



dsagt
DOWN SYNDROME

2023
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

Dear DSAGT Community,

Thank you for an incredible year of growth and strengthening our community. I am extremely grateful to the DSAGT Board of Directors who have dedicated their time to helping our organization expand in size and services. We have welcomed new Directors to our Board, and I can't wait for you to meet them this upcoming year. In addition to our Board growth, Denise has joined our team as Development Director.

It has been amazing to see our programming such as OpenSpot Theatre continue to provide opportunities for individuals to connect and grow. As you will see throughout the report, we have increased programming this year. One of my favorite additions was the painting workshop for our school age kids at Create Art Studio.

The services we provide would not be possible without our donors. Thank you for supporting our organization. I encourage donors to consider donating to our endowment fund or sign up to be a monthly donor. As DSAGT grows, we are investing time to ensure our financial stability as an organization.

Lastly, I must thank DSAGT's incredible Executive Director. Krista's vision and dedication to the DSAGT community has allowed for us to ensure needs of the community are met. I am excited to continue to work with Krista as we carry out DSAGT's Strategic Plan.

As we move into 2024, I hope you will continue to engage with DSAGT whether that means attending a social event, educational opportunity, or donating. We have big plans for the year!

With gratitude,
Ali Kingston, Esq.
Board President





KRISTA JENSEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Hello DSAGT Community!

If you've been with us, then you know that 2022 was a big year for DSAGT, and so, for 2023, our goal was to continue to build upon that growth.

We've continued to add more programs and events this year, one, being our Little Learners Educational Program. We brought back our Spring Party for the first time since the pandemic and hosted a Summer Family Picnic this past August, all while continuing all of the amazing programs that we brought to DSAGT last year.

One of our other big goals for 2023 was to bring on a new staff member. I am thrilled at the addition of Denise Dahl to the DSAGT team. Denise brings with her many years of experience in the fundraising world and I'm so excited to see all that we can accomplish together for this community as we continue our growth and success to serve even more individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

Cheers to 2024!

2023 PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

85

Program Sessions
and Events

15

Scholarships
provided

150

Families served

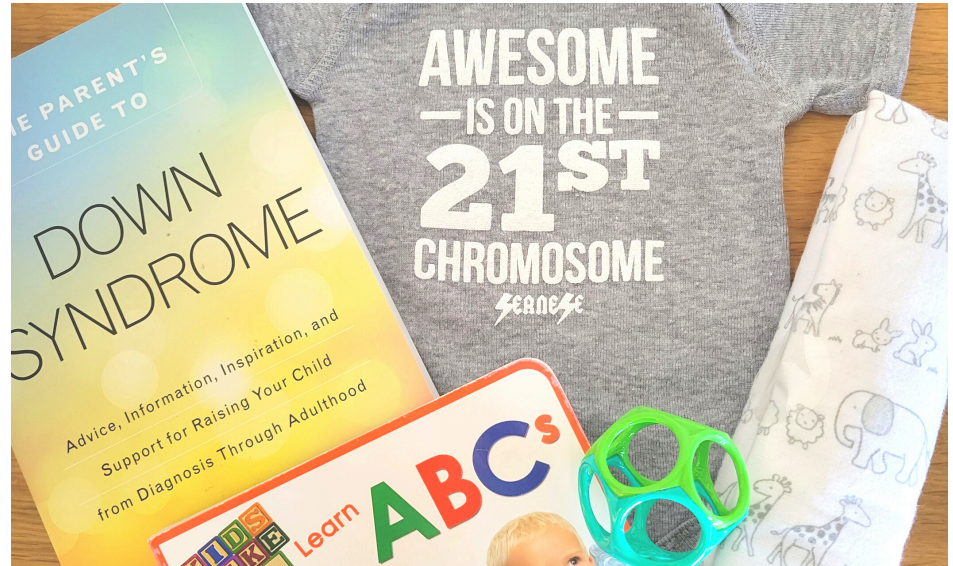
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Volunteers

NEW PARENT PROGRAMMING

WELCOME BASKETS

In 2023, We delivered 13 welcome baskets to babies with Down syndrome and their families.



FIRST STEPS GROUP

Our First Steps Baby and Toddler Group continued to foster relationships among new parents throughout 2023.

NEW PARENT BREAKFAST

We enjoyed our 2nd Annual New Parent Breakfast this year, offering families a chance to connect and learn more about DSAGT.



CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING

TODDLER MUSIC PROGRAM

In 2023, we got to partner with our friends at BelInstrumental again to offer our little ones a fun and interactive music program!



LITTLE LEARNERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For our first year since the pandemic, we brought back our highly popular Little Learners Educational Program!



CREATE WITH A BUDDY

In 2023, we had the privilege of hosting a freestyle canvas painting workshop for our school-age kids and encouraged them to bring a friend!



TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMING

OPENSPO THEATRE

Our partnership with OpenSpot Theater has grown into one of our most popular programs! In 2023, we offered 3 sessions!



CARDIO DRUMMING

Due to such high demand, this year we were able to offer two sessions of Cardio Drumming with our partners at BelInstrumental Foundation.



SOCIETY 21

For the second year, we've been able to host multiple Society 21 gatherings for our 16 and up group, to help foster friendships.



