



## FAMILIES EXPLORING DOWN SYNDROME

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer - Fall 2015

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It's that time of year again!

The Down Syndrome Guild and Families Exploring Down Syndrome proudly partner to announce the 2015 *Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk*!

Each year 6,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with Down syndrome. The DSG and FEDS serve these individuals across Southeast Michigan. Help us celebrate their lives at Woodside Bible Church in Troy on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 10am!. Grab your family and friends for a fun-filled day for everyone. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. Service dogs only please.

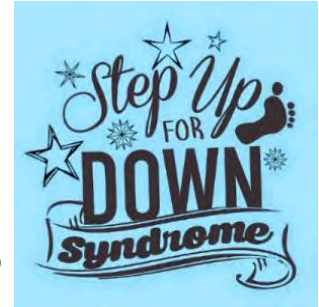
All participants are encouraged to fundraise. Rally your team and register online by visiting our website [www.FamiliesExploringDownSyndrome.org](http://www.FamiliesExploringDownSyndrome.org). You can also print out a brochure (see website) and mail your registration form. Please choose FEDS as the beneficiary when you register. This year our goal is to raise **\$35,000!** This goal will help FEDS serve the Down syndrome community in a variety of ways. Part of the funds raised will help teach medical professionals on delivering a Down syndrome diagnosis to new parents. Check out the rest of this newsletter to see other ways that FEDS is involved in the Down syndrome community! See you at the walk!

**T-Shirt deadline is August 31st!**

**Online Registration closes September 23, 10:00pm!**

**Volunteers are needed! (See flyer on page 11!)**

Round-Up Walk for Down Syndrome 2011



# 2015 New Parent Breakfast



FEDS hosted a New Parent Breakfast this June and was able to welcome some of our newest members! We are thrilled to be accompanying you on your journey and getting to know you more! Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



## Start School With a Smile

By Dr. Charles Fay with Love and Logic

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/articles-advice/start-school-with-a-smile>



At schools across America, teachers see two types of first-year students: one quickly adjusts to school and begins to enjoy it, the other cries each day at the door. By applying some easy-to-follow Love and Logic® guidelines, parents can help their youngsters belong to a very lucky group—students who start school with fun instead of fear.

Arrange a tour of your child's school before the year starts. It's not unusual for young children to imagine the worst when they don't have enough information. Big fears about where they are going to sit, where they will eat, whether their teacher will be "nice," and what they will do if they need to use the restroom become much smaller when parents take this step.

Teach confidence by showing it. When parents spend too much time trying to calm their children's fears, their children begin to think, "Wow. If my parents are this concerned about me, and they have to talk this much about going to school, maybe there really is something to be worried about!" More effective parents give lots of hugs, listen, and say, "I love you." Doing this, they send a very strong message of confidence. Simply put, confident parents tend to have confident kids... worried parents tend to have worried kids.

If you drive your child to school, leave quickly. Smart parents give quick hugs, let their kids know they're in a hurry, and leave without looking back. Why? Because the underlying message they send to their children is, "You can handle this. You're strong!" It's amazing how children either live up to – or down to – our expectations.

Avoid backing down from tantrums and tears. Don't teach your child to be fearful by backing down to crying and allowing him or her to stay home! Regardless of how heart wrenching their cries become, Love and Logic parents send their kids to school. Why? Because all experienced teachers say the same thing: "It's amazing how fast kids calm down after their parents are out-of-sight!"

## 2015 Bocce Team

The Bocce Team did amazing this year! They always have a blast competing and they love their teammates (as you can possibly tell from the pictures). Thank you Taylor family for organizing our team!



## NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS!

“My Chance to Dance is a dance & exercise program developed for people with special needs. It was carefully choreographed to insure success. We use popular (but appropriate) music and props together with easy movements and a party setting to get people of all abilities moving. The program provides physical exercise, social interaction, helps students build listening skills by learning to follow directions, strengthens both gross motor and fine motor skills, allows students to express themselves with movement and music, and provides fun for students and can elevate moods.” [www.ccplusfitness.org](http://www.ccplusfitness.org)

Kids My Chance to Dance is for children ages 2-12. \$5/dancer, siblings are welcome! See Amber Sultes for more info. We will be meeting 6pm-7pm:

1st Mondays at The Well Church in Mt. Clemens

4th Thursdays at Woodside Bible Church in Troy (use South entrance keypad code: 20028#).





