

AUGUST



NEWSLETTER



BGCDSO Member Events & Community Resources



AUGUST

2026



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COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

BGCDSO Office @ 10am
RSVP to events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org by 8/6

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ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL GENERAL MTG

Location: TBD
Time: 6:15pm-8:45pm

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STEP UP 4 DOWN SYNDROME WALK MEETING

BGCDSO Office @ 6:00pm
RSVP to events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org by 8/18

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DANCE WORKSHOP-Members Only

Sunrise Athletic Complex-Community Room from 12-2pm
11501 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL 33323
RSVP to events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org by 8/21

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SICILIAN OVEN FUNDRAISER

801 S. University Drive B116, Plantation, FL 33324 from 11:30am-10pm
Please tell them you are there to support BGCDSO! Enjoy!

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BINGO NIGHT-Members Only

BGCDSO Office @ 6pm
RSVP to events@bgcdownsyntaxdrome.org by 8/24

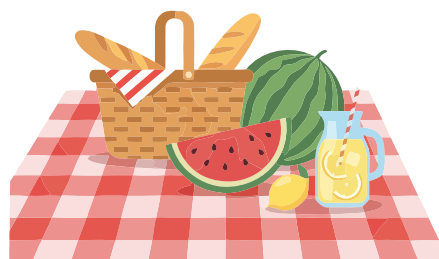
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MEMBER EVENTS

FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY

-  **BINGO Night-** Our monthly BINGO night was a blast! We welcomed new members and enjoyed the company of those we haven't seen in awhile! What a fun time! We hope to see you for our next Bingo Night, August 26th.

BINGO



-  **Dance Workshop-** Another great month of our dance class! Thank you, Bianca @bianca.vila_17 @onelovecollective27, Camila, and Daniela for doing such a fantastic job leading the classes. Your energy, dedication, and passion make the evenings extra special.

We will continue meeting twice a month as the dancers build their skills and confidence, all leading up to a very special moment- performing at our annual Step Up 4 Down Syndrome Walk on October 17, 2026!

We can't wait to watch them shine on stage!



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FUNDRAISING, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY



2026 National Down Syndrome Congress Conference in Orlando-

We kicked off the incredible week with two inspiring days at the Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action (DSAIA) Leadership Conference, where we made new friends, reconnected with familiar faces, expanded our networks, and learned so much through meaningful conversations and educational workshops. The conference featured leadership and staff development sessions designed specifically for Down syndrome organization leaders and staff.

The GLOBAL Research and Medical Care Roundtable provided valuable information and resources that will help us better serve our community. The week continued with the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) Conference, bringing together families, advocates, self-advocates, professionals, and organizations from across the country. Conference activities included networking opportunities, educational sessions, and the exhibit hall filled with resources for families and organizations.

Some of the highlights that truly inspired us were the College Fair, the Self-Advocate sessions, the Youth Summit, and learning about an exciting upcoming movie scheduled for release later this year.

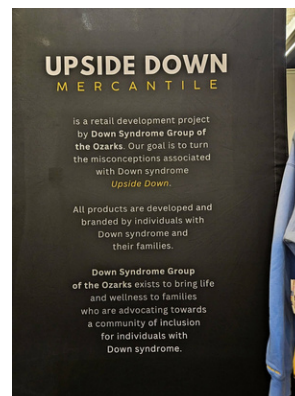
We also spent time exploring the exhibit hall, gathering an incredible collection of resources, ideas, and connections that we are excited to share with our members and families.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who helped make this week such a memorable and impactful experience. Thank you to NDSC, DSAIA, GLOBAL, and all those who work tirelessly to advocate for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Together, we continue to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

GROWTH CONT.

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➤ 2026 National Down Syndrome Congress Conference in Orlando



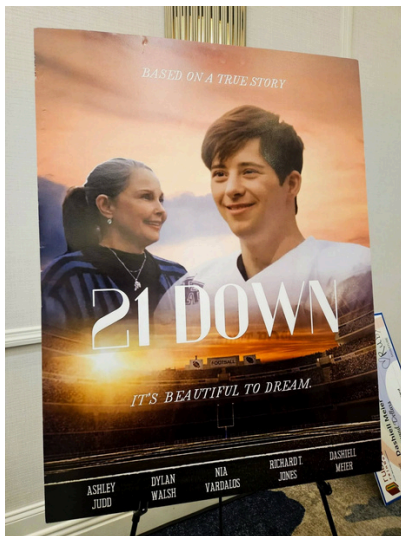
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Birthdays



Grace



Joey



Charlie



Diego



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEMBER EVENTS

Join us for COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

DATE: 2nd Saturday of each Month (or alternative date posted)
TIME: 10am-12pm
Where: BGCD SO Office
7301 NW 4th Street, Suite #103
Plantation, FL 33317
Please RSVP by the prior Thursday to events@bgcdownsyndrome.org

UPCOMING DATES

January 17 th	February 28 th	March 14 th
April 11 th	May 9 th	June 6 th
July 18 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. **



READ ALONG

Join us for a night of...