FAMILY PROGRAMING

TOLEDO WALLEYE FAMILY OUTING



FAMILY SPRING PARTY



SUMMER PICNIC



TOLEDO MUD HENS OUTING



FAMILY FALL OUTING



FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY





HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

This year we had the opportunity to host our second year of our DSAGT Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program.

Last year, we were able to help serve eight families through the program. However, we wanted to expand that number as much as we possibly could this year so we made some changes to the program.

This year we sought out generous donors to “adopt” each applying family. We were overwhelmed with the amount of generosity our community showed to these families, and it allowed us to take on thirteen families this year!

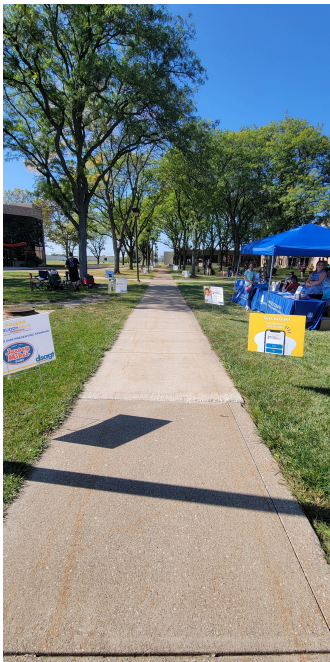
In addition to receiving gifts from their wish lists, DSAGT was able to provide each family with a grocery store gift card.

We hope that next year we'll be able to grow the program even more!

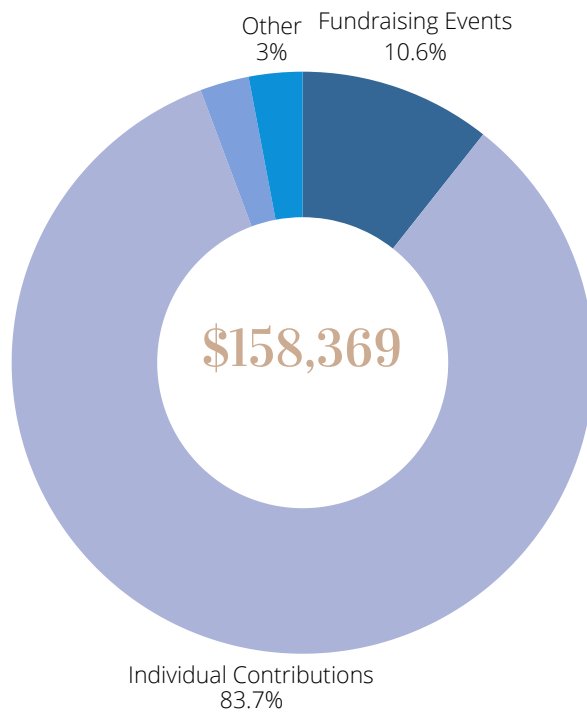


22ND ANNUAL TOLEDO BUDDY WALK

This year, DSAGT celebrated the 22nd Annual Toledo Buddy Walk. The event was hosted at the beautiful Owens Community College Campus, located in Perrysburg, OH. Over 1,000 participants enjoyed music, performances, raffles, games, pumpkin painting, tailgates and more! The 2023 Toledo Buddy Walk helped to raised almost \$80,000 for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo, which will go towards the organization's 2024 operations and programs.

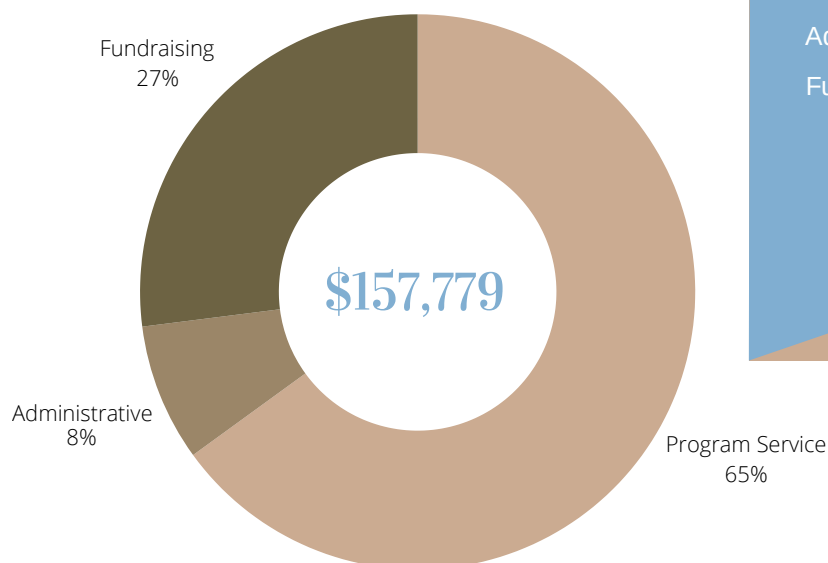


2023 REVENUE



Individual Contributions	\$132,476
Fundraising Events	\$16,863
Other Revenue	\$4,716
Program Fees	\$4,314

2023 EXPENSES



Program Service	\$101,932
Administrative	\$12,768
Fundraising	\$43,079

Thank you to all of our 2023 sponsors, donors, and many other supporters!

