

# DSAM insights

bimonthly newsletter to support people with Down syndrome and their families



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## From the desk of the Executive Director...

I am so excited about starting 2011 off with our new weekly program, Bright Steps, a collaboration between DSAM and Bright Beginnings, LLC. Bright Steps is a family-centered training program focusing on ther-a-play from birth to 18 months. Each Thursday at the DSAM office families are learning about cognitive development and therapy techniques they can use during daily activities while caring for and playing with their children. Sessions are led by Bright Beginnings licensed teachers and therapists.



I have enjoyed spending time with the families that have joined us already and hope to meet many more of you over the coming weeks. Our goals with the program are:

- Providing parent education about Down syndrome and their child's development
- Encouraging parents to network with each other for continued support outside of the program
- Inviting guest speakers to discuss various topics of interest to parents to increase their awareness about specific medical, financial and emotional issues associated with having a child with special needs
- Assisting parents while navigating the Early Intervention system

I encourage you to join us for upcoming sessions. We meet at the DSAM office every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Below are a few of our scheduled topics. Check the DSAM website for the posted monthly sessions at [www.dsamemphis.org/brightsteps](http://www.dsamemphis.org/brightsteps).

- o Nurse/Medical Needs
- o Speech and Language
- o Cognitive Development
- o Occupational Therapy

Contact the DSAM office at 901-547-7588 or [admin@dsamemphis.org](mailto:admin@dsamemphis.org) and let us know when you will be joining us!



Alyson Edwards  
Executive Director

## Board Bio

Brandon Wann

My wife, Shelley, and I have been married for 10 years. In November of 2003, our lives were blessed by the birth of our son, JB, whom we were told minutes after he was born has Down syndrome. The birth of a baby into a



family is always a life changing event. I had no idea JB would be accompanied by so much sweetness and love. But, as many of you know, his birth also came with a lot of questions and some uncertainty. It was a postnatal diagnosis. And as new parents, we wanted to learn

as much as we could about him as quickly as possible. Where do we go to find out? Who can we turn to?

DSAM. From helping new and expecting parents of children with Down syndrome, to educating parents, educating educators, educating employers, community awareness, and so many other community wide services, the Down Syndrome Association of the Mid-South is truly an amazing organization. Our city and surrounding area are so fortunate to have such a robust and caring group of people, and, for that reason along with so many others, I am proud to have been a board member over the past 2 years. DSAM has not only shined a light on the path that Shelley, Bailey (my 3 year old daughter) and I walk with my son, we have also learned from and have been in awe of the men and women we have met through DSAM. These are people whom their first instinct is to give, share, and lead.

Shelley and I have lived in the Memphis area all of our lives. We are members of Farmington Presbyterian

Church in Germantown. JB has attended Special Kids and Families, Harwood, the inclusion class at Hope Presbyterian Preschool, Farmington Elementary School Preschool, and Dogwood Elementary School where he is now in kindergarten. As a family, we love spending time together swimming in our pool, boating and waterskiing with our friends at Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas, and eating dinner at Chapultepec Restaurant listening to our favorite Mariachi band.

In closing, I would like to highlight the DSAM Mission Statement. "The Down Syndrome Association of Memphis and the Mid-South is a 501 (c) 3 organization whose mission is to support and empower individuals with Down syndrome and their families. DSAM seeks to promote inclusion of all individuals with Down syndrome by providing families and our communities with up-to-date information and education, enhancing public awareness of the inherent worth, value, and contribution of these individuals to society and fostering positive attitudes regarding people with Down syndrome." I give thanks to all of you who have donated your time and money to our cause. It makes me so proud to be a part of this organization. Thank You.

## Presenting the Homecoming Queen, Livi Aldrich

by Julee Aldrich

Livi Aldrich, a student at Bon Lin Middle School, was voted as the 2010 homecoming queen. What is so wonderful about this event is that Livi, born with Down Syndrome, was nominated by the students at this terrific middle school. The students nominated their choice and then the list was reduced to a list of ten and then finally to a list of five choices for both king and queen.