# Frozen Word Search



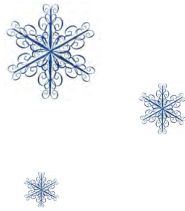
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# 2015 World Down Syndrome Day... FROZEN Style!



March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day! People all over the world celebrate their loved ones with Down syndrome in their own special way. This year we threw a big FROZEN Party in honor of 3-21! Thank you everyone for making this event extra special!



# Thank You's & Well Wishes

*FEDS awarded 39 scholarships to our members for summer programming this year! We love to hear how you enjoyed them! Submit your Thank You's on our Facebook page to be featured in the next newsletter!*

Thank you FEDS for the scholarship. I used it to help pay for SCAMP! In SCAMP we have so much fun. We swim, bowl, dance, and go on field trips! Thanks again!  
- Lucas Wheelock



Thank you FEDS for my summer scholarship! I used it to get a zoo membership and also visit the cool dinosaur exhibit they have at the zoo!

- Marty Sultes III

Thank you FEDS for my summer scholarship! I am using it for swim lessons! I love going!  
- Ayla Coe



Thank you FEDS for my summer scholarship. I made some friends and I learned how to hit a baseball. My favorite position is catcher. Thank you,  
- Adam Karr



Thank You FEDS for scholarship I will use it towards my hockey ice time. Hockey is my favorite sport. I have my picture attached with help of mom.

- Trevor Taylor #18  
Michigan FAR  
Flyers Special  
Hockey

Thank you for the summer scholarship....I used the scholarship to play softball with the Warren Tigers who is sponsored by the K of C, and the K of C choose me for a camper-ship for a week long camp this Summer! So because of FEDS I got softball and camp!! YOU ARE A SPECIAL GROUP!  
- Kristin Cunningham

Well wishes to Maddie Brewster who was diagnosed with leukemia a second time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!  
#MADDIESTRONG!





Joshua used his summer scholarship for a few private speech therapy sessions. He enjoyed his one-on-one time with the speech pathologist. He has been running around the house using new words, one them being "uh oh". Thank you FEDS!!

- The Berry's

Michael's scholarship went towards SCAMP in Rochester. He had so much fun and went on several field trips. Scamp is very expensive so we are grateful for the \$100 that went towards it. Thank you FEDS :)

- Michael Tamulevich



Daniel went to camp and loves his Challenger League baseball, Team Knights. Daniel and his camp counselors Mike and VJ (pictured above). Daniel loves going to camp. This is Daniel's 4th year at this camp. St. Francis Camp on the Lake came to FEDS for a group meeting one year and for us parents, it's our respite for 1 week.

- The Passalacqua's



Thank you FEDS for my Summer Scholarship! I used it for swim lessons and Speech Therapy!

- Benjamin Antonelli

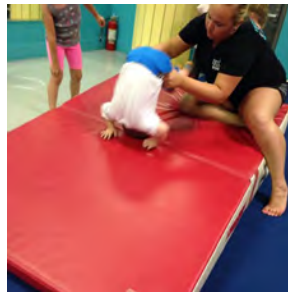
Thank you so much for our summer scholarship! We used it for extra speech and gymnastics camp!!! Thank you FEDS!!!!

- Faith Bott



Dear FEDS, Thank you so much for the summer scholarship for Brody! We are using it for a tumbling class. This will hopefully help him learn to do a somersault safely, continue to learn to follow directions and continue to learn to take turns. In addition to this we will be getting some speech therapy for Brody which is much needed. The scholarship is much appreciated!!

- Brody Hinson



Hello all! I wanted to thank FEDS for the summer scholarship !!! We used it towards speech therapy !!! Thank you so much !! Love,

- Carleigh Tucker





Eric Lempinen was the Grinch in the musical *Sussical* at Stevenson High on July 30—awesome job Eric!



**Thank You's & Well Wishes continued...**

Thank you FEDS for the summer scholarship. We used it towards summer day camp. I had a great time with my friends! Love,  
- Bekah McLain and family



Dear FEDS,  
Thank you for the summer scholarship! I am going to day camp at Oakland University during the last two weeks of July. I can't wait :)  
- Love, Iza Lyjak

**FEDS thanks you for your generous donations!**

To Digitas LBi, Truist - a match request of Matthew Goins, JP Morgan Chase Foundation -Match Request B.Hazelett & J.Sievert, Tracy Cyprus, Janet Mullican, Emily Laws, Jennifer Cartwright, SRG Global Inc., Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., and a match request of Christina Larco.

