

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF PETERBOROUGH



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

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You're invited to our annual

Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2007

Place: Sports and Wellness Centre
775 Brealey Drive

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Swimming - 2 pm to 3 pm
Pot Luck and Entertainment - 3 to 6 pm

Please bring a salad or dessert for the potluck.

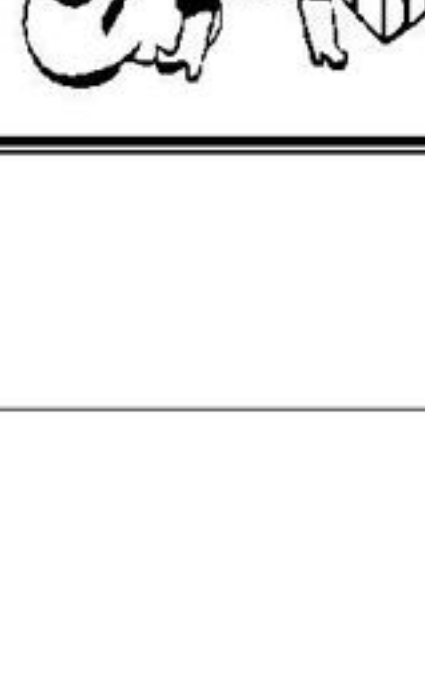
The agency will provide pizza and drinks.

Please R.S.V.P. by December 4th to the office at 749-6695

THE DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION AND SCOTIAMCLEOD ARE TEAMING UP WITH A FLOAT FOR THIS YEAR'S SANTA CLAUS PARADE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 5:00 PM.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD". CHILDREN ON THE FLOAT WILL BE DRESSED IN THEIR PAJAMAS WHILE OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS WILL WALK ALONG SIDE DRESSED AS PRESENTS.

SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE AND ENJOY THE RIDE (OR WALK)!



St. Joseph's Care Foundation

Challenging assumptions; creating understanding

For individuals living with Down syndrome, one of life's biggest hurdles is a general lack of understanding from educators and health care professionals when it comes to their potential to lead productive and meaningful lives.

Take Kacee Quinlan for example. Kacee has Down syndrome but on this chilly afternoon in October, she is just like every other 12-year-old in the country - dashing off to after school activities and dreaming of dressing up as an angel for Halloween.

Thanks to \$7,500.00 in partnership funding from SJCF, the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough can now provide the region's professionals with the resources and materials that will help children like Kacee become fully contributing members of society. Doctors and nurses will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of specific medical and developmental concerns, communication tools and best care practices. Educators will have access to resources that focus on "task analysis," a valuable tool that helps students with intellectual delays understand what they are trying to learn.

"Accurate, up-to-date information is a key factor when it comes to the health and well-being of people with Down syndrome and their families," says Deb Reid, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. "The challenge is getting the information into the hands of those who can use it. Thanks to the Foundation's generous help, we can work to empower our educators and health care professionals so that they can better serve individuals with Down syndrome."

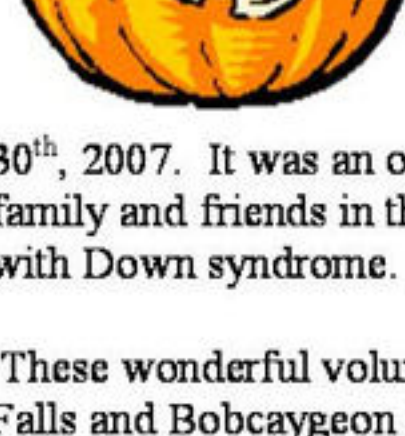
Rebecca Huels Phillips, RHP Communications
Social Marketing Strategies for the Public and Private Sector

Featured in the November Issue of St. Joseph's Foundation Newsletter



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING OF EVENTS FOR 2008. IF YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO HELP OUT, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR CONTACT DAN MOLONEY AT 761-3883 FOR MEETING DATES.



3RD ANNUAL 'UP WITH PUMPKINS' WALK IN LINDSAY

The Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough hosted their third annual "Up With Pumpkins" Walk at the Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes on Sunday, September 30th, 2007. It was an overwhelming success due to the great organization by dedicated parent, Kari Purdy and her family and friends in the community who once again, raised \$3,500 for programs and services for individuals with Down syndrome.

