

## **Why Give? How does my donation help those with Down syndrome?**

People often say they give in order to “make a difference.” This phrase means different things to different people.

By donating to the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte (DSAGC), it means you WILL be making a difference by helping us fulfill our mission to enhance the quality of life of all people with Ds by empowering individuals, families and professionals with information and support through education, social programs and community partnerships throughout the Greater Charlotte area, including 10 counties in NC and two counties in SC.

Not only does your support help the organization remain sustainable, it also helps it research and develop **NEW** supports and services based on the evolving needs of those we serve.

### **Your donation enables us continue to...**

- Offer our six-week Camp Holiday day camp for campers with Ds, ages 5 – 21
- Offer our 4-day/3-night Camp Holiday overnight camp for campers, ages 10-17
- Host FREE seasonal family and community social events throughout the Greater Charlotte region
- Train Parent Mentors in our First Call Program to provide support to families whose child receives a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Ds
- Cultivate ongoing relationships with medical professionals so they are empowered to provide treatment and support in a compassionate, sensitive way to families who have a child with Ds
- Offer an annual educational symposium for educational professionals and families featuring national and regional experts in the field
- Maintain current partnerships with other nonprofit organizations like The Exceptional Foundation and Best Buddies

### **Your donation also enables us to develop a NEW...**

- System of supports and services for adults with Ds – including overnight independent living retreats, vocational training and expanded social opportunities
- Parent education and coaching program to assist families as they navigate their school-aged child’s educational journey
- Network of partnerships with other nonprofit organizations like Gigi’s Playhouse, Kennedy Strong Foundation, Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont and Autism Charlotte that support individuals with disabilities to broaden our reach and impact
- Virtual presence via an enhanced website that offers a robust Member Portal and an Interactive Resource Directory, along with local, regional and national news relevant to the Ds Community
- Strategic plan to position DSAGC as the “go to” resource for all individuals with Down syndrome in the Greater Charlotte area – assisting individuals and those who support them to access the services and supports they need throughout their lifetime
- Campaign to educate local businesses and community organizations about individuals with Ds

These are just few ways in which your giving will make a difference! To those of you have supported the DSAGC in the past - thank you! We hope that your generosity towards our mission continues. To those of you who may be first-time donors, I urge you contact us to learn more about our programs and how we strive to serve individuals with Down syndrome and their families in the Greater Charlotte area.