



Down Syndrome
Association of Simcoe County

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The **Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County (DSASC)** is a grassroots charity with the mission to support individuals, children and their families living with Down syndrome. With generous community support and fundraising events, the association has successfully provided hundreds of educational, therapeutic and social events aimed at enhancing the lives of people living with Down syndrome in Simcoe County. As we are a not for profit with limited resources, the majority of all planning, event support and administrative work is completed by a small group of parent volunteers who sit as part of the association's Executive Board. These positions are nominated at an annual general meeting, and have a 2 year service.

The **Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County (DSASC)** receives inquiries each year from individuals and organizations that want to stage their own fundraising events in support of our charity. These "third-party" events are run independently from the group by interested volunteers.

We are grateful for the community interest, donations and support received since the Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County was founded in 1984. While we always appreciate support, we carefully consider a number of factors when working with outside 3rd parties to operate fundraising events, such as:

- The need to balance fundraising efforts with our organizations limited available volunteer resources;
- Use of the DSASC logo, name or any materials are used in an appropriate way;
- The privacy rights of our member families are protected;
- The organization operates in accordance to Canada Revenue Agency regulations, and respects the right of the DSASC to operate in accordance to them;
- The charity event or organization aligns with the values of the DSASC, such as respect, inclusion and cooperation;
- The organization works respectfully and openly with DSASC volunteers.

The Down Syndrome Association of Simcoe County's executive meets regularly with a mandate to direct operations, programs, events, and fundraising efforts. Just as all requests for programming and events cannot be accommodated; there are times when the executive is required to decide if the DSASC can accommodate a fundraising event or organization. Careful

consideration is taken to evaluate all known factors; including those listed above before a decision is made by way of a vote.

The DSASC is very grateful for the support we have received from our community as we work to advocate and improve the lives of children and adults with Down syndrome. We look forward to support from the community at our next fundraiser, our annual charity golf tournament July 17th, 2014 at Tangle Creek Golf and Country Club.

For more information, please visit www.dsasc.ca

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