These wonderful volunteers solicited sponsors and raffle donations and volunteers from the Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon area businesses. We want to thank our major sponsor, Medigas Lindsay who donated \$500.00 and recognize the following sponsors:

Bank of Montreal, Lindsay, Geoff Cross Insurance Agency, Bobcaygeon, Bobcaygeon Autotech, Pogue's Gourd and Pumpkin Farm, Bobcaygeon, Crayola Canada, Lindsay, Caygeon Collision, Bobcaygeon, East Side Mario's, Lindsay, Admiral Inn, Lindsay, Kent Bookstore, Lindsay, Olympia Restaurant, Lindsay, Wilson Tire & Battery, Lindsay, Economy Wheels Ltd., Lindsay, Lindsay Golf and Country Club, Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance, Wines Plus, Lindsay, Mark's Work Warehouse, Lindsay, Burger King, Lindsay, Canadian Tire, Lindsay, Sevinck Real Estate, Bobcaygeon, Gerry Wesselink, Bobcaygeon, Collins Barrow, Bobcaygeon, Byrnell Golf and Country Club, Fenelon Falls, Sobey's, Fenelon Falls, Michelle Norris @ Jan's Hair Cutting, Fenelon Falls, Dr. Turner, Bobcaygeon, North 65, Bobcaygeon, Stanford's on Bolton, Bobcaygeon, Thompson's Ready To Wear, Bobcaygeon, Canada Post, Bobcaygeon, Greentop Landscaping, Bobcaygeon, Home Hardware, Bobcaygeon, Shea's Foodland, Bobcaygeon, Elaine Bird, RMT, Bobcaygeon, Discovery Dream Homes, Lakefield, Axis Pharmacy, Bobcaygeon, Amelia Jones, Artist, Bobcaygeon and Chris Longo, Personal and Chris Longo, Bobcaygeon.

A special thank you to Board Director, Dan Moloney for his time and energy and I'm O'Tay (Ian Duchart) and Twinkle Toes (Christine Duchart), the Shriners Clowns.

Community Living and Five Counties Children's Centre in the City of Kawartha Lakes each received a portion of the proceeds. New resources were also purchased for the Trillium Lakes District School Board.

Magnetic Car Ribbons are Now Available in Support of Down Syndrome Awareness.

\$4.00 each

Get Yours Today!

20TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR SALE NOVEMBER 19TH

Calendars are now available for sale for \$10.00 each or \$8.00 each if you purchase more than 10. They are also available at the following locations:

- Chapters, Lansdowne Street
- Rural Routes, Lansdowne Street
- Titles Book Store, George Street
- Craftworks, George Street
- Peterborough City-County Health Unit
- Happenstance Book Store, Lakefield

We will be selling them all day at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 8th. Volunteers are needed to man the table for a two hour period. If you can spare a couple of hours on this day, please call the office.

An insert was distributed in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter this week as well. Order yours today as they are going fast!



DOWN SYNDROME PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

A sold out crowd came together for the weekend of October 19th to the 21st to hear some powerful speakers, attend some thought provoking workshops and to meet and network with parents and professionals across the province. Peterborough is on the map when it comes to hosting conferences due to the hard work of the conference committee who need to be recognized for their time and energy throughout the weekend:

- Kathy Traynor, Allyson DeNoble, Virginia Clarke, Cindy Wilson, Deb Quinlan, Dan Moloney
- Alanna Dobson, Kim Ward, Joanna Canellos, Alyssa Hellstern-Layefsky and Melanie Coreno

The agency also reimbursed each member \$50.00 (half of their registration fee), who attended the conference.

This year's Brown Award recipient was Principal, Ted Koczur from Hamilton.

This year, the D.S.A.O. introduced a Recognition Award to two individuals in the Province who have made significant contributions in support of Down syndrome. Vicki Allen, a local parent was instrumental in starting the Down syndrome organization known as C.H.A.N.G.E.S. in 1988. Vicki has been a member of the Board of Directors for numerous years and has a son Luke, 26, with Down syndrome. The other winner was Andy Loebus, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Research Institute in London who developed the Down syndrome school over the past three years. Andy also has a son Kristov, 9, with Down syndrome. Congratulations to all the winners and their commitment to support individuals with Down syndrome across the province.



ANNUAL CHARITY BOWL FOR DOWN SYNDROME

The Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough wishes to thank everyone who bowled at our 7th Annual Charity Bowl on Sunday, November 4th, 2007, to the generous sponsors who donated prizes and raffle items and to our great volunteers who helped make this event a tremendous success. Money raised from this event will assist the agency with program needs and services in the community.

64 BOWLERS, PLEDGE DOLLARS AND LANE SPONSORSHIPS OF \$4,000

Congratulations to Hanna Purdy of Bobcaygeon for raising the highest amount of pledges and winning two tickets to an Ottawa Senators game and overnight accommodation.

Congratulations to Rebecca Carson who raised the second highest pledges and the winner of an Xbox 360. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation!

The Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that supported this event - Baagwating Community Association, Crayola Canada, Coyle Packaging Group, Tribal Voices, Lakeview Bowl, Graeme Ross, Kevin Dunn, Peterborough Petes, Murphy Scarsella and Associates, A & P Grocers, Mark's Workwearhouse, Sullivan's Pharmacy, Bell Canada, Windsor Dry Cleaning Centre, Mark Ahrens, Andrew Pyle, Ina Stenner, Little Caesars, Marie Morgan and Smitty's Restaurant.

