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# Something Extra

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## Back by Popular Demand -

### Dan Kulp, Comedian, is Scheduled for November's Meeting!

Dan Kulp will be returning for November's general meeting. Which is scheduled for the 18th at 6:30 pm at the Job Center's Cafeteria. Come join us for a Thanksgiving feast and some laughs!! We will have an Inspirational Comedian for our entertainment.

Dan Kulp is a comedic Story Teller, Singer and the proud parent of two adopted children from China who both have Down Syndrome! He is also the proud brother of four siblings who have Down Syndrome.

In fact, during the seventies, PBS and Newsweek Magazine did a feature on them which aired internationally and The National Enquirer did a two page spread about the Kulp family. Now, he's moved into a new chapter to the Kulp



**Dan Kulp pictured with Chris Burke, Dan will be the featured entertainment for November's**

story, Dan and his wife have just received a daughter from China who, like her brother, also has Down Syndrome. Dan will help us celebrate Thanksgiving through his

humorous and profound stories which will reveal lessons learned from his upbringing about tolerance for those with special needs, & acceptance of those who are different. He will also share the joy of adoption and God's amazing way of continuously amazing all of us.

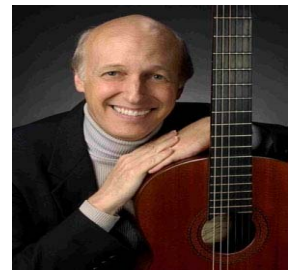
For our Thanksgiving feast, the turkey and drinks will be provided, we ask that every family that attends bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please RSVP to the office by telephone (937)222-0744 or via e-mail [office@mvdsa.org](mailto:office@mvdsa.org). Child care will be provide. Come and be thankful with your extended Down Syndrome Families.

## Make Plans to Attend

Jim Mccutcheon will be our featured entertainer for the annual MVDSA Christmas Party. Our annual event is scheduled for **December 11**, from 2pm to 4 pm at Hillside Chapel in Beavercreek. Jim is an Ohio-based children's artist and multiple guitar master and will entertain us from 2 pm to 3 pm. From 3pm to 4 pm we will have a visit from the one and only

Santa Claus, who has agreed to take lots of pictures with the kids. We had a great turnout last year for this event and we ask that all RSVP to the office if you plan on attending. The office number is (937)222-0744 or email [office@mvdsa.org](mailto:office@mvdsa.org). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with everyone.



**Jim Mccutcheon featured entertainer for Christmas Party.**

# Buddy Walk Recap



Chris Grebner and son Ben. Chris is the current President of MVDSA and 2010 Buddy Walk Chairperson.

On behalf of the **MVDSA** board, Chris would like to personally thank you for your generous support in making our 8th annual MVDSA Buddy Walk a **GREAT** success. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and thanks to your generous time, donations, and all the mini-fundraisers some of our members had, you've made it possible for us to continue to provide and expand our programs for all individuals with Down syndrome living in the Miami Valley. We currently serve members in 11 counties in the Miami Valley and the donations we have received have helped us raise over \$80,000 this year.

**THANK YOU!!**

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for our fun-filled family

day and the crowd of over 2000 people at Delco Park in Kettering. It was amazing to witness the growing number of families, friends, teachers, and community that united to walk in support of someone they love who has Down syndrome. Our Buddy Walk was truly an awesome and incredible day of celebration recognition and awareness for all individuals with Down syndrome. For those that weren't able to make the walk, we know you were there in spirit and appreciate your kind letters of support. As usual there is more than just the Buddy walk chairperson who makes an event like this come off so smoothly. We thank **EVERY** member on the Buddy Walk Committee, including the **MVDSA** office staff who

worked on the Buddy Walk behind the scenes, including their families for everything they could do to help make our day a success. The committees did everything from making medals, to registration, accounting, food set up, organizing volunteers and much, much more. The MVDSA family is an **AMAZING** group to be a part of, especially when it comes to teamwork and support for our ever growing organization.



## WANTED: Buddy Walk 2011

Each year the number of Buddy Walk supporters & families grow, and that's why we need **YOU!**

We are looking for 3 to 4 Buddy Walk Chair Coordinators as well as 10 to 12 more committee members to begin working on **Buddy Walk 2011!!**

If you possess great people skills, enjoy fundraising, are highly organized, have attention to detail, enjoy planning social events, and working on a **TEAM**, then we need **YOU** to join the 2011 Team. We will have the following committees—Corporate Sponsor Fundraising, Registration & T-Shirts, Venue & Set up, Entertainment,

**No Experience is necessary. All you need is an enthusiasm, time and the willingness to help make a better organization for our kids.**

**WE NEED YOU!!**

# Pictures of 2010 Buddy Walk



# Teens & Young Adult Page

## HANGING TEEN!!

*A Social Group for teens with Special Needs. This is an activities-based peer group with parent support! Please call Jacqui Smith (Connor's Mom) the Tuesday before the activity. They will need a headcount if you plan on attending. Call Jacqui at (937)723-8966 or e-mail jacquibs@live.com*

### November 19th

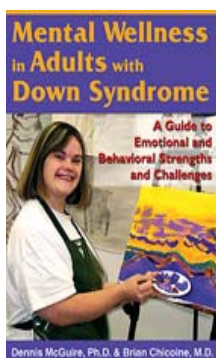
8:45 pm  
Cosmic Bowling  
Woodman Lanes located  
3200 Woodman Drive  
Cost is \$10.00 for shoes and bowling.