Donation from Charlotte Oliver in Celebration of Timothy

Donations received in Memory of Mary Fields and In Celebration of Annie Perzyk from:

- Mr & Mrs. Knight, Mr & Mrs. Sutton, Mr & Mrs Line
- Mr. & Mrs. Sims, Mr & Mrs.Kluive,Mr & Mrs. Perzyk
- Ms. Barnes and Michigan Recoveries
- Lorianne Snook,Chiquita Spencer,Barbara Cunningham
- Nelda Popkey in Honor of Rhonda Elliott



**Sympathies**

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to:

- The family of Sarah Itoh on the loss of her grandmother Lynn Gilleland on the loss of her dad and Ava's grandfather, Walter Michewicz
- Lucy Talbot on the loss of her husband and Megan's dad, Robert(Bob) Talbot





# Summer/Fall Upcoming Events:



See the Email BLAST for more details

## August 15

DADS Woodward  
Dream Cruise

DADS group also meets 4th Wednesday's of every month at Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Bill Marceoni for more info dadsofsem@gmail.com



## August 21

Mom's Night Out  
Roger's Roost 7pm

*MNO is a once a month event. Contact Kristen Karr or stay tuned on Facebook, check the Email Blast for upcoming MNO info*



## August 29

SUMMER PICNIC!  
11am Veterans Memorial Park  
32400 Jefferson Avenue,  
Saint Clair Shores, MI

Bring chairs, towels, sun-screen, and your own drinks. Lunch at noon. Please bring a dish to pass according to your last name:

**A-I bring dessert**

**J-Q brings salads**

**R-Z bring side dishes**

ALL families need to RSVP

with:

**Last Name**

**City Where You Live**

**Number of Kids**

**Total Number Attending**

RSVP or volunteer at info@familieexploringdownsyndrome.org

## September 11

FEDS Monthly Meeting  
Annual Pizza Night!  
7pm at MISD  
Michigan/Superior  
Rms



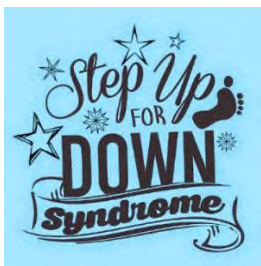
## September 24

**NEW!!!**

Kids MCTD @ Woodside Bible Church in Troy 6pm-7pm

## September 26

Step Up for  
Down Syndrome Walk  
Woodside Bible  
Church, Troy  
campus 10am-3pm



## October 5

Kids MCTD @ The Well in Mt. Clemens 6pm-7pm

## October 14

FEDS Monthly Meeting  
7pm at MISD Michigan/  
Superior Rms  
Guest: OBGYN  
Childcare available  
\$1/child

## October 29

Kids MCTD @ Woodside Bible Church in Troy 6pm-7pm  
\*Superhero Party!\*

## October (TBA)

Halloween Party @ Club Venetian (tentative)

## November 2

Kids MCTD @ The Well in Mt. Clemens 6pm-7pm

## November 11

FEDS Monthly Meeting  
7pm at MISD Michigan/  
Superior Rms  
Topic: Sibling Panel  
Childcare available  
\$1/child

## November 19

Kids MCTD @ Woodside Bible Church in Troy 6pm-7pm

## December 7

Kids MCTD @ The Well in Mt. Clemens 6pm-7pm

## December 17

Kids MCTD @ Woodside Bible Church in Troy 6pm-7pm



## December 12

Annual Christmas Party @ Club Venetian 11am

# HELP WANTED

## DREAM CRUISE EVENT

The **DADS** group is looking for volunteers to support our Dream Cruise event Saturday August 15th. Volunteers are needed for parking lot management, food service support, set-up, and take down activities.

