

## Our Mission

The mission of Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network is to connect, support, and provide accurate information for families with a Down syndrome diagnosis. DSDN envisions a world where families have unbiased and factually accurate diagnosis experiences, every time, through which they quickly know they're not alone.



*"Entering the Down syndrome community has been like gaining a new family."*

—Mike, Dad to Isabel



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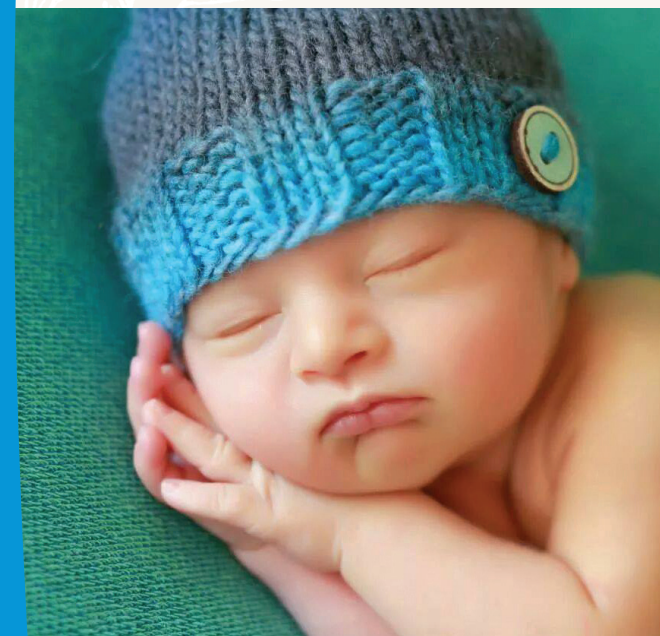
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A layer of support  
when it's needed most



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## Supporting New & Expectant Parents

Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN) seeks to support families receiving a prenatal or birth diagnosis for their child by providing them with up-to-date information.

We aim to equip parents with tips, facts and real stories that will assist them in navigating through the diagnosis.

DSDN achieves this through our website and social media outlets where parents can receive daily resources directing them to the information they need. Through the support of the book *{Unexpected} Stories of a Down syndrome diagnosis* by Jen Jacob, we are also able to offer families access to the diagnosis experiences of families from around the world.



Want to join an online community?

Email us at: [support@dsdiagnosisnetwork.org](mailto:support@dsdiagnosisnetwork.org)

Want to learn more about our  
New Parent Resources?  
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## Medical Outreach & Local Connections



DSDN believes that the diagnosis conversation can impact families in their path to acceptance and willingness to reach out for support. We also know that local connections are valuable for new families.

### MEDICAL OUTREACH

- **Feedback Program** – DSDN assists patients in giving feedback to medical providers regarding their prenatal or birth diagnosis experience. Additionally, we provide medical professionals with valuable resources from multiple sources to assist them in handling future diagnosis conversations.
- **DSDN Postnatal Resources** – Our “How to Deliver a Postnatal Diagnosis of Down syndrome” brochure is a compilation of professional recommendations for delivering a birth diagnosis of Down syndrome. Many local organizations across the country are utilizing this important resource in their medical outreach.

### LOCAL CONNECTIONS

DSDN supports local organizations in the following ways:

- **Providing DSDN Resources** – DSDN provides local organizations our new and expectant parent resources for their new parent packets and welcome baskets at no charge. These resources provide families an additional layer of support.
- **Connecting Families** – DSDN assists online families in connecting to a local organization or family in their area.

## Connecting, Celebrating & Comforting

DSDN understands that a strong support system can make a great impact in the lives of parents raising a child. We have a deep desire to connect and support parents receiving a new Down syndrome diagnosis.



DSDN facilitates this through our *Rockin' Mom* online communities. These private, small, birth-club style groups give families the support of sharing their experiences with families who can relate.



Through our *Rockin' Family Fund*, DSDN is able to provide new families joining our groups with a welcome gift and extra support in times of health challenges or unexpected loss.



Our *Annual Rockin' Mom Retreat* is held in the fall and provides moms with a weekend away to connect, inspire and recharge.



### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA—

**Facebook:** Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network

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