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Down Syndrome Organization

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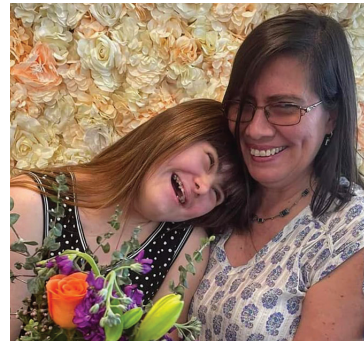


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## Our Mission

The Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a family support and resource organization dedicated to serving families who have an individual with Down syndrome. Our mission is to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome and their families by providing support, information, education, and advocacy, thus enabling each individual to reach his or her full potential.

People with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.

## Down syndrome...

- ◆ Occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.
- ◆ Occurs in about 1 in every 700 births and affects approximately 400,000 individuals in the United States.
- ◆ Is one of the leading causes of cognitive delays and occurs in all ethnic groups, socio-economic classes and nationalities.
- ◆ Can cause delays in physical, intellectual and language development.

Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

*For other resources on Down syndrome...*

- ◆ National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)  
1.800.221.4602 • ndss.org
- ◆ National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)  
1.800.232.6372 • ndsccenter.org

***Individuals benefit from loving homes,  
appropriate education & community support***

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Org. is a non-profit parent support group working to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. *When you support BGCDSO you help provide...*

## Communication & Education

- ◆ New Parent Support
- ◆ Meetings
- ◆ Conferences & Workshops
- ◆ Resource Fairs
- ◆ Resource Library
- ◆ Newsletters (English & Spanish)
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ DS Training Program for Educators

## Socialization

- ◆ New Parent Breakfast
- ◆ World Down Syndrome Day Events, March 21
- ◆ WDSO Bowling
- ◆ Water Park Events
- ◆ Children Group
- ◆ Teen & Young Adult Group
- ◆ Moms' Night Out
- ◆ Mother's/Father's Day Events
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt

## Special Events

- ◆ Step Up 4 DS Walk
- ◆ Annual Holiday Party

## Sponsorship to...

- ◆ Cheerleading
- ◆ Challenger Baseball
- ◆ Parkland Buddy Sports
- ◆ 321 Dance
- ◆ GiGi's Playhouse
- ◆ Down Syndrome Int. Swimming Org.
- ◆ Exceptional Theater Company
- ◆ Future 6 Helping Hand (Children Special Needs Surf Camp)
- ◆ Global Down Syndrome Foundation

## Scholarships for...

- ◆ Swimming Lessons
- ◆ Assistance to Attend State & Natl Conferences
- ◆ Tutoring
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Summer Camp

***BGCDSO continues to add much more services!***

**Celebrate World  
Down Syndrome Day  
March 21**