Craft • Read Along • Socialization

2026 Dates

- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

**Sunrise Athletic Complex
Community Room**
11501 NW 44th St.
Sunrise, FL 33323
6:00 PM

MEMBERS ONLY

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



 Presents a
MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

DANCE WORKSHOP

Get ready to boogie to great music with friends! **Love to Dance?** All levels welcome! Fun workouts! Great vibes!

LOCATION: SUNRISE ATHLETIC COMPLEX-
COMMUNITY ROOM
11501 NW 44TH STREET
SUNRISE, FL 33323

In Partnership With: 

Upcoming Dates:

Sat, 8/15, 1pm-3pm	Sun, 8/30, 12pm-2pm
Sat, 9/26, 1pm-3pm	Sun, 9/27, 12pm-2pm
Sun, 10/4, 12pm-2pm	Sun, 10/11, 12pm-2pm

Please RSVP to events@bgcdownsyndrome.org



 Presents a **MEMBERS ONLY Event**

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

BINGO Night

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

UPCOMING DATES

July 21st	August 26th	September 23rd
October 21st	November 18th	December 16

All events begin at 6pm

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

All books
donated by:



Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.



Broward
Gold Coast
Down Syndrome
Organization

All crafts
donated by:



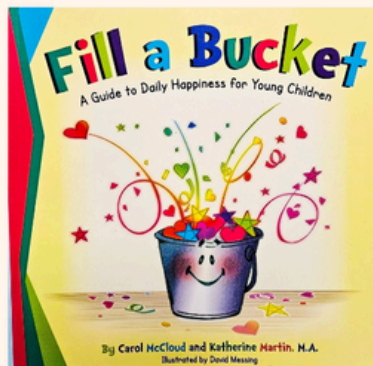
UPCOMING READ ALONG BOOKS & DATES

Would you like to be our Reader for the Month?
Email events@bgcdownsyntax.org to select
your month. You'll receive a digital copy of the
book to practice beforehand.

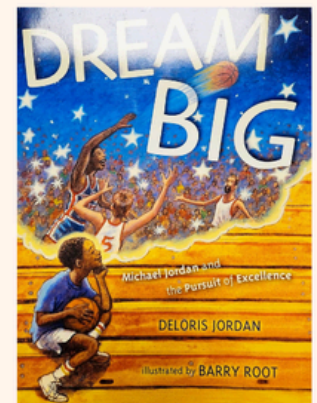
August 6th



September 3rd



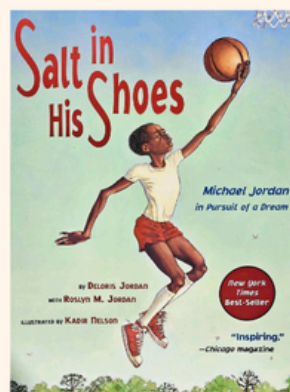
October 1st



November 5th



December 3rd



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YOU
LIKE TO
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

JOIN US!

<https://su4ds.redpodium.com/step-up-4-down-syndrome-2026-walk>



Step Up 4 Down Syndrome 2026 Walk

SATURDAY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Markham Park:

OCTOBER 17TH
Walk Starts 8:30am



Broward
Gold Coast
Down Syndrome
Organization

16001 W. State Rd 84
Shelters #2 & #3
Sunrise, FL 33326

LUNCH | FAMILY FUN | BOUNCE HOUSE | INFLATABLES |
RAFFLES & MUCH MORE

REGISTER/DONATE/SPONSOR

<https://su4ds.redpodium.com/step-up-4-down-syndrome-2026-walk>



BGCDSO: 954-530-3089

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:

7/1-7/15 - \$25 Early Bird Special

7/16-7/31 - \$30

8/1-8/31 - \$35

9/1-9/30 - \$40

10/1-10/17 - \$50



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COMMUNITY EVENTS CONT.

Thank you to the Teams below for a great start in collecting Walk registrations and donations! Have you registered yet?

Join an existing team or create your own!

Team Captain incentives started July 26th! Join us today!

2026 SU4DS Team/Stats



Cassie's Crew

\$850

5 Members



Team Preston

\$830

26 Members



Noah

\$460

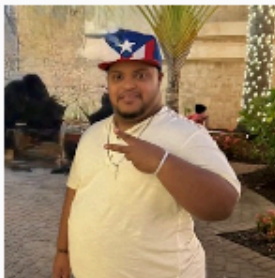
14 Members



Köri's Crüe

\$310

11 Members



Ky-Ky's Team

\$165

8 Members



Mary's Marchers

\$105

5 Members



Fabrizio

\$90

4 Members



Joey's Go Team

\$75

5 Members



Titi's Advocate

\$55

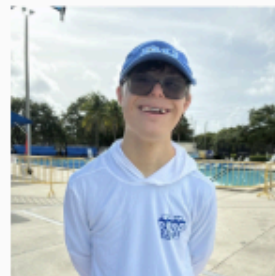
3 Members



Tanner's Team

\$50

3 Members



Nico

\$55

3 Members



Lillyanns Love

\$25

2 Members

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Own a Business or have contacts that do?
Consider becoming a Sponsor for our SU4DS 2026 Walk!
Our organization relies on the support and
generosity of our community and its members!

