



Down Syndrome Guild
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Go Casual – and Help Individuals with Down Syndrome Reach Their Potential!



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The Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan (DSG) invites your organization to Dress Down for Down Syndrome. This event raises awareness for Down syndrome in Southeast Michigan schools, business and organizations while raising funds to support our programs and services. To participate in Dress Down for Down Syndrome Day, participants wear casual clothes and are encouraged to donate \$5.00 for this privilege.

WHAT DOES THE DSG DO?

The Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan (DSG) provides programs, scholarships and services to improve the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. We serve over 300 families caring for a loved one with Down syndrome in the Southeast Michigan area. Additionally we provide resources, conferences and training for hundreds of educators and medical professionals. We are the foremost resource for the latest information on Down syndrome in Southeast Michigan.

WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR?

The money raised by this event directly benefits over 300 families and the professionals who interact with them daily. Each year we provide scholarships, resources and programming for hundreds of people in the Southeast Michigan area. Specifically, the funds raised by this program:

- Provide **support for expectant/new parents and their families**
- Provide **baby, youth and young adult** programming
- Provide **scholarships** to families for areas such as education, medical and recreational
- Produce and disseminate **“A Little Something Extra” & Inclusion Solutions Newsletters**
- Support our local **Down Syndrome Specialists** and school districts by providing resources, trainings and publications
- Provide annual **Educational Conferences** for families and professionals
- Provide our local **Community Groups** with administrative and funding support

Opening a world of opportunity for people with Down syndrome.



- Provide continued updates to the **DSG website**
- Provide **ongoing trainings and seminars** with topics specific to Down syndrome for families, educators and professionals
- Host **family social events**
- Expand **DSG programming** to include a wider age range

Additional information about our programs and volunteer opportunities can be found on **www.dsgsemi.org**

HOW TO GET STARTED

The DSG will support your organization by providing a number of colorful posters to be displayed throughout the building leading up to and on Dress Down Day. Stickers, pledge forms and a remittance envelope will also be provided in your kit.

While you can hold your event at anytime throughout the year, we recommend you consider holding your day during the month of October, since it is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, or on March 21st which is World Down Syndrome Day (3/21 is representative of having 3 copies, instead of two, of the 21st chromosome).

Any funds collected can be mailed to the Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan at 29688 Telegraph Road Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034. Checks should be made out to the Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan.

The DSG would greatly appreciate your participation. Please complete and sign the attached form to participate. Please contact us if you have additional questions at **248-327-6154** or **info@dsgsemi.org**.

Thank you for helping our families and communities continue to create positive outcomes in the lives of people with Down syndrome!

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