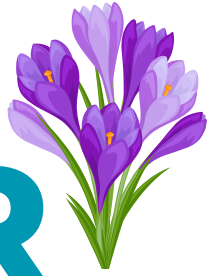


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NEWSLETTER



BGCDSO Member Events & Community Resources



MAY

2026



MAY 2	KENDRA SCOTT FUNDRAISER-Pembroke Gardens 406 SW 145th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027 from 1:00pm-3:00pm OR shop online 5/2@ 12am until 5/3 @11:59pm use code "GIVEBACK-LPMLJ"
MAY 3	MOTHER'S DAY-BEAUTY & SPA DAY West Regional Library Auditorium-8601 W. Broward Blvd, Plantation from 11:00am-2:00pm RSVP to events@bgcdownsndrome.org by 4/27
MAY 7	READ ALONG-Members Only BGCDSO Office @ 6:00pm RSVP to events@bgcdownsndrome.org by 5/5
MAY 9	COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS BGCDSO Office @ 10:00am RSVP to events@bgcdownsndrome.org by 5/07
MAY 20	BROWARD ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL GENERAL MTG Location TBD from 6:15pm-8:45pm
MAY 27	BINGO NIGHT-Members Only BGCDSO Office @ 6:00pm RSVP to events@bgcdownsndrome.org by 5/25
MAY 28	S.T.E.M. NIGHT-Circuits BGCDSO Office @ 6:00pm RSVP to events@bgcdownsndrome.org by 5/25

STAY INFORMED!

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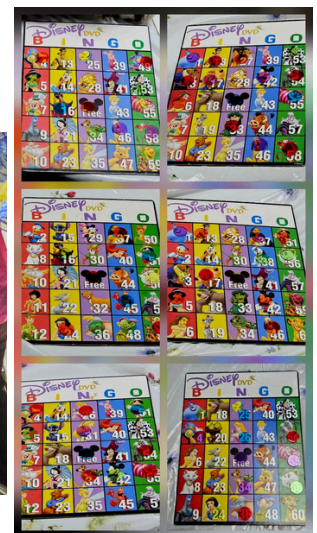
MEMBER EVENTS

FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY

> **Read Along-** Our Read Along book for April was “National Geographic Kids: Storms” by Miriam Busch Goin and was graciously read by Danny. Thank you to this month’s book sponsor: The Todaro Family. It’s important as Floridians to understand the power of natural occurrences and to be prepared! Our activity of creating colorful tornados was a scientific success and so much fun! Thank you all for your support of our monthly Read Along! Join us for our next one on May 7th.



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> **BINGO Night-** Bingo Night was a hit! We tried something new this month courtesy of Malina Carraher-Disney BINGO! We were able to continue to work on our math skills, but with Disney flair! It is a little slower-paced but still requires focus and attention to win. If you have another BINGO alternative, let us know before our next BINGO night, May 27th.



MEMBER EVENTS CONT.

FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY

> **Spring Egg Hunt-** What a great day with perfect weather for our outdoor activities and our traditional egg hunt with our dearest Bunny. Thank you, everyone, who donated to our event. Our gratitude to all volunteers for your dedication and help. Another great memory for our members!



> **Cirque Social-** Thank you, Patricia Garland, for organizing this amazing event! What a wonderful opportunity you found for us to enjoy, one of the best shows at Cirque du Soleil: Luzia! Thank you for making this possible, we appreciate all you do for our members!



FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY

- > **Autism Walk and ESE Parent Resource Fair-** at the Seminole Tribe of Hollywood. Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate and have meaningful dialogues with families, staff, and local community partners. It was a resourceful day for special needs community!



- > **Best Buddies Friendship Walk -** It was an honor to be a part of this incredible event and have a Resource and Mission Tent. We thank everyone who stopped by to say hi.



- > **Broward County Public Schools-ESE Department Parent Symposium-** It was a productive day of networking and providing support to families within our community. We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this event and visit Stranahan HS!



Birthdays

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Anjoyel



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Kyra



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEMBER EVENTS



Read Along

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

UPCOMING DATES

2026 Dates

- Jan. 8th
- Feb. 5th
- March 4th
- April 2nd
- May 7th
- June 4th

time 6:00 pm

Where? BGCDSO Office
7301 NW 4th Street, Ste 103
Plantation, FL 33317

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF...

- Food
- Craft
- Read Along
- Socialization

Please RSVP by the prior Tuesday before to:
events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org




Join us for COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

DATE: 2nd Saturday of each Month (or alternative date posted)
TIME: 10am-12pm
Where: BGCDSO Office
7301 NW 4th Street, Suite #103
Plantation, FL 33317

Please RSVP by the prior Thursday to events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org

UPCOMING DATES

January 17 th	February 28 th	March 14 th
April 11 th	May 9 th	June 6 th
July 11 th	August 8 th	September 12 th
October 10 th	November 14 th	December 12 th

If less than five people RSVP, the meeting will be cancelled.
**This is a group for parents only, we will be discussing adult topics. However, if you bring your child, we will make accommodations. **

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization



Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

Presents a Member's Only Event

Join us for a night of fun, socializing, food & prizes!

