

Calendar of Events

- May 11 **Parent Support Virtual Meetings**
June 8 7PM
July 13
- June **Raffle Calendar**
- July 25 **New Family Social**
Bornhava
9:30AM
- Oct 3 **Step Up for Down Syndrome**
Sahlen Field
11AM
- TBD **Full Day Conference with Libby Kumin**



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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

May 11 and second Monday of every month

In collaboration with Parent Network, we have set up a GoTo meeting on the second Monday of every month at 7pm to provide a welcoming environment for parents and other caregivers of children with Down syndrome to share experiences, ask questions and receive support. Below is the link which will be the same each month. Please contact us at dspg@dspgwny.org with any question.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/567555997>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (312) 757-3121

Access Code: 567-555-997

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/567555997>



New Family Socials

June 25

Our New Family Socials are on hold for the months of May and June. We hope to meet again during the summer months when the children will have a chance to play outside. **Our next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, July 25 from 9:30- 11:00.** More information will be emailed once we get closer to the date.

If you would like to be on our New Family Social list please go to <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/NewFamilySocials>

Step Up for Down Syndrome

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2020
@ SAHLEN'S FIELD**

Details to be announced. Hope to see you there!

June Raffle Calendar

Due to our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle being cancelled, we have decided to use the gift card donations we received in a raffle calendar for the month of June. Raffle tickets will be sold through Jotform for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

If you are interested in participating, please click on the jot form below to make a payment for the amount of tickets you would like. Once your submission is received, your name will be entered into the raffle as many times as the number of tickets you purchased. Names will be chosen daily through an app called Random Name Generator and winners will be posted on our website, on FaceBook and emailed out each week. Good luck and thanks to all our generous donors!

To join go to
<https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/giftcardraffle2020>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June	1 100 Tokens and 4 games of golf at Adventure Landing	2 2 \$15 Gift Cards to Anderson's	3 3 month membership to the BAC for Women	4 \$25 gift card to Block n Blue	5 2 \$25 gift cards to Bonefish Grill	6 \$25 gift card to Buffalo Brew Pub
7 2 Adult Admissions to Buffalo History Museum (\$20)	8 \$25 gift cards to Chef's Restaurant	9 Admission for 5 to Comedy Sportz (\$60)	10 \$10 gift card to Franco's Pizzeria & \$20 gift card to Mighty Taco	11 \$25 gift card to Glen Park Tavern	12 Admission for 6 to Helium Comedy Club	13 2 Family passes to Herschell Carousel Factory Museum (\$28)
14 1 Box of Socks from John's Crazy Socks	15 \$50 gift card to Kwik Fill	16 \$15 gift card to Mighty Taco & \$25 gift card to Jim Stakeout	17 \$20 gift card to The Melting Pot & \$20 gift card to Mighty Taco	18 1 Family pass to the Military Naval Park (\$50)	19 1 Free Cruise on the Miss Buffalo II	20 3 / \$5 gift cards to Mississippi Muds
21 \$25 gift card to Mulberry Italian Ristorante	22 \$25 gift card to Natalie's Mediterranean Eatery	23 \$20 gift card to Olive Garden & \$20 gift card to Mighty Taco	24 1 FREE large pizza from Pizzeria Amore	25 \$25 gift card to Premier Gourmet	26 \$50 gift card to Russell's Steaks, Chops & More	27 \$25 gift card to Salvatore's
28 \$50 gift card to Kwik Fill	29 2 \$25 gift cards to Tempo	30 \$50 gift card to Kwik Fill	Thank you to all the businesses below that donated to our /Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle!			

Resource Corner

Below are some resources we have gathered on how to handle the COVID-19 outbreak with our loved ones with Down syndrome.

Lumind COVID-19 and Down Syndrome <https://www.lumindidsc.org/t21covid/>

Down Syndrome Center of Western Pennsylvania Podcast
<http://downsyndromecenter.libsyn.com/68-coronavirus-with-dr-andrew-nowalk>

Making the Most of COVID-19 School Closures
<https://nesca-newton.com/making-the-most-of-covid-19-school-closures/>

COVID-19 Resource Library from the National Down Syndrome Congress
<https://www.ndsccenter.org/programs-resources/covid-19-resources>

NDSS
<https://www.ndss.org/covid-19-fact-sheet/>

Oshei Children's Hospital
<https://www.ochbuffalo.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Tips>

Books on hand washing for kids
<https://www.readbrihtly.com/books-about-germs-for-kids/>

Notes from Brian Skotko, M.D. COVID-19 & Down Syndrome
<https://parentnetworkwny.org/covid-19-down-syndrome/>

Global Down Syndrome Foundation
<https://www.globaldownsyndrome.org/covid-19/>

Down Syndrome International
<https://www.ds-int.org/pages/category/coronavirus-information-updates>

The Matthew Foundation
<https://www.themattewfoundation.org/covid-19.html>

Boston Children's Hospital
www.childrenshospital.org/downsyndrome

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West Elementary PTA

World Down Syndrome Day 2020

Although we couldn't gather together this year, there were many colorful messages celebrating the day...



Full Day Conference with Libby Kumin TBD

Join us for a full day of information from Libby Kumin, a professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology at Loyola University in Maryland. She is also an author and founder of the Down Syndrome Speech and Language Center for Excellence.

She will discuss the many factors that affect speech intelligibility in individuals with Down syndrome. Attendees will learn about methods and techniques that can be used at each stage - infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and adults - to help develop speech that is easy to understand. Methods and techniques for identifying, analyzing, and treating the factors that affect speech intelligibility (including dysarthria/oral motor skills and childhood apraxia of speech) will be presented. Information on team approaches and family-based treatment will be included in the presentation.

A new date and registration information will be sent out when we are able to reschedule. Thank you!

Board News

In times like these, we want you to know you are not alone. Please feel free to reach out to any of our Board members if you are in need of assistance. Whether it's an ear to listen, a virtual shoulder to cry on or something more substantial, we are here for you. We will do whatever we can to connect you with the necessary resources. Please take care and stay safe.

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