Thanks to volunteers, June Morrow, Shirley Gellatly and Ally Pyle for all your help.

IT WAS A FUN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING, PIZZA AND POP!!



THE KENNEDY CLAN



THE FRALEY CLAN



THE ALLISON CLAN

Thank You For Your Generous Donations!

- RONAN GRAPHICS
- KIWANIS CLUB
- DR. MEINHARD
- SCOTIAMBANK
- LINDA O'CONNOR
- PETER LILICO
- THE FOLEY FAMILY

HARMONIZE FOR SPEECH GRANT

In late September, we were awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Harmonize for Speech Fund for a pilot speech program tentatively scheduled for January 2008. The agency is in the process of hiring staff to run the program on Saturday mornings at our office. Schedules and costs will be determined by the number of participants. Please call the office for more information and/or to register your child.

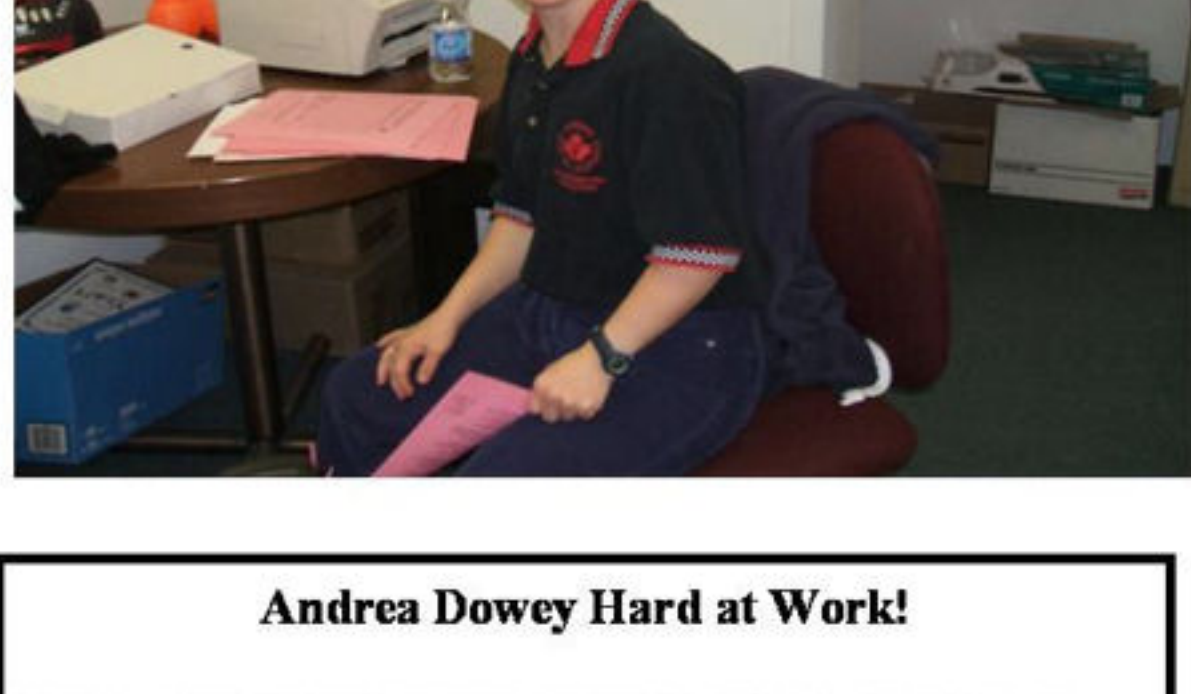


Tom Stroud, representing Harmonize for Speech and Aces for Harmony, Cindy and Matty Wilson and Deb Reid holding Manny Clarke and the cheque.

Meet the New Board of Directors 2007-08

- President - Al Peers
- Vice-President - Dan Moloney
- Treasurer - Linda O'Connor
- Secretary - Norma Christensen
- Director - Allyson DeNoble
- Director - Sonya Hardman
- Director - Irene Pyle

Welcome to the Board and thanks for making a difference in the lives of people with Down syndrome!



Andrea Dowey Hard at Work!

Andrea has been volunteering at the Down Syndrome Association's office on Tuesday afternoons since the spring and does a great job. She has learned a variety of office skills such as answering the phone, shredding, photocopying, collating, stamping and being part of a working team. We appreciate Andrea's dedication and look forward to her smiles and hugs every week!

ON A FINAL NOTE, FOR ALL BLUE JAY FANS—THE BOSTON RED SOX ARE PLAYING THE DAY OF OUR NEXT BUS TRIP. TICKETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED!