

# November 2017

## Fridge Post



DSAOC's **Mission** is to create a place for connection, information and hope for people with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County, to promote Down syndrome awareness through community outreach, and to offer programs, services and support that aim to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Our **Vision** is to be a one-stop-shop for all things Down syndrome related, and to be a model organization for community collaboration and Down syndrome awareness, to change perceptions and change lives.

<p><i>Looking Forward in 2017</i></p>	<p><i>#GivingTuesday</i></p>
<p> <b>Teen/Adult Bowling</b> – Saturday, November 11, Irvine Lanes  <b>Giving Tuesday</b> – Tuesday, November 28  <b>Breakfast with Santa</b> – Saturday, Dec 2, GG Elks Lodge  <b>Sibshops Holiday Party</b> – Saturday, December 9  <b>Circle of Friends: Holiday PJ Party</b> – Thursday, December 7  <b>Red Carpet Ball</b> – Saturday, March 17, Phoenix Club Anaheim         </p>	<p>           We have Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and then it's <b>#GivingTuesday!</b> Show your support for DSAOC by participating in this global day of giving with your gift of \$40 or more to DSAOC.         </p> <p>           On <b>Tuesday, November 28</b>, charities, families, and businesses around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.         </p>
<p><i>Support/Networking Groups</i></p>	
<p> <b>Circle of Friends Support &amp; Networking Group</b>  <b>Thursday, December 7</b>  <b>from 7–9 p.m. at the DSAOC Center</b>  <i>**No meeting in November**</i> </p> <p> <b>Circle of Friends:</b> Make friends, and share the challenges, milestones, and triumphs as you raise your child. Expectant parents are also welcome. Child care is not provided, but your little one with Down syndrome is welcome to accompany you.         </p> <p>           Join DSAOC for a festive “Holiday Pajama Party”, complete with yummy food, hot chocolate, holiday movies, friends and fun! Pajama attire is optional, but come dressed casual and comfortable.         </p> <p>           For food purposes, please RSVP as soon as possible.         </p> <p> <b>Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:admin@dsaoc.org">admin@dsaoc.org</a> or (714) 540-5794</b> </p>	<p>           In 2018, <b>DSAOC will celebrate 40 years of serving the greater Orange County community.</b> Share in this celebration and make your donation of \$40 or more today. DSAOC does not receive state or federal funding. Your tax-deductible gifts allow us to continue providing meaningful programs and services, and supporting families throughout their loved ones life journey.         </p> <p>           Big or small, every gift is important to support our Mission. Thank you!         </p> <p>           Your gift helps us <i>Change Perceptions</i> so we can <i>Change Lives</i>: <a href="https://www.dsaoc.org/direct-donation.html">https://www.dsaoc.org/direct-donation.html</a> </p>
<p><i>DSAOC &amp; PFF Prom</i></p>	<p><i>Breakfast with Santa</i></p>
<p> <b>DSAOC &amp; PFF PROM</b>  <b>Friday, November 10</b> </p> <p>           DSAOC &amp; The Pujols Family Foundation will co-host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual prom in Anaheim on Friday, November 10 from 7–10 p.m. This event is for 16 year olds w/ Down syndrome and up to one guest. RSVP: <a href="mailto:socalrsvp@pujolsfamilyfoundation.org">socalrsvp@pujolsfamilyfoundation.org</a>.         </p>	<p> <b>Breakfast with Santa</b>  <b>Saturday, December 2 from 9–11 a.m.</b>  <b>At Garden Grove Elks Lodge</b>  <b>11551 Trask Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843</b> </p> <p> <b>Join your friends for DSAOC's Annual Breakfast with Santa!</b> This event is especially for families who have children with Down syndrome 11 years and younger, but all ages are welcome. Enjoy holiday crafts and festive music guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit! Remember to bring your camera to get a photo with our <b>special guests—and also Santa and his elf!</b> </p> <p>           Suggested donation: \$5 per adult.         </p> <p> <b>When you RSVP please indicate how many adults and children will be attending.</b> </p> <p> <b>RSVP Today! (714) 540-5794 or <a href="mailto:admin@dsaoc.org">admin@dsaoc.org</a></b> </p> <p>           This event is sponsored by the National Charity League – Pacific Coast Chapter and the Garden Grove Elks Lodge         </p>
<p><i>DSAOC Center Closure Dates</i></p>	
<p> <b>The DSAOC Center is open Monday-Thursday. Below are the Center closure dates for the upcoming Holiday Season:</b> </p> <p>           Tuesday, November 21 – Thursday, November 23            Monday, December 25 – Thursday, December 28            Monday, January 1, 2018         </p>	

**Unless otherwise stated, activities are held at the DSAOC Center, 151 Kalmus Drive, M-5, Costa Mesa, 92626. Please contact the Center to sign up for activities: 714-540-5794 or email [admin@dsaoc.org](mailto:admin@dsaoc.org)**