. It is one of the few social activities we can get her to participate in so we genuinely appreciate what Openspot does for our daughter and us.

## SOCIETY 21



# FAMILY PROGRAMS

## MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES



## FAMILY FALL OUTING



## FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY



# FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SERVICES



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

"We used our grant funds to provide Iris with private swim lessons at the local YMCA! This helped keep Iris active and enjoying one of her favorite pastimes, while continuing to work towards safety at home since we have a pool in the backyard! Thank you, DSAGT!"

**11 FAMILIES IMPACTED IN 2025**



## FAMILY RESOURCE CLOSET

"I am forever grateful for DSAGT and their many resources available to families. I inquired about the family resource closet and received an immediate response to getting support. I scheduled a time to go into the office and was greeted with the smiling faces of the DSAGT office personnel. In the resource closet I was able to choose hygiene products, books, and also adaptive toys for my little one. My child's favorite was the adaptive phone for speech therapy. I am very appreciative for what DSAGT has to offer and would love to see the resource closet continue for families."

**12 FAMILIES IMPACTED IN 2025**



## HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

"DSAGT's Adopt-a-Family program has brought us immense joy and reminded us that we're part of a larger community that cares. Their kindness has made a world of difference to my family!"

**15 FAMILIES IMPACTED IN 2025**

# TOLEDO

## BUDDYWALK®

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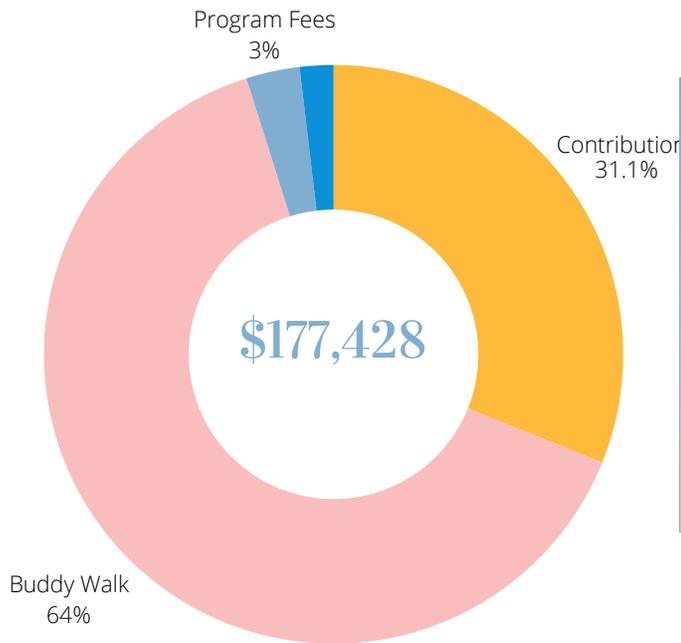
EDUCATE | ADVOCATE | CELEBRATE

This year, DSAGT celebrated the 24th Annual Toledo Buddy Walk. The event was hosted at the beautiful Owens Community College Campus, located in Perrysburg, OH. Nearly 1,400 participants enjoyed music, performances, raffles, games, pumpkin painting, tailgates and more! This year we also had the privilege of hosting our friends from the National Down Syndrome Society!

The 2025 Toledo Buddy Walk helped to raised almost \$114,000 for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo, which will go towards the organization's 2026 operations and programs.

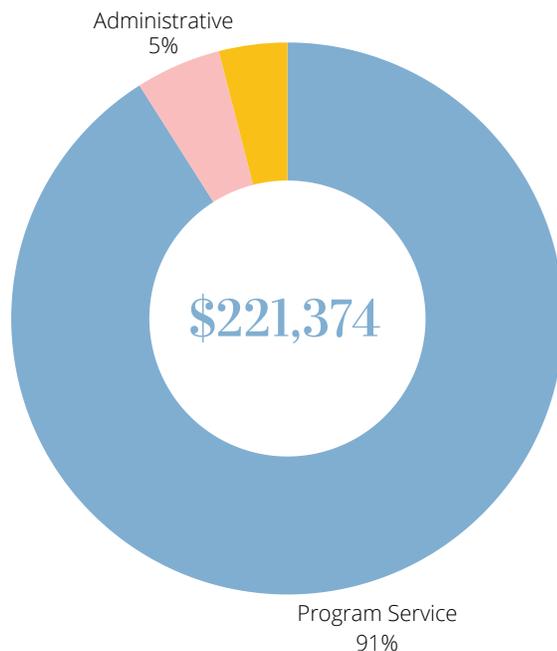


# 2025 REVENUE



Buddy Walk	\$113,605
Contributions	\$55,188
Program Fees	\$5,308
Interest Income	\$3,327

# 2025 EXPENSES



Program Service	\$202,450
Administrative	\$10,748
Fundraising	\$8,176

# Statement of Financial Position

DSAGT as of December 31st,	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 76,037	\$ 353,907
Certificate of Deposit	83,201	0
Accounts Receivable	2,400	3,199
Prepaid Expense	214	1,062
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>161,852</b>	<b>358,168</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 161,852</b>	<b>\$ 358,168</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	0	6,244
Credit Card Payable	637	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>6,244</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Deferred Revenue	0	3,000
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 637</b>	<b>\$ 9,244</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	13,880	15,194
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	335,044	305,070
Net Income	-187,709	28,660
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 161,852</b>	<b>\$ 358,168</b>

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo also owns two funds with the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Those balances as of December 31, 2025 were as follows:

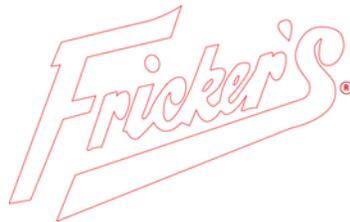
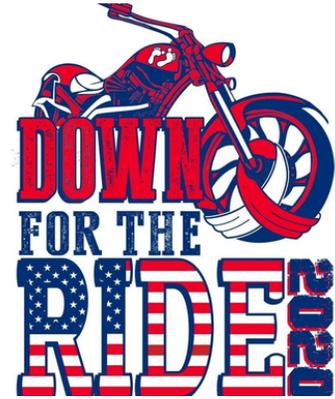
DSAGT Endowment Fund	\$ 445,542
DSAGT Community Fund	\$ 164,561

# Statement of Activities

January 1 <sup>st</sup> - December 31st	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Buddy Walk	\$ 113,605	\$119,997
Contributions	55,188	90,483
Fee for Service Programs	5,308	3,217
Interest Income	3,327	187
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 177,428</b>	<b>\$ 213,884</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Payroll Expenses	\$ 115,315	\$ 111,575
Program Expenses and Supplies	49,829	45,318
Occupancy	26,685	11,820
Office Expenses	11,419	9,879
Information Technology	9,941	2,787
World Down Syndrome Day	5,222	1,030
Professional Services	2,963	2,816
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 221,374</b>	<b>\$185,225</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 43,946)</b>	<b>\$ 28,659</b>

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo had a non-operating expenditure of \$143,881, correlating to the establishment of the DSAGT Community Fund.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2025 SPONSORS, DONORS AND MANY OTHER SUPPORTERS!



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