Down Syndrome
Association of
Northeast Ohio

Sunburst Gala

a night to celebrate & shine

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Down Syndrome Association
OF NORTHEAST OHIO

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1982-2022

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Special Thanks

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Todd Meany
Anchor
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FEATURED PERFORMERS:

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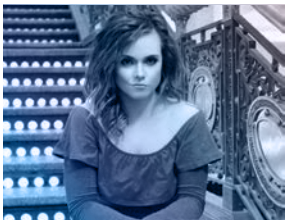

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Schedule for the Evening

Sunburst Gala

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Master of Ceremonies
Todd Meany

Guest Check In
Music provided by Nuance A Cappella Group

5:30-6:30 pm
VIP Cocktail Hour
Music Provided by Meghan Walsh
Sweet Station Candy Bar
CLE GifBooth Photo Experience
Select Games of Chance

6:15-7:00 pm
Exhibit Hall
Games of Chance
Wine Pull, Side Boards, Raffle Basket Tickets, Heads or Tails Necklaces
CLE GifBooth Photo Experience

7:00 pm
Dinner Served

7:00-7:45 pm
Thank You Remarks
Top Buddy Walk Team Awards
DSANEO Presentation
Performances by Inspirations Dance and Broadway Buddies
DSANEO Video Montage
40th Anniversary Fund/Text2Give
Closing

8:00 – 9:45 pm
Games of Chance
50/50 Raffle, Heads or Tails, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction

9:45 pm
Heads or Tails Game

10-10:30 pm
Winners Announced and Prize Distribution

8:00-11:00 pm
Dance to the sounds of the Marino Brothers

Game Rules & Details

By participating in the 2022 Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio Games of Chance, each bidder agrees to the rules listed below. **You must be present to win the Raffle Baskets and Side boards. Virtual winners will be notified.** All bidding closes at 9:45 PM. All winning Bids and Tickets will be announced after 10:00 PM. Good Luck!

SIDEBOARDS

- 50/50 split with winning ticket holder and the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio. Any remaining tickets for any board are the possession of the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio.

50/50 RAFFLE

- You must set up a Mobile bidding account in ReadySetAuction in order to be able to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle.
- You will need to login to your Mobile bidding account. Once you are logged in, scroll down and click on **Auction Catalog.** Click on **View catalog** and find the list of options to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets.
- At the conclusions of the raffle, the winner will be notified.
- 50/50 split with winning ticket holder and DSANEO.

WINE PULL - $20 EACH

- Participant will have the opportunity to purchase a gift bag with a bottle of wine.

RAFFLE BASKETS AND DOOR PRIZE RULES

- All items in the Raffle Basket area have a sign with the name, number and brief description of what each prize contains. Near each item is a ticket collection container labeled with the name and number.
- To participate in the Basket raffle, each bidder must purchase a sheet of tickets (sheets of 25 of tickets)
- To place a bid, put a single or multiple tickets in the ticket collection container for each item.
- **THERE IS A TICKET LABELED "DOOR PRIZE" THAT YOU CAN PLACE IN THE TICKET CONTAINER AT THE TABLE WHERE YOU PURCHASE THE SHEET OF TICKETS!**
- There is no limit to the amount of tickets that can be bid for each item.
- At the conclusion, the winning ticket numbers will be posted and announced.

TO PLACE A SILENT AUCTION BID

- You must set up a Mobile bidding account in ReadySetAution to be able to bid.
- To place a bid, login to your Mobile bidding account. Once you are logged in, scroll down and click on **Auction Catalog.** Click on **View catalog** and you can view the list of Silent Auction items available for bidding.
- You will receive a text notification if you are out bid.
- At the conclusion of the Silent Auction, the winner will be posted as well as notified by either text or email.
- Virtual winners can make arrangements to pick up their items at the DSANEO office.

100% of all the proceeds stay local and provide support, education, and advocacy for people with Down syndrome, their families and communities in Northeast Ohio.

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DSANEO 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Moms, Dads, & Grandparents groups began meeting monthly once again

Eighteen new families gathered for our first New Parent Celebration in two years

Individuals of all ages engaged with virtual social programs like 321 Fitness, No Rulz Dance Parties, and Bingo.

Self-advocate Chris Bean started hosting a virtual book club for teens & adults

Learners from preschool age through adulthood participated in education programming provided virtually and in-person. DSANEO has integrated Raising Robust Readers into our education programming for all ages. This phonics-based reading program uses multi-sensory teaching strategies and was created to help children with Down syndrome learn to read.

Spanish-speaking families in our community began connecting through our Spanish language private Facebook Group, La Familia e Familia.

The More Alike Than Different Mural was unveiled on Puritas Avenue on Cleveland Down Syndrome Day, October 12, 2021. The mural was created through our partnership with Councilman Brian Kazy, the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, the Cleveland Browns, and ten organizations serving people with developmental disabilities.