The five choices for both king and queen were then

presented to the student body during the half time of the homecoming basketball game. Livi was then announced as the queen during the half time of the game.

Other facts about Livi:

- Livi has attended Shelby County Schools since the age of 3.
- She is a member of the dance troupe, Company d, which is a group of dancers, all with Down syndrome, who perform both nationally and locally. Darlene Winters is their devoted teacher. Livi is a member of the junior company and practices with the group 4 to 5 hours weekly at Hope Presbyterian School. She loves the group and looks forward to practice each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Brothers: Andrew Aldrich, 18, attends Christian Brothers University and Stephen, 16, sophomore, homeschooled, attends Veritas Classical Christian Schools weekly.
- Parents: Julee, teacher at Veritas Classical Christian Schools and Michael, aerospace engineer at Fedex Livi looks forward to attending school, loves anything to do with Hannah Montana, loves to sing and dance.
- Livi's homeroom teacher, Renee Baum, is a wonderful teacher and does a great job of including Livi in her homeroom class. Erin Rhodes is her special education teacher and is such an encourager to Livi. Both of these teachers came to the 2010 Step Up for Down syndrome event and were a part of Livi's team.



## Focus, Aim, Achieve! Conference Update

Many of you have attended the DSAM sponsored Focus, Aim, Achieve! spring conference for the past two years. The goal of this conference is to bring parents, educators and professionals together to learn about Mid-South resources for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The conference has also been an opportunity for families to connect with national speakers as they share their expertise on different subjects related to Down syndrome.

In an effort to continue to provide families with up-to-date information and education, DSAM will hold the Focus, Aim, Achieve! conference every other year. This change means that the next Focus, Aim, Achieve! conference will be held in the spring of 2012. This new scheduling will allow our local conference to alternate years with the statewide conference.

Additionally, families are encouraged to attend the statewide conference, Fired Up! For Down Syndrome, sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee and held biannually. This year's statewide conference is May 13-14 in Brentwood, Tennessee. Limited stipends may be available. Please contact the DSAM office to apply or for more information



Do you have a success story about an individual with Down syndrome that you would like to share? We want to share your stories with other families and the community! Please contact : [kelli.polatty@dsamemphis.org](mailto:kelli.polatty@dsamemphis.org) with your ideas.



HOT stuff

# Fired Up! For Down Syndrome

## Changing the Future for Down Syndrome

### *2011 statewide conference on Down syndrome sponsored by Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee*

Brentwood, Tennessee May 13-14, 2011

Brentwood United Methodist Church • 309 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN

Join Disability Advocates, Researchers, Educators, Family Members, Self Advocates and Medical Professionals in a two-day conference with sessions on important topics related to Down syndrome.

#### **Keynote speakers for the statewide conference:**

##### **Craig Garner**

Dr. Craig Garner is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the co-director of the Center for Research and Treatment of Down syndrome at Stanford University. Dr. Garner is a developmental neurobiologist interested in neurodevelopmental disorders such as Down syndrome, autism and fragile X syndrome.

##### **Jo Ann Simons**

Jo Ann Simons is well known in the area of intellectual disability and her commitment has enriched the lives of countless individuals. The mother of a son with Down syndrome, Jo Ann holds positions on the Boards of the National Down Syndrome Society and Life, Inc. She lectures throughout the world on issues on transition and future planning.

#### **The conference will also feature presentations from national Down syndrome experts including:**

##### **Terri Couwenhoven**

Terri Couwenhoven, M.S. is both a sexual educator and a mother of a child with Down syndrome. Drawing on her unique background, she blends factual information and practical ideas for teaching children with Down

syndrome about their bodies, puberty, and sexuality in her book, *Teaching Children with Down Syndrome about Their Bodies, Boundaries, and Sexuality*.

