



Down Syndrome
Association of Peterborough

JUNE 2015 NEWSFLASH

Registration is Almost Full! SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

August 10th – August 21st
9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

*Literacy, Numeracy, Social Skills,
Communication, Music, Arts and Sports*

\$200.00 PER WEEK

*Limited number of spaces, so register
today at the office!*

ZUMBA FOR KIDS PROGRAM

***Funding provided by the
GoodLife Kids Foundation***

***Who: Ages 4 +++++ and their
parents and their siblings***

***When: Saturdays, May 30th and
June 13th and Summer School and
September to May 2016***

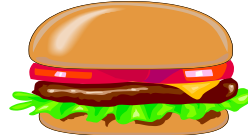
***Where: St. John's Anglican Church
(beside our office)***

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Cost: No charge

***Andrea Jackson is a qualified
Zumba instructor who will share a
fun filled, musical exercise program
for one and all!***

Come join the fun!



FAMILY PICNIC & BBQ

Date: Sunday, June 7th, 2015

Location: Riverview Park and Zoo (Lower Shelter)

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Social, Games, Prizes & BBQ

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Beverages will be
provided by the agency.

We are asking everyone to bring a dessert or salad
to help us make this a great picnic for all!

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP
to the office at 749-6695 by June 1st!

SAVE THE DATE

DREAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2015

***QUARRY GOLF CLUB
BEST BALL***

1 PM TEE OFF

LOTS OF PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION TABLE

Watch for further details!

OH WHAT A NIGHT.... A\$25,000 NIGHT

Guests at our Dreams Gala enjoyed a fabulous evening at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club with delicious food and wine, the opportunity to bid on many unique live and silent auction items and the chance to win two tickets to any Air Canada destination in North America, Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

Where will Dave Morello be going?

Everyone knows Dave...Morello's Independent Grocer who has donated live and silent auction items, was last year's recipient of the Community of the Year Award and has attended every Gala since its' inception...a worthy winner so congrats Dave and let us know your final destination!



We would also like to recognize and thank the following donors who graciously donated to the auctions:

4th Line Theatre, Allyson and Brianna DeNoble, Anita Arnold, Anne Cavanagh, Art Gallery of Ontario, Best Buy Mobility, Bird Kingdom, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Brian Howe, Tim Horton's, Brimacombe, City of Peterborough, CN Tower, Colio Wines, Colombe Hammond, Cora's Restaurant, Dan Hale, Dan Joyce, Deer Creek Golf Club, Empire Cheese Factory, Gabrielle McKenna, Heron Landing Golf Club, Robin Courneya-Roblin, Winslow-Gerolomy, Irene Pyle, Joanne's Place, James Laundrie, Laurie Masters, Kernels, Kouture Hair Salon, Tara Taylor, Lang Pioneer Village, Steam Whistle Brewing, Locks Salon & Spa, Derek and Angela Wohlert, Peterborough Utilities Commission, The Westin, Ottawa, The Parlour, Soundspeaks, Dodds Automotive, Kathy Traynor, Hair Mart, Rexall Drugs, Swish Maintenance, Sunblockers, Virginia Frew, Tribal Voices, Peterborough County, Electric City Gardens, Crayola, Dr. Ed Jindrich, Nu-Bodies, Chemong Home Hardware, Griffiths Greenhouses, World's Finest Chocolate, Publican House Brewery, Y.M.C.A., Steve McNulty, Medieval Times, Debbie Easter, Tim Hortons, Port Perry, Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, Marlin Travel (Port Perry), Montana's, Brigitte Anastashia, Amanda Chester, Water Depot, Ottawa Senators, Peterborough Golf and Country Club, Joan Casey, Peterborough Symphony, Pizza Factory, Pizza Villa, Rebekah Littlejohn, Ricky's All Day Grill, Sarah Reurekas, Showplace Theatre, Roger & Val Pitts, Stirling Theatre, Anne Patterson, Chapters Starbucks (both), Mark Edwards & David Whitehouse, Whelan's Flooring, Silvia Ferreri-Saraceni, Villa Car Wash, Walmart, Westben Theatre, Del-Gatto Estates Ltd., Barb Hunt, Russelle Toyota, Kal Tire, Bennett's Home Furnishings, Marv Esson, Jacy Barillari, Goodlife Fitness, Quarry Golf, Paulmac's Pets, Bridgenorth, Brookdale IDA, Audrey Doogan, Meghan O'Sullivan, Trans Canada Nissan, Farthing Fine Art, Glow Maternity, Dr. Hiro Urabe, Hemings, Lorraine Bristowe, Interior Design Solutions, Beasley Bros., Water World, Mayor Bennett, Jennifer Bathgate, Lakefield Home Hardware, Hi Ho Silver, Permanent Beauty by Kalyna, Andre Bisson, Jennifer Cowie, Theresa Hale-Charters, Scott Davidson, Tim Horton's, Port Perry, Morello's Independent Grocers, Pizza Shack, Hot Belly Mama's, Mr. Sub, Boston Pizza, Herbal Magic, Turnball Café, Loon Ho Restaurant, Kawartha Dairy, Rita Wilkie, Scott Grondin, Tania & Peter Clerec, Delta Bingo, Norma Christensen, Another Hudson Hobby, Victory Cigars, Marianne Vandelinde and the Ontario Science Centre.