SU4DS Sponsorship Levels

 DIAMOND SPONSOR	 PLATINUM SPONSOR	 GOLD SPONSOR	 SILVER SPONSOR	 BRONZE SPONSOR
\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
With your Diamond Sponsorship, we offer: • Sponsor name in newsletter and social media • Website recognition year round • Logo on the SU4DS Walk shirt • Custom email blast showcasing your business with a special offer or message • Two complimentary registrations • Free Vendor table at four events of choice • Exclusive invitation to all events • Exclusive invitation to our Appreciation event	With your Platinum Sponsorship, we offer: • Sponsor name in newsletter and social media • Logo on the SU4DS Walk shirt • Custom email blast showcasing your business with a special offer or message • Two complimentary registrations • Exclusive invitations to all events • Free Vendor table at three events of choice	With your Gold Sponsorship, we offer: • Sponsor name in newsletter and social media • Logo on the SU4DS Walk shirt • Custom email blast showcasing your business with a special offer or message • Two complimentary registrations • Free Vendor table at two events of choice	With your Silver Sponsorship, we offer: • Sponsor name in newsletter and social media • Name on SU4DS Walk shirt • Two complimentary registrations • Free vendor table at SU4DS Walk	With your Bronze Sponsorship, we offer: • Sponsor name in newsletter and social media • Two complimentary registrations • Vendor table at our SU4DS Walk

Contact admin@bgcdownsyntax.org to
request a digital Sponsor packet or
to have a paper packet mailed.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS CONT.



Special Needs Fair | 2026

Saturday,
9 • 12 • 2026
10 am – 1 pm

Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines

Join us for a fun and informative day the whole family will enjoy! Parents can learn more about resources available through disability organizations in Broward County, while kids can participate in a variety of exciting activities.

For more information or to arrange for an American Sign Language interpreter, please contact the Community Relations department at communityrelations@mhs.net.

▶ **GIVEAWAYS**

▶ **REFRESHMENTS**

▶ **ENTERTAINMENT**

▶ **ACTIVITIES**

▶ **RESOURCE BOOTHS**

▶ **QUIET AREA**



Scan to register

Joe DiMaggio  **Children's Hospital**

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our last SU4DS Planning meeting &
help choose our t-shirt design winner!



SU4DS PLANNING MEETING



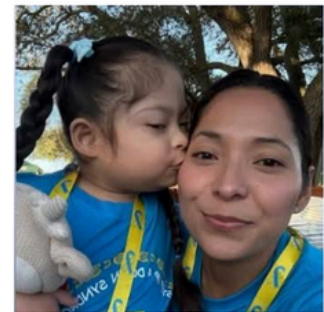
***Last Planning Meeting
before the Walk!***

*Help us plan this year's amazing SU4DS Walk AND
choose the winning t-shirt design!*

AUGUST 20, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Plantation, FL 33317**



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Special Thanks

💙 Wishing our Board Secretary, Shirley Lopez, and her family safe travels and the best well wishes in their new chapter! 💛

We want to thank Shirley for all the kindness, dedication, and care she has shared with our organization and the families we serve. She has made such a positive impact on so many people, and her warmth and support will truly be missed.

While we're sad to see her go, we're so grateful for the friendships, memories, and countless ways she has helped make BGCD SO a better place. We know she's off to exciting new adventures, and we couldn't be happier for her.

Please join us in wishing Shirley all the best, lots of happiness, and continued success in this next chapter. Thank you for everything, Shirley—you'll always be part of the BGCD SO family! 💙💛✨

#BGCD SOFamily #ThankYouShirley #BestWishes #NewBeginnings



Special Thanks Cont.

Thank you to **The Marion Roletti Foundation** for renewing its Silver Sponsorship of the Step Up 4 Down Syndrome 2026 Walk! We would also like to thank **Padrino's Cuban Restaurant** and **Dr. Adrine McKenzie** for making a donation in support of our upcoming SU4DS Walk and our organization!

Your continued support helps us provide vital programs, resources, and opportunities that empower individuals with Down syndrome and their families throughout our community.

Thank you for standing with us and helping create a more inclusive future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we are making a meaningful difference!



Special Thanks Cont.

Thank you, to **Aura and Andrew Krimmer**, for purchasing our beautiful new display cabinet from IKEA! It brightens up the office and displays our merchandise perfectly!

We need a few more pieces to help organize our limited office space, if you could help.

You can donate any amount here: <https://givebutter.com/BGCDSODonations> or see what we still need on this list:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ABAC2CA3FACE9-63250511-officecenter#/>

Before:



After:



Thank You!

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