##### **Joe Meares**

Joe Meares is the founder of D.A.D.S. As an involved father of four girls – the youngest of whom happens to have Down syndrome – he realized that there was really NO formal avenue for men - fathers - to get together and share their experiences and thoughts related to Down syndrome. Joe organized the first meeting back in 2002 and has served as the group's heart and soul ever since.

##### **George Capone**

Dr. George Capone is Director of the Down Syndrome Program at Kennedy Krieger Institute and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He has conducted extensive research on neurobehavioral disorders in children and adolescents with Down syndrome and serves on the advisory committees of the National Down Syndrome Congress and the National Down Syndrome Society.

Many local speakers with an expertise in Down syndrome will also be presenting on an array of topics such as sleep issues; adult healthcare; medical/developmental issues throughout the ages; healthy lifestyles; and estate, trust, and financial planning.

Registration begins February 1st. For more information about Fired Up!, including conference schedules, CEU information, maps, and a list of area hotels, please visit [www.dsamt.org](http://www.dsamt.org) or call 615.386.9002.

## Developmental Therapy: Meeting Milestones through Play

By: Mary Fleck, M.Ed., Developmental Specialist,  
Bright Beginnings, LLC

Children learn and acquire new skills by exploring their environment and interacting with people and toys. When a child's ability to explore or interact is hindered by matters such as language delay, sensory processing differences, motor delays or behavioral issues, then their ability to acquire new skills may also be hampered.

The years between birth and age five are a critical time for brain development in children. So how do we ensure children are getting the stimulation and tools they need to advance in all areas of development? Developmental therapy is a worthwhile service for parents to learn strategies to help their child meet their milestones.

Developmental therapy looks at the global development of a child which includes their cognition, language and communication, gross and fine motor skills, social-emotional skills and behavior, and self-help skills. A developmental therapist assesses these areas to identify a child's strengths and needs. Individualized play activities are then designed to build on the strengths of the child to help them make progress, achieve milestones and discover capabilities.

Developmental therapy can work in conjunction with other therapies a child may receive such as physical, occupational or speech therapy. Since these therapies focus on specific areas of development, developmental therapy will help tie them all together. A developmental therapist works closely with families to ensure they have the information and support needed to help their child reach their full potential.

So who will benefit from Developmental Therapy? Any child who has been identified to have a developmental delay or whose parents are concerned about their child's development will find advantages from developmental therapy. Children ages birth to three years can receive developmental therapy through their state's Early Intervention System if they are identified to have a delay in any area of development.

Developmental therapy can also be beneficial for children over age three. It can assist them in gaining the skills they need to be successful in school. At this age, developmental therapy addresses skills such as attending to a task, problem solving and reasoning, number and letter recognition, and self-help skills like dressing and toileting.

If you have further questions about Developmental Therapy please contact Mary Fleck at Bright Beginnings, LLC by calling (901) 309-3077 or e-mail [mary.fleck@bbmemphis.com](mailto:mary.fleck@bbmemphis.com).

## KICK OFF

### **Monday, March 21st - STEP UP for Down Syndrome:**

*Team Building Kick-Off Party- 6:30 pm at Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Road, Memphis. Anyone thinking about or planning on being a Team Captain for the upcoming October 2011 STEP UP for Down Syndrome walk needs to attend! This is your opportunity to register your team, receive some great Team Spirit and recruitment ideas and learn about unique fundraising ideas from local vendors. Light refreshments will be provided. All team captains will receive 5 Bubbly Bucks just by attending plus be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a great door prize. Please RSVP by March 18th by calling 901-547-7588 or [admin@dsamemphis.org](mailto:admin@dsamemphis.org).*

### **Be a Part of the STEP UP Committee**

Are you interested in working behind the scenes on the largest disability awareness walk in the Mid-South? Then plan on being a part of the committee to prepare for STEP UP 2011. We need more of your skills and help as this event grows each year! Contact Jennifer Atkeison at 901.547.7588 or [jennifer.atkeison@dsamemphis.org](mailto:jennifer.atkeison@dsamemphis.org) to find out about committee opportunities.

