

Grand Strand Down Syndrome Society



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Hopefully, this is the beginning of a regular newsletter for GSDSS. It can be a source of information and interest to all the families and friends connected with GSDSS.

We would like your input. In addition to info about upcoming events, what would you like to have included? Some suggestions so far:

articles about DS topics, samples of art work from our own kids? quotes or anecdotes from literature (or maybe from our own families)? “bragging” updates on accomplishments of our kids?

We are sending this via mailing addresses and email. Unfortunately, we don't have mailing addresses for many on the email list. Please send your address if you would like to be included in the mailings.

Don't forget to share your ideas with us!

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Looking Ahead

“Golf for Life” – Golf Clinic
@ True Blue Golf Course
Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007 10:00

This is a great opportunity. The only requirement is you must have Down Syndrome to participate. There is no cost, however, you must be signed-up.

Spread the word!



Playdates:

May 19th – East Bay Park, Georgetown

June 16th – Socastee Park (Hwy. 701)

“Down by the Beach” dance with Chris Burke – Aug. 17th @ Precious Blood of Christ in Pawleys Island.

Don't forget to order your tickets soon.

“Golf for Life” Clinic – Aug. 18th

International Paper/Outback Golf
Tournament to benefit GSDSS –
Aug. 18th

*Details and entry form can be found on
our website.*

4th Annual Lowcountry Buddy Walk,
Daniel Island – Sept. 30th



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white w/ GSDSS logo(front)
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fundraiser for our group. Bring them to any event or drop-off at *Cartridge World* across from Grand Coastal Mall. Be sure to tell them GSDSS.

Note: Please let us know if your name or address is not the way you wish to receive the newsletter. Also the newsletter will soon be accessible from our website as well. Expect the next newsletter to be sent in early June.

From Diane:

The GSDSS is so glad to be able to offer you a newsletter at this time. Thank you Bev and Mary Ann for helping to make this possible. It is a pleasure to be able to bring the Grand Strand many opportunities for our families. We hope that this newsletter will be a tool for everyone to share the great things that are happening in the Grand Strand and around the world.

The board is very glad to be able to serve the GSDSS, and very hopeful about what we believe the GSDSS can bring to this area. We truly mean it when we say we are "Raising awareness, sharing joy, spreading hope." We hope to see you at the

What is GSDSS?

From our website www.gsdss.net

The Grand Strand Down Syndrome Society (GSDSS) is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization that was designed by parents for parents. Our primary goal is to offer support to those who are new to the diagnosis of Down Syndrome. GSDSS offers welcome packages to new parents, a place for self-advocates to meet and have fun, and for more experienced families to connect through outings and social events. GSDSS strives to create a positive image of Down Syndrome in the community and offer a sense of belonging. It is our dream to see individuals with Down Syndrome succeed in all aspects of life.

GSDSS Board

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"Help us when we need help, but only enough help so we can finish what we were doing on our own."

"Don't ever prejudice the limits of our abilities. We definitely will surprise you and sometimes we even surprise ourselves!"

----Annie Forts (UP Syndrome Fund, Inc.)