

## WHO WE ARE

The Down Syndrome Association of Roanoke (“DSAR”) is a non-profit, nondenominational organization providing advocacy, educational and support services for families and friends of individuals with Down syndrome, as well as professionals who work with individuals with disabilities. The DSAR’s goal is to improve the quality of life for all persons with disabilities in Southwest Virginia.

## WHAT IS DOWN SYNDROME?

Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that causes delays in physical and intellectual development. Down syndrome occurs in approximately one in every 700 live births. It affects people of all ages, nationalities, races, and socio-economic levels.

All people with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, but the effect is usually mild to moderate and is not indicative of the many strengths and talents that each individual possesses.

People with Down syndrome benefit from loving homes, early intervention, appropriate education, good medical care, and positive public attitudes. People with Down syndrome are more like their non-disabled peers than they are different, and they deserve the same opportunities and challenges.

## WHAT THE DSAR DOES

In addition to providing a supportive forum for families and friends of individuals with Down syndrome, the DSAR:

- promotes public awareness and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome;
- provides up-to-date information to new parents and medical professionals;
- maintains a lending library;
- hosts guest speakers;
- publishes a newsletter;
- supports community projects that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities;
- funds an educational scholarship for a college student with a disability; and
- sponsors an annual Buddy Walk to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October.

The DSAR charges no membership fees.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please call (540) 772-6460, send us an e-mail, or complete and return the attached card.

Website: [www.dsar.org](http://www.dsar.org)

E-mail: [info@dsar.org](mailto:info@dsar.org)

Name: (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have a family member or friend who has Down syndrome.
- I am a professional who works with individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities.

I would like the following:

- To be placed on mailing list to receive newsletters and other mailings.
- A NEW PARENT PACKET (a package of information on Down syndrome).
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION of ROANOKE**

Serving Southwest Virginia

Providing Information and Support to the Community Since 1990

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is an Affiliate of the  
National Down Syndrome Society



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