BINGO Night

Location: BGCDSO Office
7301 NW 4th Street
STE. 103
Plantation, FL 33317

UPCOMING DATES

February 11 th	March 11 th	April 22 nd
May 27 th	June 24 th	July 21 st

All events begin at 6pm

Please RSVP by the Thursday before to:
events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org



UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.



READ-ALONG May

Join us for a night of

- Food
- Craft
- Read-Along
- Socialization

When? Thursday, May 7th

time 6:00 pm

Where? BGCD SO Office
7301 NW 4TH ST., SUITE 103
PLANTATION, FL 33317

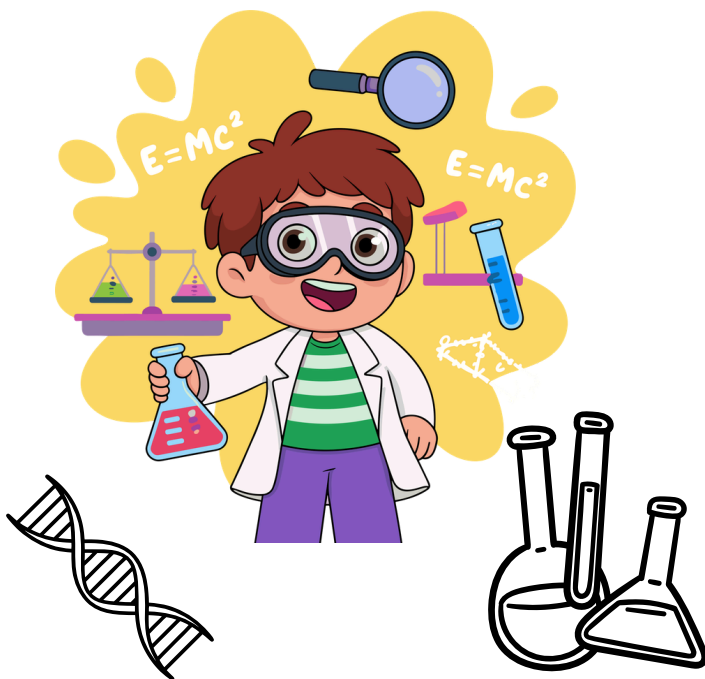
Thank you to this month's book sponsors:
Hope Tieman Bristol, Kim Oliva and Laura Gonzalez

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 6th to:
events@bgcdownsndrome.org

All the Things We Can Do!
by Georgette Kores, MS
Illustrated by Deb Johnson



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S.T.E.M. NIGHT

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT SPARK CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY!

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH
6:00 PM
BGCD SO – 7301 NW 4TH ST,
SUITE 103, PLANTATION, FL 33317

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, MAY 24TH
TO:
EVENTS@BGCDOWNSYNDROME.ORG

Sponsored by:
The Garland Family



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Spring Mom's Luncheon

For Moms of Young Children with Disabilities

Hosted by Disability Advocacy and Support Specialists

May 23rd • Salumeria 104, Weston, Florida • \$25 per Mom

Enjoy a beautiful lunch as we celebrate and honor the amazing moms in our community.

We'd love to celebrate with you!



AT THE
28TH ANNUAL
FAMILY, CAFE

JUNE 12-14,
2026

HYATT REGENCY ORLANDO
9801 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE, ORLANDO, FL

Registration now OPEN!
<https://familycafe.net/>



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The Beach Boys · Stoked

SUPER STOKED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MY DOWN SYNDROME FISHING WEEKEND IS SET FOR JUNE 26-28, 2026

FISHING DAY ON JUNE 27



A BIG THANK YOU TO @STARLIGHTFLEETFLORIDA FOR PROVIDING THEIR BOAT & CREW FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT



See you soon!

NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS

ORLANDO

— 2026 CONVENTION —

Together, We Create Magic
July 23 - 26, 2026

Now featuring the DSAIA Pre-Con
July 22 - 23, 2026

Sponsorships & Naming Opportunities

Contact Executive Director, Jim Hudson
for more information: jim@ndscenter.org

See more on



FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who made our recent fundraiser such a success!
It was a wonderful event filled with community and laughter.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Lucy Whitson**, for hosting the event at her home and for her unwavering dedication to our organization. We also appreciate **Debra Motta** for her assistance with the raffle table and for providing the delicious salad dressing for our meal!



Our sincere gratitude goes out to our **vendors**. We appreciate your continued support and generosity toward the Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization over the years.