## Extra Credit: Keeper of the Dream

by Kym Clark, News Anchor for WMC-TV  
News Channel 5

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Every year, the National Civil Rights Museum and International Paper give six students -- three middle school, three high school -- the "Keeper of the Dream" award recognizing extraordinary courage, compassion, leadership, and/or service toward others.

One of this year's winners is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina, the deadliest and costliest hurricane in US history. Memphis Catholic High School senior Chelsea Leufroy was 13 years old when the storm system ravaged her home in Pearlinton, Mississippi.

Recalls Leufroy, "We had a 30 foot surge go through our town. So, the four walls of my house were still standing but everything inside was all moved around, the roof caved in."

Leufroy and her family eventually resettled in Memphis, and rather than shy away from her new surroundings, she embraced it and the opportunity to give back — something her parents had already instilled in her from an early age.

But, she adds, all the help she and her family received from the Memphis community after they arrived — money, clothes, etc. — drove her even more to help people less fortunate than she.

Soon after starting at Memphis Catholic, Leufroy began work on numerous service projects and fundraisers as an active member of Catholic High's Jefferson Awards Students in Action Team, Bridge Builders, and volunteers with the Down Syndrome Association of Memphis.

As a matter of fact, for her Sweet 16 birthday party rather than have guests bring a gift, she asked them to donate to Down syndrome. Leufroy has a cousin back home with Down syndrome.

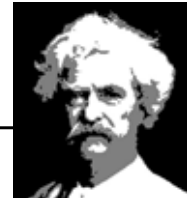
Despite all her charitable causes and volunteer work, Leufroy says she never expected an award.

"The things I do, I don't do them to get recognized for them, I do them because I love to do it." And she adds, "If I can go the rest of my life making people happy, then, I'll be fine."

Leufroy also works five full days a month at LeBonheur's Outpatient Rehab Center, earning nearly 64 percent of her Memphis Catholic High tuition in the school's "Education That Works" work/study curriculum.

After college, where Leufroy plans to major in family studies, she eventually plans on opening her own company to help children with Down syndrome. Incidentally, Leufroy was nominated for her exceptional leadership skills.

To see the news piece that ran, go to:  
<http://www.wmctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13611612>



*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.*

*Explore.*

*Dream.*

*Discover."*

*— Mark Twain*

## Health Care Reform: What Does this Mean for Individuals with Down Syndrome?

By now, most everyone is aware of the struggles and challenges surrounding the Patient Protection Act (H.R. 3590, Public Law 111-148), which was signed into law in March 2010. If you have been keeping up with the news of political change, you may also be aware that legislation (H.R. 2) has been introduced by House Republican leaders to repeal the law in its entirety. As of January 26, 2011, "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act" (H.R. 2) has been placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. If the law is repealed, the long-sought-after improvements in health care and long term care for people with disabilities will be gone. Below is a summary of some of the provisions included in the health care reform that affect individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities. These reforms will be lost if the repeal takes place:

- ▶ Insurers are not allowed to deny coverage to individuals with pre-existing conditions. This means a child needing surgery due to a heart defect that existed before coverage began cannot be denied enrollment.
- ▶ Insurers cannot put a cap on annual or lifetime benefit limits. For example, a child receiving multiple therapies will not max out their plan benefits due to a set dollar limit.
- ▶ Individuals with pre-existing conditions are eligible for insurance coverage through high-risk pools. Premiums will not cost more due to medical conditions and are not based on income eligibility like Medicaid.
- ▶ The CLASS (Community Living Assistance Services and Supports) benefit helps to cover service and

supports that allow individuals with disabilities to live at home and be a part of their community. This benefit does not affect eligibility for Medicaid or Social Security.

