



Let's get Down to it...

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Upcoming Events

- July 9th - LLDSS Meeting, 6-8, Erin's Pavillion
- August 13th - LLDSS Meeting, 6-8, Erins Pavillion - Buddy Walk Overview!
- September 12th - 15th Annual LLDSS Buddy Walk - Washington Park

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A Message from the President

Greetings LLDSS Members!

The morning of June 5th, Central Illinois was forecasted with a 70% chance of rain. As many of you know this was the day of our 10th Annual LLDSS Golf Outing. By some sort of meteorological anomaly, our golfers only experienced a brief drizzle in Auburn, while residents of Springfield were pelted with hail, and received over an inch of rainfall!

Needless to say we got really lucky and ended up having a very enjoyable outing. This year the funds raised will be used for a Photography Production Program managed by UCP Land of Lincoln. As you may know, many of our members attend UCP camp and UCP serves many individuals in the Springfield area who have Down Syndrome through their respite program. This photography program will focus on the entire process of photographic art from composition to editing, and printing to display. With the right equipment, photography become accessible to those with disabilities by the use of wifi connected cameras, and specialty mounts designed specifically for children and adults with disabilities.

LLDSS has agreed to fund the start-up cost for the Production Program. The \$7800 we committed will fund Gopro Hero 4 Cameras, adaptive mounts, iPad Mini 3s, Epson Stylus Photo printer, Apple iMac Computer set up for photo editing, and associated protective cases and start-up supplies. Coupled with this, UCP announced that Terry Farmer has donated his services to photograph members of our group as well as those in the UCP Respite program to appear on UCP Banners and displays for their annual Telethon held every January. Very exciting news!

I wish to thank all the volunteers that came out on the 5th to support the LLDSS Golf Committee. Jason Schnepf, Ryan Johnson, and Tim Rigby did an incredible job in organizing the event and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Great work everyone!

Very Kindly,

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News and Noteworthy

Last quarter I mentioned the Down Syndrome Info Act that was introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives as HB3158. It is with great pleasure I get to share with you that it passed both the House and the Senate and is sitting on Governor Rauner's desk. The legislation provides up-to-date and evidence based written information about Down syndrome reviewed by medical experts and the national Down syndrome organizations. A Bill signing by the Governor was requested by the Sponsor of the Bill and wouldn't you guess it, LLDSS was asked if we would like to be present for it. How cool is that!

Useful Links

Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society
<http://www.LLDSS.org>

National Down Syndrome Society
<http://www.ndss.org/>

Sparc <http://www.spfldsparc.org/>

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln
<http://ucpll.org/>

PUNS List Information
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=47620>

LLDSS Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lincoln-Land-Down-Syndrome-Society/100514010032422>

Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis
<http://dsagsl.org/programs/community-groups/>

LLDSS Moms Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/404921159550855/?ref=nf>

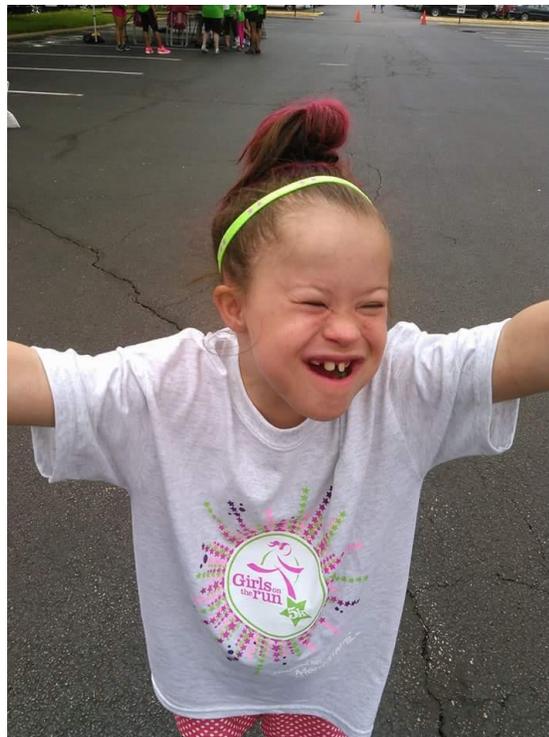
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Member Spotlight

It was Coronation Day in Chatham recently as our very own LLDSS member Shelbie Nevill was crowned Prom Queen for Chatham Glenwood High School! Recognized among hundreds of her peers and classmates, Shelbie was undoubtedly deemed Queen for her wonderful attitude, beauty, and spirit. Already on cloud 9, Shelbie also graduated with the Chatham Glenwood High School Class of 2015 to wrap up a very Magical May. Congratulations Shelbie, we are all very proud of you.



Do you know how many miles a 5K is? Katie Ledford does, and I am sure she can tell you about all 16,404 feet of the stretch! (That's 196,848 inches, or roughly 3.2 miles!) Running alongside of her mother, Amanda Carbiener, and sister, Abigail, Katie finished her 1st 5K on May 16th as a part of the Women On The Run 5k Event. The trio finished the race with a time of 43 minutes. Keep up the great work Katie, we are all anxiously awaiting to see what you accomplish next!

If you wish to have your child added to the next Member Spotlight, email me your story and I will gladly shine the light your way.

-Jared