

## Calendar of Events

Feb 8 **Parent Support Virtual Meetings**  
 March 8 7PM

March 21 **WSDS Celebration**  
 All Day  
**Chicken BBQ**  
 12-4PM



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Due to Social Distancing Guidelines for COVID-19, Our upcoming events have been postponed. We will announce any new dates as soon as we are able.**

### Parent Support Virtual Meetings





**Down Syndrome Parents Group**

PURPOSE:  
Provide a welcoming environment for parents, family members and other caregivers of individuals with down syndrome to meet, share experiences, ask questions and receive support.

DATE	"NEW ZOOM LINK"
Monday, February 8, 2021	Join Zoom Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/91473020954?pwd=bnQwYkUwQFVvYkQkZmVlJDBhNzQ1OQ">https://zoom.us/j/91473020954?pwd=bnQwYkUwQFVvYkQkZmVlJDBhNzQ1OQ</a>
TIME	
7:00-8:00 pm	Meeting ID: 914 7302 0954 Passcode: 902265 Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

If you have any questions contact us at :  
 (716) 332-4170 or [info@parentnetworkwny.org](mailto:info@parentnetworkwny.org)

### World Down Syndrome Day Chicken BBQ

March 21



The Down Syndrome Parents Group's Chicken BBQ Drive Thru event will take place at Union Fire Company, 1845 Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Dinners will be provided by Carrubba's Chicken Pit. *This event will take the place of our annual Spaghetti Dinner.*

**Pre-sale dinners will be \$12 each.** All pre-sale dinners will include a half chicken, buttered spuds, cole slaw, dinner roll, butter, Carrubba's special dipping sauce as well as a World Down Syndrome Day cookie. **Please purchase your dinner tickets by March 17.**



Only pre-sale ticket holders will receive a **free cookie**. A limited number of additional chicken dinners will be available for purchase that day for \$12 **without the cookie**. Additional cookies will be available for for \$2 each.

Please contact Janet at [janpo788@aol.com](mailto:janpo788@aol.com) with any questions. To purchase tickets go to: <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/BBQ2021>

**Please retain your email for ticket confirmation as no tickets will be mailed.**



### 3-21 Raffle Enter Now!

**\$10 per entry • only 1,000 tickets sold**  
**CASH PRIZES of \$6,930!**  
**3 Winners of \$2,100**  
**3 Winners of \$210**

Winners will be announced via Facebook Live on Sunday March 21, 2021 at 3:21pm. See flyer on next page for more details....

## Resource Corner

### Adult Down Syndrome Center

<https://www.facebook.com/adultdownsyndromecenter>

### Adult Down Syndrome Center - Healthy Lifestyle Activity Book

[https://adsresources.advocatehealth.com/assets/1/13/Healthy\\_Lifestyles\\_Activity\\_Book.pdf](https://adsresources.advocatehealth.com/assets/1/13/Healthy_Lifestyles_Activity_Book.pdf)

### CDC Adds Down Syndrome To COVID-19 'Increased Risk' List

<https://www.disabilitycoop.com/2021/01/07/cdc-adds-down-syndrome-to-covid-19-increased-risk-list>

### COVID-19 and Down Syndrome

<https://www.lumindisc.org/s/1914/20/interior.aspx?sid=1914&gid=2&pgid=588>

### Down Syndrome Center of Western PA – Podcasts, Resources and Webinars

<https://www.chp.edu/our-services/down-syndrome>

### 8 Concerns of Parents of Teens with Down Syndrome

<https://themighty.com/2019/08/parenting-teens-with-down-syndrome>

### Legal Guardianship for Adults with Disabilities

<https://adayinourshoes.com/guardianship-disabled-child>

### The Matthew Foundation - formed to improve the quality of life for persons with Down syndrome and developmental disabilities over their entire life span.

<https://www.themattthewfoundation.org>

### Reece's Rainbow - Advocates and finds families for orphans with special needs.

<https://reecesrainbow.org/>

### Woman with Down Syndrome Grows Hobby into Cookie Business

<https://people.com/human-interest/woman-with-down-syndrome-grows-hobby-into-cookie-business-colletteys>

### Woodbine House Books –Books for babies through adults

<https://www.woodbinehouse.com/product-category/down-syndrome/>

## A Visit From Santa

We were not able to hold our Santa Drive Through due to COVID restrictions, but Santa still made his rounds visiting families who signed up at their homes. Thank you Santa!



## DSPG 03-21 Raffle



\$10 donation • Only 1,000 tickets will sold

Cash prizes will be worth \$6,930

3 winners of \$2,100 • 3 winners of \$210

Winners will be drawn on  
World Down Syndrome Day, 3/21 at 3:21pm

TO BUY TICKETS GO TO:

<https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/3-21-raffle>

This raffle will be replacing our Annual Basket Raffle.

Please contact Janet at [janpo788@aol.com](mailto:janpo788@aol.com) with any questions.

 Good Luck!

## Board News

Please feel free to reach out to any of our Board members if you are in need of assistance. We will do whatever we can to connect you with necessary resources. Take care and stay safe.

## College Scholarships

The DSPG is providing college scholarships to deserving high schoolers who have volunteered with us for at least 4 years. Please email [dspg@dspgwny.org](mailto:dspg@dspgwny.org) with questions or to receive a copy of the qualifications for the 2019-2020 school year. This year's annual scholarship was awarded to Jack Slisz. Congratulations Jack! Applications for the fall of 2021 are due on May 30, 2021. *We welcome our loved ones with Down syndrome to volunteer at any of our events.*

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## Museum of DisAbility History Closes its Doors

People Inc. announced The Museum of disABILITY History located on Main St. in Buffalo will not be reopening. The organization says like many museums around the country, a lack of dedicated funding has made operations unsustainable.

Open for the past 22 years, People Inc. has identified alternative outlets and partners to preserve the historical artifacts and collections.

"While closure decisions like this are difficult, we will continue the Museum of disABILITY History's spirit through community education and staff development at People Inc.," said David Mack-Hardiman, museum director and associate vice president for People Inc.

To visit the museum virtually go to  
<https://www.museumofdisability.org/virtual-museum/index.html>

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