- ▶ The Community First Choice (CFC) Option is a Medicaid program offering home and community-based services and supports. States will receive an increase in the federal share of Medicaid payments if they choose this option.
- ▶ Many health insurance plans must now offer expanded coverage for essential benefits, including prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, prevention and wellness services.

***Is there something you can do?*** If these health care improvements affect you or a loved one, then you will not want to see them repealed. Let your voice be heard by contacting your members of Congress and tell them to protect the Affordable Care Act.

***How do I go about this?*** Call the Capitol Switchboard toll-free at 1-888-876-6242 and ask for the office of your Senators and Representative. Once you are put in touch with their office, ask to speak to the person working on health care issues and identify yourself as a constituent.

***What should I tell them?*** Let them know that you are calling to ask them to fight the repeal on the new health care law. Explain that you believe we can't afford to lose the protections and improvements that especially affect individuals with disabilities. Use the provisions summary above to state examples and then ask for their support to protect the Affordable Care Act. Be sure to thank them for their time!



***Shout it Out Loud!***

DSAM strives to provide information that readers will find helpful and useful. Is there a topic you are interested in and want to learn more about? Is there anything missing from the newsletter that you would like to see? Then let us know! Contact Kelli Polatty at [kelli.polatty@dsamemphis.org](mailto:kelli.polatty@dsamemphis.org) with your ideas and suggestions.

## Madonna Learning Center **Gala**

Come out and enjoy the night as you help raise funds for Madonna Learning Center. The 2011 Madonna Learning Center Gala will be held on **Saturday, February 26th** from 7:30-11:30 pm at Christian Brothers High School's Heffernan Hall, 5900 Walnut Grove Rd. There will be a silent and live auction, live band and wine, beer, martinis, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$60 per person in advance and \$75 at the door. Any Madonna parent will have tickets for sale. If anyone would like to purchase tickets, donate an item, or become a sponsor, contact Melissa Wenger at [melissawenger@mac.com](mailto:melissawenger@mac.com) or 218-4518, or Aggie Fratta at 268-0456. You can also reach the Madonna Learning Center at 752-5767.

## The 39th Annual NDSC Convention

**August 5-7, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas**

The 2011 NDSC Convention will take place at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, which is located just 20 minutes from downtown San Antonio and the airport. The NDSC group convention rate is \$149 per night plus tax and is valid July 31 through August 11 based on availability. Availability is limited on the nights leading up to and following the convention, so please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling JW Marriott San Antonio at (210) 403-3434. You can check out the resort's website at [www.jwsanantonio.com](http://www.jwsanantonio.com). You can also call Marriott at (866) 882-4420. Be sure to give them the NDSC Convention Discount Code, DSCDSCA. For more information about the 39th Annual NDSC Convention, go to [www.ndsccenter.org](http://www.ndsccenter.org). Stay tuned for more information from DSAM regarding available stipends and application process.



## D.A.D.S. Lend a Hand

Thank you to all the DADS that got together and painted the conference room at the DSAM office. The new color really brightens the room and makes it a much better place to meet and host programs. Interested in getting involved with this group and meet other DADS? Contact John Stamps at [jestamps@collins-maury.com](mailto:jestamps@collins-maury.com) or Mills Polatty at [polmil@patwar.com](mailto:polmil@patwar.com).

## February

Thursday, Feb. 17th – D.A.D.S. Get-Together, 6:30 p.m. – location TBD. Calling all Dads! We want YOU to come out and join us. Contact Mills Polatty at 901-827-7710 or [polmil@patwar.com](mailto:polmil@patwar.com).

## March

Tuesday, March 1st - Mom's Night Out - 6:30 p.m. at Swanky's Taco Shop, Poplar & Kirby – Enjoy a night out with other Moms and share conversation, tacos and margaritas!

