

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 15- UB Men's Basketball Game



Come cheer on the UB Men's Basketball team as they take on Bowling Green University at 2:00 pm at UB Alumni Arena.

The tickets were generously donated and are free to Down Syndrome Parents Group members. There is a limited number available so please only request tickets if you intend to use them. Tickets will be sent electronically.

Contact Janet at [janpo788@aol.com](mailto:janpo788@aol.com) with questions or go to <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/bulls-bball25>

### March 22 - World Down Syndrome Day Family Bowling Celebration



Join us at Mallwitz's Island Lanes, 1887 Whitehaven Rd. Grand Island, on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 2:30pm-4:30pm to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!

**\$10/person for bowlers and \$5/person for non-bowlers includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop.** Due to your continued generosity, the DSPG will cover the remainder of the cost.

This event is for immediate family members. If parents choose not to bowl, they must remain at the bowling alley with their child.

Please RSVP by March 17th. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/bowling25> or contact Bonnie at [bonzon1102@aol.com](mailto:bonzon1102@aol.com) or 632-0137 with questions.

Checks can be made out to DSPG and mailed to Bonnie Zon, 222 Culpepper Rd, Williamsville, 14221.

### March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day

Thanks to the Schaus Family, our friends at Two Nines Kitchen are generously hosting another celebration for us...

JOIN US!

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Where

NEW LOCATION:  
TWO NINES  
8230 Wehrle Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
(LOCATED AT THE WEHRLE GOLF DOME)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST | 5:00 PM

Family friendly!!!  
Live music! 🎵

### March 23 - Kids Club

Join us with your child aged 2-10 for a morning of play at Sweet Charlotte's from 9:30-11:30am. Email [dspg@dspgwny.org](mailto:dspg@dspgwny.org) or register at <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/kids-club>

### May 20 - DD Day



Tuesday, May 20 · 8am - 5:30pm • [ddday.org](http://ddday.org)  
The Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls

## Resource Corner

### Parent Network 3rd Annual Recreation Festival

<https://parentnetworkwny.org/events/recreational-festival/>

### Life Expectancy, Aging, and the Down Syndrome Population

<https://adscresources.advocatehealth.com/resources/aging-and-life-expectancy/>

### New U.S. Department of Education Transition Guidance

[https://www.ndsccenter.org/wp-content/uploads/NDSC\\_PRESS\\_RELEASE\\_Transition-Guidance.pdf](https://www.ndsccenter.org/wp-content/uploads/NDSC_PRESS_RELEASE_Transition-Guidance.pdf)

### Comprehensive Special Education Resource Bundle: Guides, Strategies, and Tools

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Comprehensive-Special-Education-Resource-Bundle-Guides-Strategies-and-Tools-128863>

### People are Not Supports

<https://fivemooreminutes.com/people-are-not-supports/>

### Loss of Skills and Alzheimer's Disease

<https://adscresources.advocatehealth.com/loss-of-skills-and-alzheimers-disease/>

### Swallowing Problems (Dysphagia)

<https://adscresources.advocatehealth.com/swallowing-issues/>

### Handle With Care Registry

[wgrz.com/article/news/health/mental-health/handle-with-care-registry-erie-county-wny-mental-health/71-fa39e5e8-f6be-4169-80c7-bf6366e0411c](http://wgrz.com/article/news/health/mental-health/handle-with-care-registry-erie-county-wny-mental-health/71-fa39e5e8-f6be-4169-80c7-bf6366e0411c)

### Hearing Loss in Adults with Down Syndrome

[adscresources.advocatehealth.com/hearing-loss-in-adults-with-down-syndrome/](https://adscresources.advocatehealth.com/hearing-loss-in-adults-with-down-syndrome/)

## Holiday Brunch

Thank you to our friends at Sacred Heart for hosting us once again!



## Board News

We would love more fresh faces to help plan and run our many events. Any assistance would be appreciated to keep our group going. If you can help out, please contact Amy at [amy.m@dspgwny.org](mailto:amy.m@dspgwny.org).

As always, if you have anything you'd like to share, contact any of the board members below or send an email to [dspg@dspgwny.org](mailto:dspg@dspgwny.org).

### 2025 Board Elections

Welcome back to our re-elected 2025 Board Members! Melissa Garrity, Amy Monson and Gretchen White.

### 2025 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 for a copy of the qualifications for the 2025-2026 school year. **Applications for the fall of 2025 are due on May 30, 2025.** We welcome our loved ones with Down syndrome to volunteer at our events.





## Kids Club Play

Thank you to Sweet Charlotte's for sharing some play space!



## DSPG BOARD MEMBERS

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Carol Hetzelt - 716-832-4972

## AGING WITH DOWN SYNDROME AND IDD: The Intersection of Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's Disease

**Friday, April 4  
3:30-5:30pm**

### GUEST SPEAKERS:



Brian Chicoine, MD  
Adult Down Syndrome Center  
Advocate Lutheran General, IL



Sarah Harlock, MBA  
DENT Integrative Center for Memory



Elizabeth Randall, PsyD  
People Inc.



Register online at  
[bit.ly/AlzDownApril2025](https://bit.ly/AlzDownApril2025)  
or call 800.272.3900

**Free event! Families &  
professionals welcome!**

Learn about dementia prevalence,  
diagnosis, treatment and free  
supportive resources.

**Join us via Zoom or at  
People Inc.  
Rehabilitative Services  
800 Hertel Ave., Buffalo**

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**May 20 Developmental Disability Awareness Day**  
Niagara Falls Convention Center  
9am

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