Please contact DADS at:  
DADSOFFSEM@GMAIL.COM



## !!! URGENT !!!



*"The Young Athletes Program was established by Special Olympics International to provide early developmental opportunities for pre-school children, utilizing guided motor activities."  
[http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/Young\\_Athletes/Young\\_Athletes\\_Toolkit.aspx](http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/Young_Athletes/Young_Athletes_Toolkit.aspx)*

Children ages 2-7 are able to participate in YAP. This is a great program introducing children to various sports while helping them build gross motor skills while learning to take turns and follow directions.

**We are need of a coach!** If we do not have a coach we cannot have YAP! Please contact FEDS if you are available!



## Summer Picnic

We need a few dads to bbq the hotdogs and also volunteers to help with set up, clean up, games, and getting ice!

Please volunteer at info@familieexploringdownsyndrome.org





## We Need Your Help!



### 2015 SE MI Step Up For Down Syndrome Walk

Woodside Bible Church  
6600 Rochester Road N. Troy, MI 48085  
Saturday, September 26, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help us make this special event a grand success!

We are in need of help in the following areas: *kids games, parking lot, set-up, DJ assistant and more!* Please email La Toya Bond at [beautifultoy@hotmail.com](mailto:beautifultoy@hotmail.com) and Margie Wheelock at [Margie.wheelock@familieexploringdownsyndrome.org](mailto:Margie.wheelock@familieexploringdownsyndrome.org) if you are interested in volunteering! You can also register online at <http://bit.ly/semiSUDS2015>

# Resources

Below is listed a variety of resources you might find helpful. We also have a library you may check books and movies out for free at our monthly meetings. FEDS does not endorse one organization over another.

## **ADVOCACY & SUPPORT**

[www.bridges4kids.org](http://www.bridges4kids.org)

[www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

[www.mpas.org](http://www.mpas.org)

[www.arcservices.org](http://www.arcservices.org)

## **DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS**

Global Down Syndrome Foundation  
[www.globaldownsyndrome.org](http://www.globaldownsyndrome.org)

National Down Syndrome Society  
[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)

National Down Syndrome Congress  
[www.ndsccenter.org](http://www.ndsccenter.org)

## **LEARNING HELPS**

Handwriting Without Tears  
[www.hwtears.org](http://www.hwtears.org)

Down Syndrome Education  
[www.dseusa.org](http://www.dseusa.org)

Talk Tools  
[www.talktools.com](http://www.talktools.com)

## **MEDICAL**

Children's Special Health Care Services

1-800-359-3722

[www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)  
[cshcsfc@michigan.gov](mailto:cshcsfc@michigan.gov)

## **LIFE SKILLS, WORK, TRADES, HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dutton Farm  
2270 Dutton Rd  
Rochester Hills  
(248) 760-6081

[www.duttonfarm.org](http://www.duttonfarm.org)  
*\*Thrift & Gift store available to public*

Rising Stars Academy  
23855 Lawrence Street,  
Centerline, MI 48015  
(586) 806-6455  
[www.rising-stars-academy.org](http://www.rising-stars-academy.org)

*\*catering services available to public*

Ruby's Rainbow  
(college scholarships)  
[www.rubysrainbow.org](http://www.rubysrainbow.org)

Social Resources, Inc.  
[www.socialresourcesinc.com](http://www.socialresourcesinc.com)



## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Adaptive Swim Lessons  
[www.aquatots.com](http://www.aquatots.com)

AYSO VIP League of Macomb  
[www.ayso459.org](http://www.ayso459.org)

Challenger Little League Baseball  
[www.eteamz.com/michdist6/locations/challenger@littleleague.org](http://www.eteamz.com/michdist6/locations/challenger@littleleague.org)

## **PARENT HELPS**

Down Syndrome Pregnancy  
[www.downsyndromepregnancy.org](http://www.downsyndromepregnancy.org)

Friendship Circle  
[www.friendshipcircle.org](http://www.friendshipcircle.org)

Love and Logic  
[www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

Parent to Parent Connection  
[info@familieexploring-downsyndrome.org](mailto:info@familieexploring-downsyndrome.org)

## **EMERGENCY**

[www.ifineedhelp.org](http://www.ifineedhelp.org)

# FREE Newborn Book From DownSyndromePregnancy.org!

"We are excited to share our recently-released book for the parents of newborns with Down syndrome, **"Welcoming a Newborn with Down Syndrome"** based on our nationally-recognized pregnancy book.

