

DECEMBER 2011 NEWSFLASH

You're invited to our annual

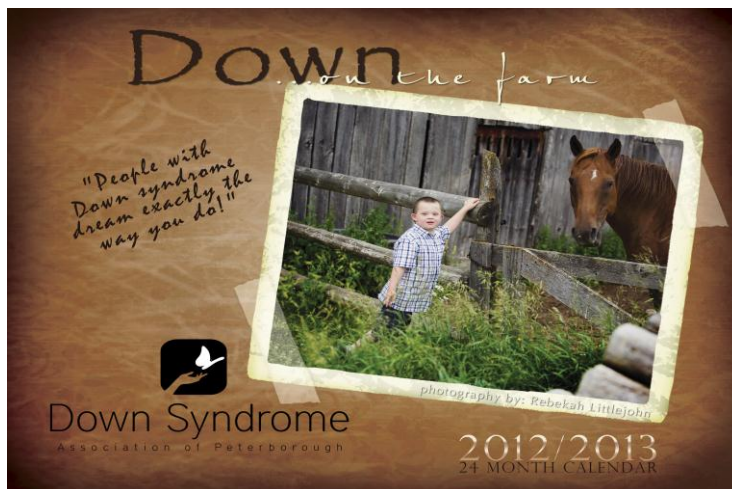
Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 4th
Place: Sports and Wellness Centre
 775 Brealey Drive
Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Swimming - 2 pm to 3 pm
 Entertainment - 3 pm

Please bring a salad or dessert for the potluck.
The agency will provide pizza and drinks.



Please R.S.V.P. by November 30th
to the office at 749-6695
(Don't forget your child's wrapped present)



The Calendar Is Here!

and ... it is masterpiece of wonderful work created by Rebekah Littlejohn...many, many thanks for all your dedication to the project!

The 2 year calendar sells for \$20.00 and is available at the office.
 Many thanks to the page sponsors listed beside the calendar!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, IRENE PYLE

Dear Members, Family and Friends of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough:

It is with great pleasure and honour to serve as the President of the DSAP Board of Directors for a second year. And what a year it has been! We have once again gone above and beyond any other agency in Canada. From our successful 4th year Summer School programme to our spectacular 2012-2013 Down Syndrome Calendar and the most informative and breathtaking bus ads any agency has ever produced.

All this to benefit and enrich the lives of our loved ones with Down syndrome. Please show your support and be a vital contribution to our growth. We all have to work together to continue to provide the services and programmes that are imperative to all our members.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter season and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Party.

All the best, Irene Pyle 740-0845

Welcome to the Board of Directors 2011-12

Chair – Irene Pyle
Vice-Chair – Joe Grant
Secretary – Norma Christensen
Treasurer – Jeff Lingard
Director – Jill West
Director – Debra Beauchamp
Director – Ashley Vandavelde
Director – Joanne Mallory
Director – Christine Grigg

**Meet a Board Member
Ashley Vandavelde**



I currently work for SGS in the Minerals Services division as a Senior Marketing Coordinator. I graduated from Trent University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. My hobbies include playing guitar, baking, reading and spending time with friends and family. I became aware of the DSAP a few years ago when my aunt, who has Down syndrome, came to live with my Mom here in Peterborough. The reason I wanted to be a part of DSAP was to learn about the support and opportunities that are available for people with Down syndrome within the community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

John Currie



Another Perfect Christmas Gift!!

Telus at Lansdowne Place has chosen the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough as their charity of choice for their Christmas campaign!!

This cute little owl critter is available for purchase and **all** monies collected come directly to our agency!

Their goal is to sell 500 owl critters, and with our help, we will reach their goal!

They are the perfect gift for families and friends!

Check them out on every current Telus commercial and get your own cuddly little owl!

Cost is \$7.50 each or 2 for \$14.00

Thank you for your support!

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario Conference 2011

Thank you to the DSAO for putting on a wonderful conference the weekend of October 21-23, 2011. I had the privilege of attending the conference with my 20 year old son Derek who has Down syndrome. The Great Wolfe Lodge was an excellent choice as the site of this year's conference. We were able to relax and refresh ourselves while also attending and participating in the excellent workshops. Derek chose to attend the workshops with me and although much of the information was above his understanding, he seemed happy to just be there, to be included as an equal. The seminars we attended were stimulating and thought provoking, and the key note speakers inspiring.

I have over the years attended several other DSAO conferences and have always found the workshops and the networking with other families a great motivator. It has inspired me to continue to work towards complete inclusion and to promote the health and wellbeing of our son. As we look towards his future, and yes he wants to attend college, work, marry and have a family of his own, we are encouraged by the scientific work and breakthroughs discussed in Dr. Heath and Dr. Welsh seminar that will assist Derek's dreams and the dreams of others to materialize. Len Nicholson's workshop provided practical ideas in advocating on the school level. Knowing how our children learn best is of great value in assisting our educators in creating realistic and attainable goals that will stimulate and promote growth in our children. It also assists the parents to know what to ask for. We learned that the collaboration between home and school creates healthy, happy and thriving children. I never tire of hearing from Dr. Manion, what a wonderfully inspiring man and advocate for his daughter and others with Down syndrome. I regularly attend workshops where he is speaking and always come away with new and thought provoking information. There is much more that I could share about our weekend, the camaraderie with other families, the wonderful food, the friendships renewed, it was all wonderful, but the best part of all, was being with Derek. He seemed so grown up that weekend; he wanted to help at the registration table, wanted to participate with me instead of going to hang out with friends. He never complained of boredom and seemed engaged in the keynotes addresses and particularly loved hearing Subject's music. Thank you for making this a memorable weekend for Derek and I. We will be back.

Sincerely, Norma Christensen and Derek Christensen.

The agency subsidized 50% of registration fees for those who attended.



11th Annual "Pirate" Bowl-A-Thon

In recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Week, families took to the lanes in their favourite pirate gear to bowl, buy raffle tickets, enjoy hotdogs and ice cream; all in support of Respite House. **The event raised over \$5,000! Up more than \$2,000 from 2010!**

Once again, Master Bowlers of Ontario donated \$750.00 for 1st and 2nd prizes for the most pledges raised between Peterborough and Durham. We are excited to announce a new family to the agency, won first prize by raising **\$2,446** for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. Many thanks to Craig, Lois, Jeremiah and Jenna Ross and their families and friends, who also donated back the \$500.00 first prize.

We would also like to recognize the following for their generous pledges and to thank all the bowlers for making our event a success:

The DeNoble Family raised \$1,070.00
(winning 2nd prize of \$250 and donating it back to the agency as well)
The Antaya/Carson Family raised \$480.00
The Reeves Family raised \$445.00

The *Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough* and *Master Bowlers of Ontario* would like to thank our sponsors for their generous donations:

Baagwating Community Association, Little Caesar's Pizza, Bushel Basket, First Choice Haircutters, Crayola Canada (Lindsay), Smitty's Family Restaurant, Metro, Riley's Restaurant, Sullivan's Pharmacy, Mark's Workwearhouse, Lakeview Bowl, Marlin Travel, Port Perry, Chapter's, Wal-Mart, Rocky Ridge Ltd., Olde Stone Brewery, Pizza Hut, Sippin Dip Restaurant, Feeney Roofing, M & C Hydraulics Inc., J.B.L. Biologix First Aid Training, Synapse Electric Ltd. and Hilight Electric Ltd.

A very special thank you to Nancy Hann who volunteered for the afternoon to help make the event a huge success!



Ben and Matthew Wilson, Bowl 2011