Congratulations to the following award winners!

Community Award -This year's award was presented to Patty Thompson, who teaches a Learning and Life Skills Class at Queen Elizabeth School where a number of our students attend. Parents witness her ability to go above and behind her role in making a difference in their children's lives with her experience and passion leading them to success in their school life and home life. She has attended a number of workshops and the annual Down Syndrome Conference to learn new strategies to assist her students. This past year she began teaching in the Developmental Service Worker program at Fleming where she promotes our agency and encourages students at the college to become involved in the Down syndrome world.

Business Award –This year's award was presented to WalMart Inc., a company which has supported our agency for many years with gift certificates for special event fundraising, in-store opportunities to promote our calendars and this year we were the lucky recipients of a matching grant from their Head Office... an amazing surprise!

Volunteer Award – This year's award was presented to Allyson DeNoble, who has been involved with the agency for over a dozen years, since the birth of her daughter. She was a board member for 8 years, participated on numerous committees, including this year's Gala committee and volunteers at many social events while attending with her family and extended family. She supports our mission to whomever and wherever she goes and is a great resource for new parents entering the Down syndrome club! A well deserved award!

Special thanks to volunteers – Irene Pyle, Allyson DeNoble, Virginia Frew, Karen King and Auctioneer, Keith Monk. A special thank you to Kings Welding for the helium donation and to Three Dog Winery for the wine and winery tour!

The agency strives to continue to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. To all of our supporters...***you're amazing!!***

Pick up a copy of the free May's SNAP Peterborough for some great photos of the evening or www.snappeterborough.ca.

Next year's Gala is Friday, April 8th, 2016 – Mark your Calendars



MEET A BOARD MEMBER KATHY TRAYNOR

I am thrilled to be back on the agency's Board of Directors. I represent the agency on SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) with KPRDSB as well. I am an office manager at a local auto repair centre and part time portrait photographer. I became involved with the agency as a parent when our son Tyler was born in 1999. I have seen the agency grow from a tiny unstaffed office with little parent involvement to the fully staffed agency that has many programs & social events surrounding many families. With the loss of funding we are facing this year I encourage members to get involved and voice your opinions. We as a Board, value your input and want to ensure we are maintaining the level of support that our families require and that individuals with Down syndrome are reaching their fullest potential.

Find your inner Picasso and sign up for one of our awesome,

SPIRITS & SPLATTERS Evenings

what? a fun evening of guided painting
when? either Tuesday, May 19 or Tuesday, June 16
where?.....Boston Pizza Chemong Rd, Peterborough
who?.....ANYONE!!.. (completely open to the public)
why?.....because it's awesome obviously

Maximum 30 seats per session.

Cost is \$45 plus tax (\$20 is donated back to DSAP). Sign up directly from the website

www.spiritsandsplatters.com

- click on "our events"
- move the calendar to either Tuesday, May 19 (painting chosen is "Fall Mountains") or Tuesday, June 16 (painting chosen is "Kawartha Lakes")
- then click on the one you want to attend and more info will appear
- to sign up, simply click on "individual" (if only one person) or "group" if you are bringing others (but must be paid on one credit card) – you are prompted to pay online (credit card or paypal)
- an email confirmation is sent directly to you.

DSAP has partnered with the great folks at Boston Pizza in Peterborough and anytime you dine (at either location) simply write "DSAP" or "Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough" on the back of your bill at the end of your meal and place it in the "receipt collection box" at the entrance of the restaurant, and they will donate a percentage of your bill back to our organization!

So grab your friends, partner, or family and come join us for a fun time!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Well, spring has truly sprung and the beautiful weather is here. In our homes, spring reminds us of the need to begin fresh, to clean house, to purge what is no longer useful. This reminder and this need are very present for our Association this year too. The loss of our United Way funding, combined with the discontinuation of some third party events, has meant our organization is suffering a tremendous deficit. We have lost approximately 40% of our annual funding. Although your Board has put forth great effort alongside dedicated volunteers to generate new fundraising dollars, and have been met with great success, it is simply not enough. It is time for some tough decisions to be made in order for the DSAP to continue to be viable. At this time all elements of our agency are under review, including programming, respite, education, right down to the place we call home. In an effort to make sound choices, choices which are optimally supportive of our members, your Board is looking forward to hearing from you at our gatherings on May 7th and 21st. We want and need your input and ideas before we come to those difficult conclusions. The bottom line is your Association needs you to be involved. We require our members to share their ideas, needs and time if we are going to be effective as an agency. This is a moment full of possibility and fresh beginnings. On behalf of the Board and myself, I would like to say how much we look forward to your responses and support as we move forward in this next phase for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. Sincerely, Cindy Wilson.