

Who We Are.....

We are a 501(c)3 organization comprised of parents, educators, medical professionals, friends, and family that have come together to celebrate what individuals with Down syndrome can accomplish. We hope our actions will educate the public about the positive impact of our Down syndrome community.

We welcome you to join us to become inspired by what individuals with Down syndrome can accomplish.



We Provide:

- Family Information Meetings
- Educational Speakers
- Lending Library
- Special Events
- Annual Buddy Walk (funds from this walk are used to support programs we offer)

We encourage individuals with Down syndrome to be included, involved, and to achieve their full potential. We encourage and assist families by offering a network for support, education, and advocacy.

We Welcome NEW and "OLD" Parents

The flood of emotions is indescribable when told your child has Down syndrome. As with any unknown, you do not know the challenges and **JOYS** you **will** have. So many opportunities are developing everyday.

Know that **you are not alone**. With every setback there is an **even larger reward**. And that this wonderful individual who was born with Down syndrome **will touch more lives** than you will ever know or begin to imagine.

Family Information Meetings

- Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of every month at Christian Heritage Church (285 Ascauga Lake Rd, Graniteville, SC 29829) at 6:30 pm. Snacks and childcare are provided.
- Items in our lending library are available during each meeting. A list of books and other resources, as well as our lending policy for our lending library is located on our website.



Down Syndrome Facts & Information

One in approximately every 700 live births results in a baby with Down syndrome. It is the most frequent genetic cause of developmental disabilities.

There are more than 400,000 people in the United States with Down syndrome.

Down syndrome is not related to race, ethnicity, or socio-economic status.

Down syndrome is the result of having one extra chromosome. Most people are born with 46 chromosomes, 23 from the mother and 23 from the father, but children with Down syndrome have one extra 21st chromosome resulting in 47 chromosomes.

With early intervention and good medical care people with Down syndrome are leading long, fulfilling, and healthy lives.

Individuals with Down syndrome benefit from being **FULLY** included in home, school, spiritual and community life.

As with all people, there is a wide variation in mental abilities, behavior, and physical development in individuals with Down syndrome. Each individual has their own unique personality, capabilities, and talents.

Individuals with Down syndrome are more like other people than they are different.

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Resources

Below are a few helpful internet resources. A larger list of resources is available on our website.

Local

Upside of Downs of Aiken
Website: www.aikenupsidowns.org

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Website: www.ddsn.sc.gov

Tri-Development Center of Aiken County, Inc.
Website: www.aikentdc.org

Upside of Downs, Inc. (Augusta)
Website: www.upsideofdownsinc.com

NATIONAL

National Down Syndrome Society
Website: www.NDSS.org

National Down Syndrome Congress
Website: www.ndsccenter.org

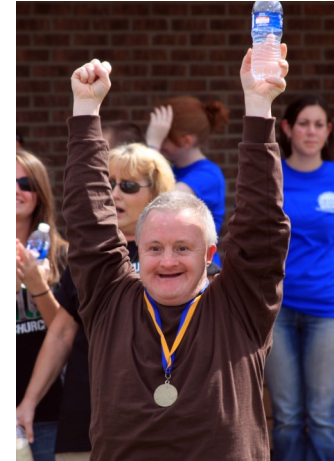


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See the
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