"The book is available for **free** online at [downsyndromepregnancy.org](http://downsyndromepregnancy.org) and for purchase from Woodbine House, so check it out today and share the link with your friends and colleagues!

"Welcoming a Newborn" offers support and accurate, reliable information to the new parents of a baby with Down syndrome receiving a postnatal diagnosis. The book covers topics like breastfeeding, adjusting to a diagnosis, preparing siblings, understanding medical issues, preparing for the future, and, most importantly, it shares diverse stories about the daily lives of families whose children have Down syndrome. The book also features vignettes from parents and beautiful images by noted photographers, Kelle Hampton, Matthew Day, and Conny Wenk.

"The material was reviewed by an expert panel of advisors, including pediatricians, lactation specialists, genetic counselors, education professionals, parent support group leaders, and parents of children with Down syndrome."



[DownSyndromePregnancy.org](http://DownSyndromePregnancy.org)

Kristy Anderson, mom of a newborn with Down syndrome:  
*"This book is an invaluable resource for parents who are embarking on the journey of raising a child with Down syndrome. It was helpful for me to read a practical book that addressed the range of emotions, worries, and questions I had about my sweet baby. And, it's written by experienced parents—the best experts of all!"*

Sarah Cullen, Family Support Director at the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress (MDSC): "Welcoming a Newborn with Down Syndrome' is an exceptional resource for families and will be included in every MDSC First Call welcome package! The pages are full of essential information, practical suggestions and key resources, woven together with compassion and support. This book will undoubtedly be the gold standard for families of newborns with Down syndrome."

# 2015 Appreciation Night



This event is to honor those special people in our children's lives! Each FEDS family is allowed to nominate one individual to thank them for all that they do. We appreciate you!

# 2015 World Down Syndrome Day at . . .



On March 23rd our young adults worked at Culver's in Madison Heights! Thank you Culver's for this amazing opportunity! We'd also like to thank family and friends who came out to support our special servers in honor of World Down Syndrome Day!



# FEDS Statement of Activity

MAY 2014 - APRIL 2014

<b>REVENUE</b>	
DONATIONS	\$ 679.82
End of Year Campaign	\$ 3,385.00
Total DONATIONS	\$ 4,064.82
Non Profit Income	
321 Day	\$ 855.46
Bike Camp	\$ 3,837.00
Bocce	\$ 1,292.44
Club 21	\$ 850.00
Holiday Party	\$ 1,179.50
My Chance to Dance	\$ 310.00
Non-Profit Revenue	\$ 1,296.56
Picnic	\$ 50.00
Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
Tickets	\$ 1,145.00
Walk	\$ 965.00
Total Non Profit Income	\$ 11,830.96
Sponsor	\$ 593.13
Walk Income	\$ 19,565.87
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 36,054.78</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
FUNDRAISING	
Walk expense	\$ 5,032.90
Total FUNDRAISING	\$ 5,032.90
MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	\$ 259.03
Bank Charges	\$ 251.04
Board Mtg	\$ 284.24
Brd Conference	\$ 3,998.63
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,795.00
Insurance	\$ 1,282.00
Legal & Professional Fees	\$ 2,030.00
Newsletter	\$ 792.68
Office Expenses	\$ 1,113.97
P.O. Box	\$ 62.00
Phone	\$ 53.00
Postage And Delivery	\$ 366.10
Stationery & Printing	\$ 890.10
Storage Unit	\$ 1,052.00
Supplies	\$ 306.06

Travel	\$ 3,031.00
Travel Meals	\$ 17.58
Total MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	\$ 17,584.43
Meetings	
Child Care	\$ 220.00
Refreshments	\$ 151.92
Speaker gift/donation	\$ 135.00
Total Meetings	\$ 506.92
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 389.44
321 Day	\$ 825.49
Appreciation Night	\$ 29.68
Bike Camp	\$ 7,975.10
Bingo	\$ 168.98
Bocce	\$ 1,095.00
Charitable Contributions	\$ 1,439.53
Club 21	\$ 1,813.93
Get Well / Sympathy	\$ 582.14
Giving Tree	\$ 1,150.00
Holiday Party	\$ 3,228.75
Medical / Parental Outreach	\$ 492.58
MNO (Moms Nite Out)	\$ 105.74
My Chance to Dance	\$ 990.00
New Parent Brunch	\$ 687.99
Picnic	\$ 296.70
Pizza Party	\$ 674.98
Scholarships	\$ 4,900.00
Special Olympics	\$ 800.00
Tickets	\$ 1,630.00
Total PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 29,276.03
Uncategorized Expenditure	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 52,700.28</b>
<i>Net Operating Revenue</i>	<i>\$ -16,645.50</i>
<i>Other Revenue</i>	
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$ 23.37
<i>Total Other Revenue</i>	\$ 23.37
<i>Other Expenditures</i>	
<i>Reconciliation Discrepancies</i>	\$ 99.99
<i>Total Other Expenditures</i>	\$ 99.99
<i>Net Other Revenue</i>	<i>\$ -76.62</i>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -16,722.12</b>



