

DSAOC MAY 2018 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>Looking Forward in 2018</p>	<p>Support and Networking Groups</p>
<p> Circle of Friends – Thursday, May 3, DSAOC Clothes for the Cause – May 3 – May 7, DSAOC Center Bowling – Saturday, May 12, Irvine Lanes OCCF GIVING DAY Benefiting DSAOC – Thursday, May 31 Golf Tournament – Monday, June 11, Los Coyotes CC Orange Elks Picnic for DSAOC – Sunday, June 24, Irvine Park DSAOC Summer Picnic – Saturday, June 30, Atlantis Park OC Bike Camp – Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10, Soka Boo Bash Teen/Adult Dance – Saturday, October 6, Mater Dei OC Buddy Walk – Sunday, October 28, Angel Stadium <i>For more information about DSAOC activities/events visit:</i> www.dsaoc.org or call 714-540-5794 </p>	<p> <u>Circle of Friends Support & Networking Group</u> Thursday, May 3 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the DSAOC Center Circle of Friends: 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. TOPIC: Parent Panel on Educational Settings - <i>Special Day Class/Full Inclusion/Home Schooling/Private Schooling</i> Join us to hear stories from parents who have chosen different educational paths for their children with Down syndrome. There will be parents sharing about their experiences in Special Day Class, Full Inclusion, Home Schooling and Private Schooling. There will be a Q&A session as well. Find out what setting may be right for your child. Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org or (714) 540-5794 </p>
<p>Teen/Adult Activities</p>	
<p> <u>Teen and Adult Bowling League</u> Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This activity is for teens and adults with Down syndrome ages 12 and up. Join us for this FUN & social activity! Takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September to May. Location: Irvine Lanes – 3415 Michelson Dr. Irvine, CA Cost: \$6 per session (includes 2 games and shoe rental) <i>Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org</i> </p>	<p> <u>Homeschool Friends</u> Mondays, beginning May 7 at Noon, DSAOC Center (Schedule can vary). Please call our center for info. The Homeschool children in this group are participating in a special Speech program. Parents are still welcome to join for discussion and networking with the other parents, however, we cannot accommodate additional children in the speech program at this time. Questions? Email Ali at admin@dsaoc.org </p>
<p>Educator of the Year Award & Recognition Program</p>	
<p> Join DSAOC as our “Educator of the Year” Award & Recognition Program enters its 19th year of celebrating teachers, therapists, aides and administrators who have made a difference for our loved ones with Down syndrome. Nomination Deadline is Wednesday, May 9 All nominees receive recognition from DSAOC. The winner receives a plaque, special celebration, and additional recognition at the OC Buddy Walk. With your nomination, DSAOC can continue to highlight, affirm and celebrate those in education whose outstanding efforts and innovations have helped a student to grow and learn. Help us continue to Change Perceptions and Change Lives. Thank you! DOWNLOAD THE NOMINATION FORM & MORE DETAILS: https://www.dsaoc.org/pdfs/2018-educator-of-the-year-nomination-form-for-years-2017-2018.pdf </p>	<p> Clothes for the Cause – Clothing Drive Fundraiser <u>Clothes for the Cause</u> <u>Save the dates: May 3 – May 7</u> Get your Spring cleaning done and support DSAOC at the same time! We are collecting items for our Clothes for the Cause fundraiser here at the DSAOC Center. Bag up your old, unused clothing, shoes, textiles, etc. We will be collecting bags from May 3 – May 7 so stop by our Center (weekend hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Be sure to check our Facebook and our upcoming emails for the exact hours. What do they accept? Visit: clothesforthecausefundraising.com/clothing-fundraising-details/ </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



DSAOC's 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Banquet & Auction.

Join us as a Golfer, Sponsor, Volunteer and/or Banquet Guest! REGISTER/INFO: give.classy.org/golf2018

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Monday, June 11, 2018

Los Coyotes Country Club - Buena Park

11 a.m. Shotgun Start

**18 Holes of Golf • Exciting Gift Bag • Lunch • Player's Package
Helicopter Ball Drop • Silent & Live Auction • Dinner & Awards Banquet**

\$250 Golf Registration / \$225 Early Bird Registration by Monday, April 23, 2018

\$55 Banquet Only Tickets (includes hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment & buffet style dinner)

\$45 Banquet Only Ticket for Golfer Guests / \$30 Child Meal Banquet Tickets



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1 CAUSE.**

MAY 31

**EMPOWERING
POSSIBILITIES**
A GIVING DAY FOR DC NEIGHBORS WITH DISABILITIES

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Interested in donating to DSAOC, but want opportunities for your donation dollars to be matched? Then GIVING DAY on **Thursday, May 31** is the day to make your donation to DSAOC count for DOUBLE!

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All donors will be recognized for their support of DSAOC on GIVING DAY, sponsored by the *Orange County Community Foundation*. Make your donation online during the **24 hours of giving on Thursday, May 31**, and then spread the word to family and friends to make a donation that will help make a positive impact on individuals with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County.

DSAOC is proud to have been chosen to participate in a fundraising collaborative that features 9 organizations that share a common Mission.

Thank you in advance for noting this day on your calendar, holding aside your contribution for DSAOC, and then showing your support on **Thursday, May 31** with your online donation.

If you have questions, please contact the DSAOC Center 714-540-5794.

For information on where your donor dollars go, please visit <https://www.dsaoc.org/pdfs/dsaoc-programs-services-2017-06.pdf> You can also 'LIKE' our Facebook page and stay updated on all that we do on a weekly basis <https://www.facebook.com/DSAOC/>.

With gratitude,

DSAOC Staff, Board of Directors and the families and individuals we serve.