



Down Syndrome Association (DSA) of Snohomish County



September 2026 Newsletter

The Down Syndrome Association (DSA) of Snohomish County is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with Down Syndrome. From early childhood through adulthood, we provide resources, connection, and support to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.

If this newsletter was forwarded to you, please subscribe directly at dsasc.org.

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for passionate volunteers to join or lead our committees! As we prepare for upcoming events and initiatives, your time and talents can make a meaningful impact. Current opportunities include:

- Infant baskets for parents of newborns with Down syndrome
 - Creating, crafting, or contributing items to baskets
 - Managing distribution of baskets
 - Initiating contact with new parents
- Boo-tiful Bash (Halloween party), Saturday, October 17th
 - Trunk-or-treat - decorate your trunk, yourself, and pass out candy!
 - Crafting or donating large-scale Fall/Halloween decorations
 - Supervising game and craft stations

- Purchase an item from [DSASC's Amazon wish list](#)
- Fashion Show Fundraiser, 2027. Date TBD.
 - Directing models for runway walk
 - Supervising entertainment stations
 - Applying makeup to models
 - Styling hair for models
 - Donating beautiful clothing for models to wear

Please contact us at info@dsasc.org to volunteer or sign up for any of these opportunities.

Get Ready for the BOO-tiful Bash!



Join us for an afternoon of spooktacular fun at our annual DSASC Halloween Bash! Put on your favorite costume and bring your friends and family for an exciting, sensory-friendly celebration filled with community, laughter, and fall festivities.

While there is *no cost to attend*, we are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving our community. If you are able, a **suggested donation of \$5** online or at the door helps us cover the venue, food, and activities to keep events like this going.

Please [RSVP](#) by **October 11th, 2026**, so we can secure enough treats (and avoid any tricks).

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, October 17, 2026
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Location:** Gold Creek Community Church
[4326 148th St SE](#)
Mill Creek, WA

What to Expect

- **Costume Red Carpet Walk:** Show off your Halloween style and strut your stuff down the red carpet.
- **Trunk-or-Treat:** Safe, fun trick-or-treating from festive decorated trunks.
- **Dance Floor & Games:** Move, groove, and enjoy family-friendly activities.
- **Delicious Treats:** Plenty of food, festive snacks, and refreshments.
- **Photo Ops:** Snap memorable moments at our fall photo stations.

Whether your costume is silly, spooky, or sweet, we can't wait to celebrate together.

Eat pizza to support a great cause!



EVERY SLICE GIVES BACK!
A Delicious Way to Support a Wonderful Cause!

Sparta's Pizza is teaming up with the
Down Syndrome Association of Snohomish County!

 

Mark Your Calendars for:
Sunday, September 20, 2026

ON THIS DAY ONLY, Sparta's Pizza will donate \$4
from **EVERY SINGLE PIZZA SOLD** to the
Down Syndrome Association of Snohomish County.

[Sparta's Pizza and Pasta House](#) is teaming up with the
Down Syndrome Association of Snohomish County!

Mark Your Calendars for: **Sunday, September 20, 2026**

ON THIS DAY ONLY, Sparta's Pizza will donate **\$4 from EVERY SINGLE PIZZA SOLD** to the Down Syndrome Association of Snohomish County.

This includes **ALL ORDERS** – Dine-In, Take-Out, and Delivery! And includes **ALL LOCATIONS!** Plan now to have pizza on September 20th! Tell your friends and family!

Locations & Ordering (use the links below for online ordering)

- **Mill Creek**
13300 Bothell Everett Hwy, Suite 302b, Mill Creek, WA 98012
Phone: 425-948-7500
- **Bothell**
18817 Bothell Way NE, Bothell, WA 9801
Phone: 425-485-1227
- **Lynnwood**
17630 Hwy 99, Lynnwood, WA 98037
Phone: 425-745-1880

Member Spotlight: Meet Austin!

Down Syndrome Association of Snohomish County Member Spotlight

Meet Austin!

This October, Austin celebrates five years with MINI of Seattle! At the dealership, Austin loves detailing the coolest cars and catching rides with his work buddies. He also keeps everyone smiling by serving as the dealership's official party planner, a role he absolutely loves.

Austin's passion for automotive culture led him to collect key fobs—a collection so massive he lost count after 350, earning him the legendary nickname "The Fobfather."

