



# DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF PETERBOROUGH



*"People with Down syndrome dream exactly the way you do"*

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## EXPERIENCE IT! DINNER AND AUCTION 2007

THINK SPRING and make plans to attend our third Gala and Auction on Thursday, April 26th, 2007 at the Holiday Inn on George Street.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 pm., a delicious dinner at 7:15 pm. and a live auction with the entertaining Keith Monk.

The cost for this special event is \$75.00 each, with a tax receipt for \$30.00. (A great gift idea). We have some great auction items to date:

- Overnight stay at the Howard Johnston's Hotel which includes a Family Pass to the Toronto Zoo
- Overnight stay at the Ambassador Resort in Kingston
- Overnight stay at the Four Points Sheraton in Kingston
- 4 Ground Level Seat Tickets to the Blue Jays on Mother's Day (value \$164.00)
- Via Rail Tickets

Invite your family and friends out for an evening of good food, music, conversation and an opportunity to support the programs and services of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. We are still accepting donations, so if you have one, please give us a call.

So don't miss out on this great evening and call today to reserve your tickets at 749-6695.



## SPEECH THERAPY

Many questions need to be answered about how we can help our children improve their language and speech at the earliest age possible. Join us for an informal information evening with a very talented and highly recommended Speech Pathologist, Brenda McGuckin from Port Perry.

Brenda has a full schedule of clients but has offered to join us on Thursday, April 12th, 2007 at 7:00 pm. at Applewood Manor Library (3rd Floor) to share her knowledge and expertise. She teaches speech to youngsters with Down syndrome as young as 1 1/2 years old.

Applewood Manor is located at 1500 Lansdowne Street West. Limited seating is available, so please call to confirm your attendance as soon as possible. Light refreshments will be served.

### ***VOLUNTEER WANTED!!! CAN YOU HELP?????***

Are you a website designer or do you know a website designer? The agency is looking for someone to redesign our website as well as update it on a regular basis. We want to keep our website current with local events, pictures and up to date information. Please call the office if you can help!!!



***Thank You For Your Donation!***

***Kim and Bianca McClelland***

***Sharon Bliss***

***Hardy and Nancy Penney***

***Jo-Anne and Matthew Smith and Family***

## **DSAO PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 19TH - 21ST, 2007**



The theme has been chosen, DOORS WIDE OPEN, and plans are well on their way for this year's Ontario conference hosted by our agency, once again, at the Holiday Inn Waterfront in Peterborough.

Len Nicholson, a Special Education Consultant (he spoke last year) and Dr. Ian Manion (a child psychologist from CHEO) are just two of the confirmed speakers to date.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough's office at 7:00 pm. Please rsvp your attendance.

Mark your calendars for this annual event held right here in Peterborough!

SEAC REPORT (SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE)  
KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD—MARCH 6TH, 2007 BY KATHY TRAYNOR

Kinark School Support Program - Autism Spectrum Disorders consultants from Clarington, Northumberland and Peterborough provided an overview of their service. They act as a support to the school staff but do not work directly with the child. By what I saw their focus was transitioning and preparing students with needs for "what is next". They brought samples of their binders ie.: "This is Kenner High School" with a picture. "This is the principal" with a picture. "This is what my locker will look like" with a picture. Some binders included a checklist of what the student would need for that school/class and a visual schedule at the front of the binder. They had binders for pretty much everything including a social story they were asked to do about going to the Plowing Match last year. It was a "this is what to expect" kind of thing. Kinark's services can be accessed by the principal submitting a referral. Although this service is directed towards children with Autism I felt it would be useful to any child with needs.

Jim Wade (KPRDSC) presented a brief overview of some of the software KPR is using. Each KPR computer should have the software installed on them. The licensing is only for KPR computers at this point but getting some licensing for students home computers was mentioned. I raised the question "how do we get the service provider to learn the program and implement them in the students curriculum?" Basically the answer was the staff had to contact the board requested in service. Therefore is the staff doesn't take the initiative our children may be missing out of the benefit of this software. The most recent program is "Dragon Naturally Speaking Preferred 8.1". Each school has been provided with a laptop, scanner and headset to be used in conjunction with this program although not all schools have the software installed at this point. The following is a list of software being used... Ministry Licensed Software: Co:Writer 4000— Write:OutLoud; Smart Ideas 5; Clicker 5; Dragon Naturally Speaking Preferred 8.1