Nearly 3,000 walkers participated in the 21st Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk, held at Lake Metroparks Farmpark and virtually.

In collaboration with Community Focus, DSANEO's web series, Something Extra, debuted in October.

OUR PLANS FOR 2022 INCLUDE:

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Over the next 12 months we will celebrate our 40th anniversary with a variety of special programs.

SUNBURST SNACKS

Sunburst Snacks is the premiere program of Sunburst Enterprises, part of DSANEO's Adult Employment Initiative to prepare, connect and employ adults with Down syndrome across Northeast Ohio.

BUDDY WALK 2022

August 20 at Lake Metroparks Farmpark

SUNBURST SOCIAL SQUAD

This social program brings people 18 and older with Down syndrome together with their typical peers for individuals 18+ with Down syndrome provides monthly activities in the community.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IMPROVANEERS

Bringing opportunities to our families whenever possible, we are partnering with Stand Up for Downs to bring youth and adult improvisation classes to our families.

AND MUCH MORE!

Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio

The Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio serves over **1,000 FAMILIES IN 16 COUNTIES** in Northeast Ohio along with hundreds of educators and medical professionals.

Our areas of programming include:

EDUCATION

IEP Support for families
DS 101
Peer Presentations
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Early Learners, Little Learners, & Lively Learners
Sunburst Snacks Employment & Training

FAMILY SUPPORT

New & Expectant Parent Support
Family Grants
Grandparent Group
MOMS & DADS Group
Circle of Support
Baby & Toddler Groups
DS+ Group
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MEDICAL OUTREACH

Visits to health care providers
Delivery of packets to NEO medical professionals
Medical professional referrals
Participation in Practice-Based Research Network at Cleveland Clinic
Review and promotion of Ds research studies

ADVOCACY

Northeast Ohio Buddy Walk
Cleveland Down Syndrome Day
Something Extra web series
Disability Awareness Program
Artful 21 retail & online store

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Bowling Buddies
Tee It Up Golf Clinics
DSANEO Holiday Party
Steps to Independence
Sunburst Social Squad

INFORMATION ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME

- Down syndrome occurs when an individual has three, rather than two, copies of the 21st chromosome.
- Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring and least funded chromosomal condition. One in every 733 babies is born with Down syndrome.
- There are more than 400,000 people with Down syndrome in the United States.
- Down syndrome occurs in people of all races and economic levels.
- Life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades—from 25 in 1983 to 60 today.
- People with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.
- *94% of siblings to a child with Down syndrome, express feelings of pride about their sibling.
- *99% of individuals with Down syndrome state they are happy with their lives.

*From the following article published online 9 Sep 2011: Skotko BG, Levine SP, Goldstein R. 2011. Self-perceptions from People with Down syndrome. Am J Med Genet Part A 155: 2360-2369.

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TOP TEAMS - MONEY RAISED

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#2
Team Michael Kooser
$23,514.00

#3
Cooper's Crew
$11,635.00

TOP TEAMS - # OF TEAM MEMBERS

#1
Kayla's Kingdom
134

#2
We're Goin' With Owen
124

#3
Team Michael Kooser
78

COMMUNITY FOCUS

New in 2021, **"Something Extra"** is produced in cooperation with DSANEO. The monthly tv show contains three segments: self-advocate sharing, informative chat and a DSANEO spotlight. Watch any time at **mycommunityfocus.app** or download the appt or watch on your device or smart tv.

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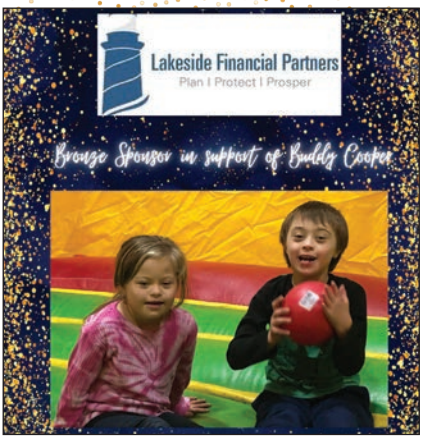
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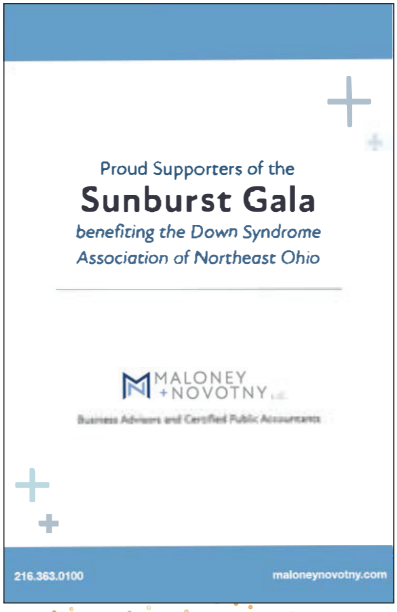
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To provide support, education, and advocacy for people with Down syndrome, their families and communities.

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