### December 17th

7:00 pm  
Christmas Party at  
Steeple Chase Clubhouse  
6790 Riverdowns Drive  
Cost is \$7.00 for food & beverage

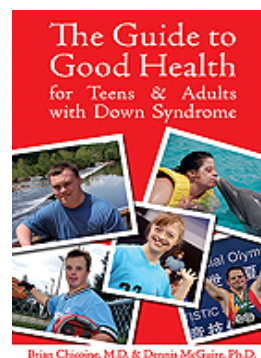
### Teen/Adult Group

November 13th - Fall Harvest Dance at the Church of the Cross. Bring your dancing shoes, a snack to share, and a friend. It's always a fun time. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Barb Schramm at 937-885-2281 or [pathways9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pathways9@sbcglobal.net).



New Books for the Teen and Young Adult with Down Syndrome from Woodbine House. See their website for additional information.

[www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com)



Donations made in memory of Donald Porter, 74 years old of Dayton, Died September 5th, 2010. He has a grandson with Down Syndrome.

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## ✓ Check these out!!

**Sensory Bounce at Bounce U!!**  
2109 Lyons Road  
(937)610-0500  
2nd Monday Every Month  
5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Cost is \$8.50 Per person

For more information on either of these organizations please see their web sites

[www.bounceU.com](http://www.bounceU.com)

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

**Art Café at We Care Arts**  
3035 Wilmington Pike  
(937)252-3937  
Every Tuesday  
6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Cost is \$5.00 per person



### November Birthdays

Michael Bridenbaugh  
Thomas Broom  
Ella Carson  
Dylan Cron  
James Denton  
Brian Dinicola  
Tim Goodman  
John Howard  
Intissar Masoud  
Matthew VanWey  
Sean Watson

### December Birthdays

Jeffrey Bloomingdale  
Abby Cartwright  
Kathy Huelsman  
Destiny Lee  
Megan Lee  
Marin Pulver  
Kara Shane  
Jason Scott Wilson

# Happy Birthday!



## What's New in prenatal diagnosis?

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) is pleased and excited to announce that an agreement has been reached on the contents of a prenatal booklet about Down syndrome which will be made available to physicians and women throughout the United States who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

NDSS believes that the prenatal booklet, *Understanding a Down Syndrome Diagnosis*, developed by Canister, which has been distributed to Down syndrome organizations nationwide through funding provided by the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, is accurate and up-to-date and will benefit thousands of women and their families.

According to Madeleine Will, NDSS VP of Public Policy, "This historic agreement ensures that women and their families can learn the facts about Down syndrome that reflect the experiences of thousands and thousands of families who are living with a family member with Down

*syndrome. Medical professionals who work with parents and families in the Down syndrome community have provided up to date and unbiased information about Down syndrome in a new era when prenatal diagnosis is being offered increasingly to all pregnant women and their families."*

The booklet was reviewed by an Education Advisory which was assembled by NDSS and the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) as part of the Kennedy grant and then submitted to a Consensus Group made up of representatives from NDSS, NDSC, the National Society of Genetic Counselors, the American College of Medical Genetics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, who also provided input to the final version of the booklet revised by Stephanie Meredith at Canister. When the final version is printed it will contain a dedication to Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the following statement agreed upon by the member organizations of the Consensus Group:  
"This booklet was prepared with

assistance from the Down Syndrome Consensus Group, which includes representatives of The National Society of Genetic Counselors, The American College of Medical Genetics, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, The National Down Syndrome Society, The National Down Syndrome Congress."

"This was a significant collaborative process with representatives of five national organizations contributing expert input to finish the booklet with accurate, balanced information and resources for parents with a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The Down Syndrome Consensus Group was initiated in 2008 by the University of South Carolina's Genetic Counseling Program and Center for Disability Resources to promote shared understanding of health professional and advocacy community perspectives on Down syndrome among the five national organizations" states Janice Edwards, Clinical Professor and Director of USC's Genetic Counseling Program.



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## Look What's Coming Up!

### November

November 8th - Board Meeting at the Job Center  
November 18th - General Meeting at the Job Center

More Information to come regarding  
Mom's & D.A.D.S. Groups

### December

December 13th - Board Meeting at the Job Center  
December 11th - Christmas Party at Hillside Chapel

More Information to come regarding  
Mom's & D.A.D.S. Groups

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***MVDSA Mission Statement:*** MVDSA is a non-for-profit organization of people with a common goal to provide information, support, and resources to individuals with Down Syndrome, their families, and their communities.