



**Down Syndrome Association of Ontario**

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**Membership Application**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child with Down syndrome:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee for Local Organizations  
(\$50.00 yr)

Membership Fee for Individuals (\$25.00 yr)

**Donation:**

Receipts available for donations over \$20.00 or more.

Please make cheque or money order payable to Down Syndrome Association of Ontario. Your membership includes a discount for the Annual Conference.

**Benefits to a Membership Registration Discounts at the Annual Conference**

- SEAC Training
- Leadership Development for Local Organizations
- Fundraising Support
- Representation on the Board of Directors
- Quarterly Newsletter



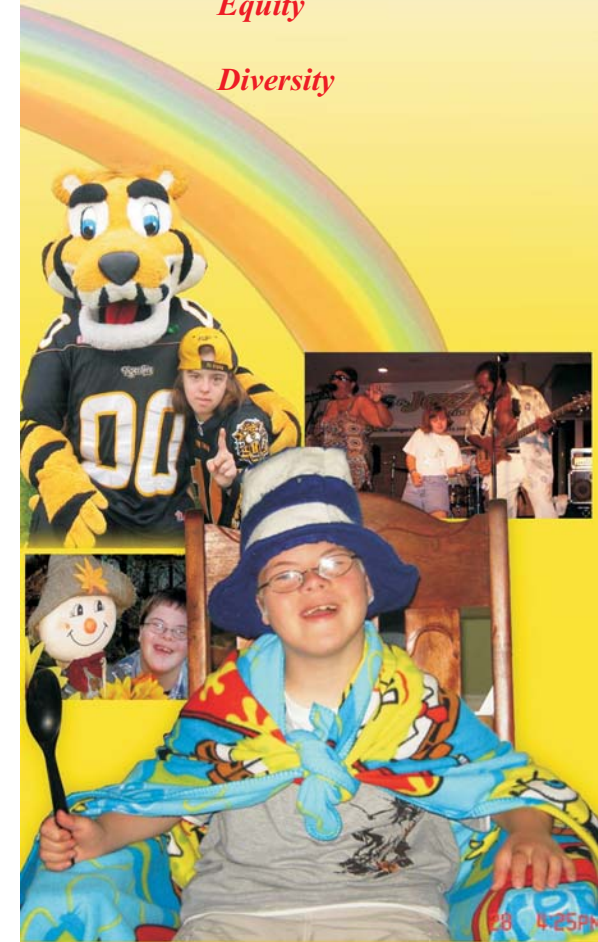
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See the Person First

*Inclusion*

*Equity*

*Diversity*



## Mission...

To ensure equity in all aspects of life for persons with Down syndrome in Ontario.

## Vision...

- Network, educate and communicate information and resources.
- Advocate and lobby for opportunities and equity, e.g. Employment, Education and Medical, Social and Independence etc.
- Create an environment that is inclusive and supports cultural diversity.

## We Are Here To Help

- The Down Syndrome Association of Ontario is a charitable, non-profit organization created by parents in February 1985.
- We elect a Board of Directors to provide leadership to the association
- We facilitate an Annual Conference for parents, teachers, educators and professionals to interact
- We are here to answer questions and provide support connections throughout Ontario
- We ensure that all students with Down syndrome are welcomed in regular classes in neighbourhood schools, with appropriate support services.

## What Is Down syndrome?

A genetic disorder that occurs at conception. Down syndrome results when a baby is conceived with an extra copy of chromosome 21.

Down syndrome usually causes delays and limitations in physical and intellectual development. Just as in the general population, there is a wide variation in mental abilities, behaviour and physical development in individuals with Down syndrome.

Down syndrome occurs in approximately one in 800 births in Canada. Women under 35 years of age give birth to more than 80% of children with Down syndrome. Approximately 30-40% of individuals with Down syndrome are born with heart defects and some have other congenital anomalies. Most of these defects are now correctable by surgery.