# FEDS BUDGET

MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

## INCOME/REVENUE

Bocce	\$ 1,100.00
Club 21	\$ 625.00
Donations	\$ 3,000.00
Holiday Party	\$ 1,500.00
Tickets/Events	\$ 1,600.00
Walk 2015	\$ 35,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 42,825.00</b>



## DID YOU KNOW?

*FEDS has a wheelchair that was donated to us! If you need to borrow it contact FEDS via email!*

## EXPENSES

Accounting Fees	\$ 1,000.00	Insurance	\$ 1,400.00
Affiliate Fee (DSAIA)	\$ 1,600.00	Let's Play Group	\$ 150.00
Appreciation Night	\$ 700.00	Library	\$ 200.00
Babysitters	\$ 300.00	Medical Outreach/Parent Mentoring	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees	\$ 75.00	Merchandise	\$ 600.00
Bingo	\$ 175.00	Mtg Refreshments	\$ 100.00
Board Exp	\$ 250.00	New Parent Brunch	\$ 700.00
Bocce	\$ 1,600.00	Newsletter	\$ 200.00
Cell Phone	\$ 100.00	Office Supplies (copies, paper, ink)	\$ 400.00
Club 21	\$ 1,500.00	Picnic 2015	\$ 400.00
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	Pizza Party	\$ 800.00
DSAIA Conference	\$ 4,000.00	P.O. Box	\$ 65.00
Education (members)	\$ 200.00	Scholarships	\$ 4,000.00
Get Well/Sympathy	\$ 600.00	Special Olympics	\$ 750.00
Giving Tree	\$ 1,500.00	Stamps/Postage	\$ 175.00
Golf Outing	\$ 500.00	Storage Unit	\$ 1,000.00
Holiday Party 2015	\$ 3,200.00	Tickets/Events	\$ 2,800.00
Intuit (chg card machine)	\$ 160.00	World DS Day(321)	\$ 1,000.00
		Zoo Walk 2015	\$ 8,000.00

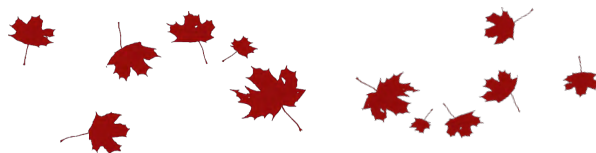
**TOTAL EXPENSES \$42,200.00**

## Your Voice Matters! Encouraging News:

Never underestimate the power of your voice for your child! You are their best advocate! Here is some encouraging news from one of our FEDS members about the power of her voice:

*"Some Great News for our families!! After much fighting with our insurance company to get needed therapy for our son Benjamin, my husband and I contacted our local State Representative, Peter Lucido, and expressed how we felt that our son was being discriminated against, because our insurance company states that they will not give therapy to people with development delays, developmental disabilities, inherited disabilities, however children with Autism get all of these services because of a State Law. Well Rep. Peter Lucido, also felt that there was a huge problem with that, so he wrote the Down Syndrome Bill that will give services to people with Down Syndrome. This bill will almost mimic the State Autism Bill. I don't have a copy of the bill yet, hopefully I will see it soon. Rep. Peter Lucido, will be introducing this Bill in Lansing within the next two weeks I don't have an exact date yet I will update you with that info as soon as I have it. I would love to have a great deal of support from anyone that would love to make that trip to Lansing to support this Down Syndrome Bill for our children. Please spread the word. Thanks!" - Charissa Antonelli*

Wow Charissa! That's great news! We look forward to seeing this bill passed! Keep us posted!



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