One of his absolute favorite memories with DSASC was taking the light rail into the city with our adult group for a fun day on the pier, where they braved the Sasquatch experience and enjoyed lunch at Ivar's.

Dedicated to his community, he also volunteers weekly at the Salvation Army food bank.



Join the Choir!



Our new Adult Choir offers young adults (18+) with Down syndrome a fun, inclusive space to build musical skills, make lifelong friends, and perform for our community. Registration is now open, and non-singing supporters can also step up to help power the program! Registration cost is \$35. This money will go towards the DSA of Snohomish County's funds.

Dates: Sep 17th to Nov 5th, 2026
Thursday, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.
8 sessions total
\$35

Where:
The Dance School
[2821 Rockefeller Ave.](#)
[Everett, WA 98203](#)

Winter Concert: TBA

<https://givebutter.com/adultchoir>





Meet the choir director!

Hi everyone, I'm Julie, your choir director! I created this choir for adults with Down syndrome out of a deep passion for music and a desire to give back to our amazing community. While this is my first time directing, I bring years of singing experience and songwriting to the role. My biggest goal is to make this a joyful, uplifting space where all of our music lovers can thrive, sing, and have fun together!

Questions?

Reach out to our Committee at info@dsasc.org

<http://www.DSASC.org>

Community Events

Gigi's Playhouse Gala

A promotional poster for the Gigi's Playhouse Gala. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a cityscape at the bottom. In the center, a young boy with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit and a black bow tie, is sitting and smiling. To his right, the text "i have a voice gala" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Above this, the "GiGi's Playhouse" logo is displayed in white, with the tagline "Down Syndrome Achievement Centers educate. inspire. believe." underneath. Below the logo, the text "Everett, WA" is written. Further down, the event details "EDWARD D. HANSEN CONFERENCE CENTER" and "SATURDAY, OCT 24TH 2026 6PM" are listed in white, all-caps font. A paragraph of text describes the gala's purpose: "Gala supports bringing GiGi's Playhouse to the Everett area and launching free, life-changing educational, therapeutic, career development, and wellness programs for individuals with Down syndrome and their families." Below this, a bold white headline reads "PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!". At the bottom left, it says "For more info, visit:" followed by the website "https://gigisplayhouse.org/everett/gala" and the email "or email Everett@gigisplayhouse.org". A QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster.

Join [Gigi's Playhouse](https://gigisplayhouse.org) on October 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the beautiful [Edward D. Hansen Conference Center](#) for GiGi's Playhouse Everett's first-ever [I Have a Voice Gala & Fundraiser](#) — an unforgettable evening of elegance, celebration, and inspiration as our community comes together to create lasting impact. [Tickets](#) and sponsorship opportunities are now available.

Volunteer opportunities are available, and silent auction items are needed. If you would like to volunteer or have auction items to donate, please contact everett@gigisplayhouse.org.

[Down Syndrome Community of Puget Sound \(DSC\)](#)

DSC of Puget Sound has opened registration for their [2026 Buddy Walk](#)!



Mark your calendars for the best day of the year! Start [building your team](#) to celebrate our amazing community.

The [Buddy Walk](#) is our largest celebration and fundraiser of the year.

Thousands of people gather to fill the day with connection and joy for all things DS. You can explore kids' activities, visit resource booths, meet beloved Star Wars characters, and so much more!

[10.11.26](#)

Woodland Park Zoo

10am-1pm

Registration open now!

**Need Support at Your Child's Next IEP Meeting?
Connect with an IEP Parent Partner!**

Navigating special education laws, 504 plans, and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. Through [The Arc of Snohomish County](#), families can access the **IEP Parent Partner Program**—a free resource that matches you with trained volunteer parent partners who provide guidance and attend IEP meetings alongside you for peer support.

Whether you need help preparing questions, understanding your rights, or having an experienced advocate by your side at the table, The Arc is here to help empower your voice.

- **Learn more & get connected:** Contact Nicki Solie at Nicki@arcsno.org or call [425-258-2459](tel:425-258-2459) x110.
- **Explore resources:** Visit [The Arc of Snohomish County Special Education](#) to find community resources, upcoming speaker events, and parent group information.



Thank you!

Let us know what you'd like to see in upcoming newsletters here!

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