

April NEWSLETTER




LEADERSHIP CORNER FROM OUR SECRETARY!

Dear Esteemed Members,

We have thrilling news to share! We are gearing up for the **30-Year Anniversary** of our Down Syndrome Walk, a milestone that speaks volumes about our community's resilience, love, and commitment. This celebration is not just a walk—it's a testament to the strength of everyone who has stood with us through the years, and we couldn't be more excited to begin planning this unforgettable event on **May 14th**! Join us and be a part of the process of making this event truly special.

As we move forward, we are filled with gratitude. Thanks to incredible donations, we are making strides toward a brighter future. Special thanks to **Black Diamond Claims Solutions** for their unwavering generosity and continuous support. We are also deeply grateful to **Lucy Whitson** and **Laura Lorenzo** and their Spring Shopping Social, as well as putting together the **Sicilian Oven** fundraiser. Thank you, Sicilian Oven for your contributions—your kindness fuels our mission!

While these donations have helped us tremendously, we still need support as we recover from losses. Every contribution, whether big or small, makes a difference and brings us closer to our vision of an empowered and thriving community. If you'd like to be part of this journey, we welcome your help in any way possible.

Let's make our 30th Anniversary Walk a celebration of progress, unity, and love! Stay tuned for more details and thank you for being part of this incredible movement!

With appreciation and excitement,
Shirley Lopez
Board Secretary
Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

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Let's
Recap

SCROLL DOWN FOR A
QUICK PEEK AT THE
FUN WE HAD THIS
MONTH!




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ACTIVITIES

Photo Shoot!

Our kids expressed themselves and their passion through a photo/video session hosted by Black Diamond Claims Solutions! Shine on Rockstars! Photos will be available soon!

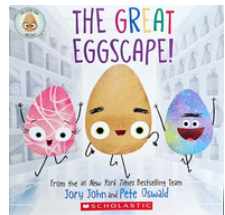


LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



Read Along

At our monthly Read Along, we celebrated Spring with friends and made the cutest crafts!



READ, EAT, PLAY, LOVE!



Hoppy Egg Hunt

Hippity hop hop! It's time for an egg hunt! Eggs, treats, friends & fun!



EGG HUNT, GAMES, FUN!

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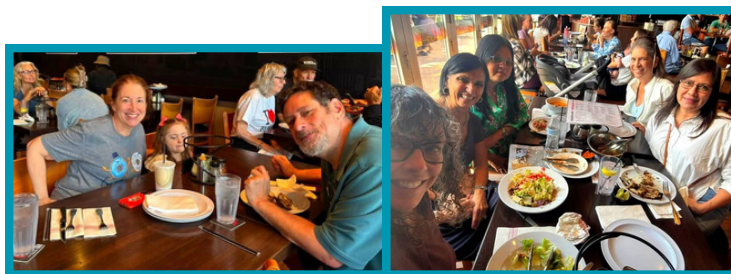
April GROWTH

FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY

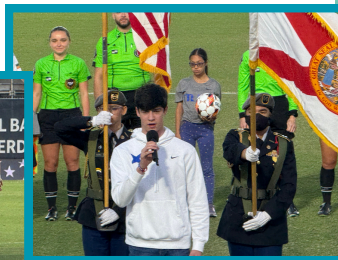
> **Spring Shopping Social-** We had a great time shopping for a cause! Thank you, Lucy Whitson, for hosting this event at your lovely home with your favorite shopping partner, Laura Laurenzo. A portion of the proceeds were donated to BGCD SO!



> **Sicilian Oven-** YUMMY! Friends came to enjoy good food and company at this fundraiser for BGCD SO. Thank you, Sicilian Oven for your Give Back event and donation!



> **FTL UTD FC-** GOALLLLLLL! We had two of our superstars as honorary captain at a home game for Ft. Lauderdale United FC Girls Professional Soccer Team! Join our honorary captain at each home game by scanning the barcode on the flyer. Each game FTL UTD FC will donate a portion of the proceeds to BGCD SO!



April GROWTH- Cont'd



New Families Luncheon- A warm welcome to the new members of BGCDSO! We are beyond proud to serve and support our new families! Thank you to **A Special Miracle** for sponsoring this event and to **Patricia Garland** for organizing this for our families!

WELCOME: Samuel, Leilani, Cecilia, Kenya, Maria Isabel!

WELCOME



Carnaval de Barranquilla- What an honor it was for us to be a part of the Carnaval de Barranquilla - Miami! Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization led the parade, from the Colombian Consulate in Coral Gables, to Ponce Circle Park! It was such a beautiful celebration! Special thanks to **Zaira Duarte** and the **Ability to Help**, for including us in your festivities. Our members had a wonderful experience!



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Birthdays

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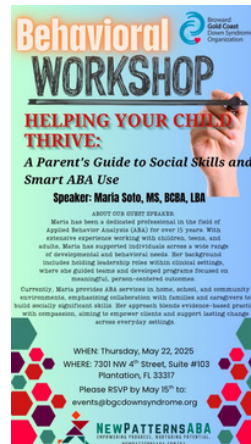
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5.03 | Adult Mental Health First Aid Training**- Let's take advantage of this one day training and learn how to guide our special ones through mental health.
- 5.10 | Make A Mother's Day Floral Arrangement**- Time to make our moms feel extra special! Limited to first 30 RSVPs.
- 5.14 | SU4DS Walk Planning Meeting**- Join us to plan our 30-Year Anniversary Down syndrome walk! Be part of this meaningful celebration!
- 5.17 | Hello Summer Dance**-Join us in welcoming summer by dancing, socializing and having lots of fun!
- 5.22 | Behavioral Workshop**- A parent's guide to social skills and smart ABA with speaker Maria Soto, MS, BCBA, LBA
- 10.18 | SU4DS Walk**- Get your tickets now to our 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY Down Syndrome Walk!!



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SPECIAL THANKS



Thank you, Lucy Whitson & Laura Laurenzo, for hosting the annual Spring Shopping Social! The event was a success, and we appreciate the donations to BGCD SO! We look forward to next year's shopping social!



Thank you, Black Diamond Claims Solutions, for providing our superstars a place to shine bright! They were able to express their passion, enjoy a meal with friends and play cool games. We are beyond grateful for your generosity!



Thank you, Sicilian Oven, for hosting a Give Back event and donating a portion of the sales to our organization! We enjoyed delicious meals while raising funds! Thanks, Lucy Whitson & Laura Laurenzo, for putting together a tasty fundraiser!

Zaira Duarte
Ability to Help

Paola Herrera
Patricia Garland

A special thank you to Zaira Duarte, the General Manager from the "Ability to Help" for including us in your festivities. Our members had a wonderful experience!
A huge shout out to our President, Paola Herera, and Parent Volunteer, Patricia Garland, who organized this event for us.