

Volunteer Opportunities

The Volunteer Voice is a bi-monthly newsletter published for our dedicated volunteers who give so much. Your time spent volunteering makes a difference in the lives of people who have Down syndrome.

Please review the upcoming opportunities available and contact the Guild office at **913-384-4848** if you have any questions or want to sign up to volunteer! We hope to see you at an upcoming event.



Let's Cut A Rug!

The DSG will be hosting two hip hop dance lessons for teens and adults with Down syndrome during the month of January. Volunteers are needed to help chaperone and make sure everyone has a fun experience.

Volunteers who are interested in this opportunity should contact the DSG Center at **913-384-4848 for more details** about the date and time of this event.

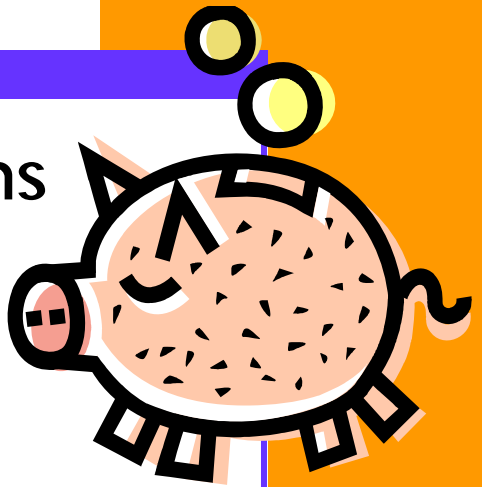
Prom Committee

It's that time again! Every year the DSG hosts a Prom for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. In 2007 we welcomed over 400 guests and 100 volunteers to the Overland Park Convention Center. With a Hawaiian theme in place, plans for the 2008 prom are already underway and committee members are needed to help fundraise, plan, and execute this awesome event.



Individuals interested in helping plan the 2008 Prom are invited to participate on the planning committee. The first meeting will be held at the DSG office **Saturday, January 5** from **9:00-10:00am**; breakfast will be provided. Future committee meetings will be held the **first Saturday of every month from 9:00-10:00am**.

Employer Matching Programs



The DSG is very grateful to have such wonderful and committed volunteers that help with all of our events throughout the year. Countless hours are put in to support individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Did you know that the time you contribute to the DSG may be worth even more than the many thanks that flood our office for programs and services that you make possible?

Many employers offer volunteer matching programs that allow **volunteers to raise money through their hours of service**. Organizations like Sprint, Hallmark, Khol's and Old Navy donate charitable funds to organizations that their employees have volunteered with.

Contact your employer's HR department to find out if your employer offers such programs and how you can name the DSG as a beneficiary.



New Parent Gift Baskets

In 2008 approximately 50 new babies will be welcomed into the DSG family. New families receive baskets with information on Down syndrome, the DSG and gifts to help celebrate the new arrival.

Collection drives for new baby items are an awesome way to help with one of DSG's most influential programs. Items such as receiving blankets, stuffed animals, diapers or toys make wonderful additions to the baskets. Please remember that all items must be new. **For more information or marketing supplies contact the DSG office at 913-384-4848**

Service Hours



DSG is always looking for volunteers to help with mailings, calls, and other **administrative tasks**. Some of these things can even be done from home. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in call the DSG Center at **913-384-4848** and we'd be happy to help you in completing your hours.

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