KPR Licensed Software: Boardmaker PCS,; Premier Assistive Technologies Suite (includes): Scan and Read Pro,E-Text Reader, Ultimate Talking Dictionary, Talking Word Processor, Universal Reader Plus with Talking Pointer, Talking Calculator, Text to Audio

More info including training tutorials is available at...[www.readingmadeeasy.ca](http://www.readingmadeeasy.ca)

**THE ONTARIO WINTER OLYMPICS By Andrea Dowey**

My trip to owen sound for the provincials It was cold and the snow was blowing army barracks that is where we stayed coaches and athletes five bunkbeds I Stayed on the bottom lots of food buffet dance snacks there and salad pituces were taken with the army guys and I held the flag my friend Kelly got her first gold medal for snowshseing Katie won 3 medal siing gold and silver and bronze Luke won 5 meddal 1 gold 2 silver 2 bronze for skiing chista 3 won 1 gold 1 silver and 1 bronze for skiing I won 2 medals for skiing and placed 4<sup>th</sup> I won 1 silver medal for lk and 1 silver medal for the 500 meter 25 my Longer race I came 4<sup>th</sup> my mom told me It was fun with my friends.



## **UNITED WAY NEEDS MODELS!!**

Greetings... I would like to invite you, your family and work colleagues to be a part of a very unique photo experience. The 2007 United Way Campaign materials will feature the many faces of our community. Some pictures will be solo and some will be group pictures. The images may be used in a variety of ways for example on our posters, brochures, print and TV ads. In total we need 60 photographs (solos and groups).

Since we want to include young people we have chosen to do the photo shoot during spring break. Photographs will be taken on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the United Way office between 10 AM and 2 PM. If you want to participate and the time is not convenient please let us know and we will endeavor to adjust our shooting schedule. To help reduce any waiting period we are going to schedule the shoot. It should only take a minute or two to take the picture but there may be a short waiting period if several groups arrive at the same time. We would like to get a broad range of ages so we are encouraging folks to bring their babies, youths and elderly family members.

The photography session location is the United Way office, 277 Stewart St., Side entrance off King St., Peterborough

We would like to include all kinds of dress codes from blue collar work wear and up so everyone will be asked to come as you are. Photo release forms will need to be signed and children under the age of 18 will need to have the signed consent of their parent or legal guardian.

Please help us spread the word to your work colleagues who support United Way as we are unable to email this invitation to everyone.

Please call the office at 742-8839 to book an appointment. Thanks for your help.

### **BRING A FRIEND TO THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLANNING MEETING**

**The next Friendship Club planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11th, 2007 at 5:30 pm. at Pizza Hut (Lansdowne Street West, next to Chapter's). Please confirm your attendance no later than April 9th so we can make a reservation. Everyone will be responsible for the purchase of their own meals.**

**So BRING a friend and BRING your ideas so we can plan future social events.**

**Call the office at 749-6695**

### **20TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR**

**NEXT YEAR, OUR AGENCY WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND WOULD LIKE TO PRODUCE A CALENDAR WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE.**

**MODELS WILL BE NEEDED  
ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN  
SPONSORS WILL BE REQUIRED**

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE REQUESTS, PLEASE GIVE THE OFFICE A CALL!  
HELP CELEBRATE 20 YEARS  
IN THE MAKING!**

The United Nations has declared March 21<sup>st</sup>  
as  
World Down Syndrome Day



“I’m not a Down syndrome person.  
I’m a person with Down syndrome.  
I am a person first”



“Focus on my ability,  
not my disability.”



“It doesn’t matter to have Down  
syndrome, it matter to be alive, to  
feel and hope like everyone else.”

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder.  
Anyone can be born with Down syndrome.  
1 in every 700 children born has Down syndrome.  
There are over 45,000 Canadians with Down syndrome.

***COUNT US IN! WE BELONG!***



*Upcoming Events*

*Mark your Calendars*

Family Picnic—Riverview Zoo  
Sunday, June 10th

Summer Camp—Westdale United Church -  
August 7th—9th, 14th—16th and 21st - 23rd

Blue Jay Game—Sunday, September 16th

DSAO Fall Conference—Holiday Inn, Peterborough  
October 19th—21st

Looking Up Bowlathon—Lakeview Bowl  
November 4th

Christmas Party—Sports and Wellness Centre

**SICK AND SUNSHINE**

Jamie Jackson, a bingo volunteer for over five years with almost perfect attendance, has experienced serious health problems due to diabetes and the amputation of his foot. We want to thank him for his many years of dedication. Jamie hopes to be up and around in the next six months and maybe even back at bingo. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this young man!