Finally, congratulations to all of our raffle winners, both in person and online. Thank you for your continued support of our members and families!



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Shine Bright, Do Good

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT

DATE & TIME

May 2nd, 2026 from 1:00-3:00pm

DETAILS

Come shop and support Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome at Kendra Scott Pembroke Gardens.

When you shout out the organization at checkout, Kendra Scott will donate 20% of your purchase back to the organization.

Shop online with code "GIVEBACK-LPMLJ" from May 2nd at 12:00am to May 3rd at 11:59pm!



Shine Bright, Do Good

SHOP FOR GOOD IN-STORE OR ONLINE!

May 2, 2026- May 3, 2026

Enter code

GIVEBACK-LPMLJ

in your cart or at checkout on kendrascott.com, or mention it at checkout in-store, and 20% of your purchase will benefit



Broward
Gold Coast
Down Syndrome
Organization

Not combinable with other offers.



KENDRA
SCOTT



Shine Bright, Do Good

SHOP FOR GOOD IN-STORE OR ONLINE!

HOW TO ENTER YOUR GIVEBACK CODE

1

Click on the bag in the top right corner of your screen.

2

You'll see a bar that says "Enter Coupon Code" both in your cart and at checkout.

3

Insert your giveback code at one of the two places, then hit "Apply".

Shine Bright, Do Good

SHOP FOR GOOD IN-STORE OR ONLINE!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Giveback code is active for 48 hours and will be valid through midnight PST on kendrascott.com unless otherwise agreed upon by a Kendra Scott representative. Giveback code must be entered at checkout. Exclusions may apply if combined with additional offers. Giveback code cannot be applied to previous purchases, gift card purchases, sales tax, or shipping charges. Nail lacquer, color bar™, and marked-down purchases are final sale. If exchange or return of merchandise forces purchase out of line with terms, total will be adjusted to reflect updated balance due which must be reconciled at time of return or exchange. By signing up for our text messages, you agree to receive recurring automated marketing and cart reminder text messages from kendrascott at the cell number used when signing up. Consent is not a condition of any purchase. Message & data rates may apply. For additional terms & privacy details, visit www.kendrascott.com/privacy. For any questions or concerns, please contact service@kendrascott.com.

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SAVE THE DATE



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OCTOBER 17, 2026



MARKHAM PARK, SUNRISE, FL



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Special Thanks

Special thanks to the **Broward Sheriff's Office**, for donating a plethora of books for our monthly Read Alongs!

We truly appreciate your support and value the partnership we have built with the Broward Sheriff's Office.

This contribution is a wonderful example of community partnership and will greatly benefit our initiative!



Thank You!

Special Thanks

Thank you all so much for your generous donations toward our new office furniture! Your support truly means a lot and has already made a huge difference in the organization, layout and overall pleasing look of our office/center!

We're incredibly grateful for each of you!

We are still in need of a few items, if you can help...



Check out our donation page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE48ABAC2CA3FACE9-63250511-officecenter>

or you can make a donation toward an item using this link:

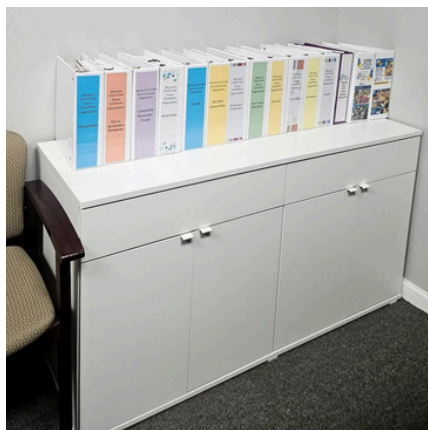
<https://givebutter.com/BGCDSODonations>
Please add "Furniture" in memo. Thanks!



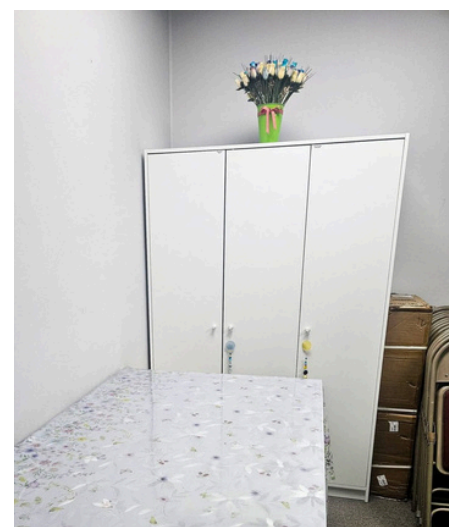
Our new bookcases hold more resources for our families!



Our new sideboard gives our everyday needed files and supplies a beautiful home!



Thank You!



Our new wardrobe houses ALL our SU4DS supplies!