Monday, March 21st - STEP UP for Down Syndrome: Team Building Kick-Off Party - 6:30 pm at Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Road, Memphis. Please RSVP by March 18th by calling 901-547-7588 or [admin@dsamemphis.org](mailto:admin@dsamemphis.org).

March 26th - SAVE THE DATE!!! - 2 – 3:30 pm -We're planning another great DSAM Family Day and we want you to join us. You won't be disappointed! More details to come!

## April

Sunday, April 10th - Zoo Day - 12:30-3:00 pm at the Memphis Zoo - Tickets are \$5 per person for DSAM families and include admission to the zoo and lunch. Reserve your ticket by contacting the DSAM office by Monday, April 4. Tickets will be \$10 per person after April 4. Lunch will be served at the Primate Pavilion from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. A table will be set up in front of the zoo on the day of the event from 12:30 – 1:30pm for those who will be picking up their tickets then. Tickets may be picked up at the DSAM office on Thursday, April 7 from 10am – 1pm and Friday, April 8 from 10am-1pm. Families are free to look around the zoo before and after the event. Zoo memberships may be used for parking, but not for admission to this special event. For more information and to make reservations contact the DSAM office at (901) 547-7588 or email [admin@dsamemphis.org](mailto:admin@dsamemphis.org). NOTE: On a sunny day the parking lines are long for the zoo. Please plan accordingly.

## 2011 Dates to Remember

- April 28th** – DADS Get-Together
- May 3rd** – MS Mom's Night Out, Papa Pia's in Southaven
- May 13th & 14th** – Fired Up! for Down Syndrome, Statewide Conference, Nashville, TN
- June 18th** – DSAM Night at the Redbirds, AutoZone Park
- July 9th** – DSAM Family Bowling Day, Strike Zone Bowling Lanes
- July 28th** – Christmas in July, Lexus of Memphis
- August 5th** – 7th – NDSC National Convention, San Antonio, TX
- August 27th** – DSAM Family Day at Children's Museum of Memphis
- September 10th** – Down Syndrome Awareness Picnic, Southaven, MS
- October 1st** – DSAM Campfire Party, Memphis Botanic Gardens
- October 16th** – Step Up For Down Syndrome
- November 29th** – Holiday Mom's Night Out
- December 10th** – DSAM Holiday Party

## Zoo Days 2010



## DSAM Holiday Party highlights



## **Donations 9/1/10 – 12/31/10**

*DSAM makes every effort to recognize all donations and gifts. We apologize if we inadvertently missed a donation. Please notify us at 901-547-7588 or email [admin@dsamemphis.org](mailto:admin@dsamemphis.org).*

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*DSAM relies on donations to meet our mission to empower and support individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Donations can come in many forms, including Honorariums or Memorials, general or program-specific monetary gifts, office supplies such as stamps and copy paper, and giftcards from a range of retailers. Giftcards are used to purchase items for new parent gatherings, purchase educator materials for the Parents and Schools in Partnership program, and to give as small "thank you's" to speakers and volunteers.*

*We are also in search of nice, matching office furniture, including reception area chairs as well as some other office items. If you know of any business that is remodeling or going out of business, please contact the DSAM office and let us know.*

# LOOKING

**for a book to share with your children,  
whose sibling has Down syndrome?**

Or maybe you want to share a story of acceptance with your child's class?  
Check out our resource library at the DSAM Office:

**I Can, Can You?** *By Marjorie W. Pitzer*

**Taking Down Syndrome to School** *by Jenna Glatzer*

**My Friend Isabelle by Eliza Woloson** is for children ages 2 to 6 and is the  
companion to Everyone Counts!

**We'll Paint the Octopus Red & The Best Worst Brother** *by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen*

**What's Wrong with Timmy** *by Maria Shriver*

**Where's Chimpy** *by Berniece Rabe*

These are just a few of the books we have available. We also have books for older siblings and other books that parents, grandparents and caregivers will find helpful and inspirational. Contact the DSAM office for more information or to find out about checking out one of our resources.

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