



SANDS

2018

Annual Report



Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome

June 2019

A Letter from our President



Dear SANDS Families and Friends,

I'm proud of what we accomplished in 2018! SANDS continued our sponsorship of the My Time program at the Tucson Children's Museum. The My Time program allows the Tucson Children's Museum to open an hour early exclusively for families who have loved ones with special needs and sensory issues to enjoy the museum without big and loud crowds.

We also brought Brian Donovan to Southern Arizona to host a special screening and Q&A for *Kelly's Hollywood*, a documentary highlighting the sibling relationship between Brian and his sister, Kelly. We're excited about working with Brian in the future as he continues to share Kelly's story and spreads his message of kindness and acceptance.

In August, SANDS hosted the inaugural SANDS/DADS Golf Tournament at the Omni Tucson National Resort. Along with a generous donation from Chuy's Mexican Grill, all of the tournament proceeds are going to providing 3-wheeled bikes for 10 individuals in our community which we've already begun awarding.

In 2019 we want SANDS to be YOUR organization. We want to insure SANDS continues to serve and support YOUR family and meets YOUR needs. We want you to be involved, connect you with the resources you need and continue advocating for your loved ones. You'll also be seeing a reboot of our website with new features that we're excited to share with you. Keep following us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter for all of the latest and greatest and how you can get involved.

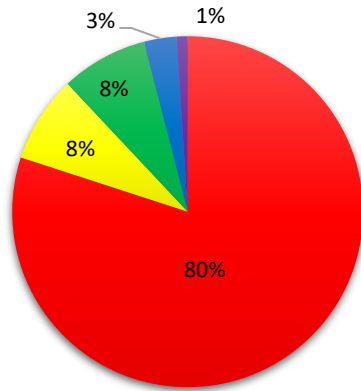
Thank you for your continued support of and belief in the mission the Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome.

On behalf of a grateful Board of Directors,

Allyson Schug

2017 Financials

Sources of Income

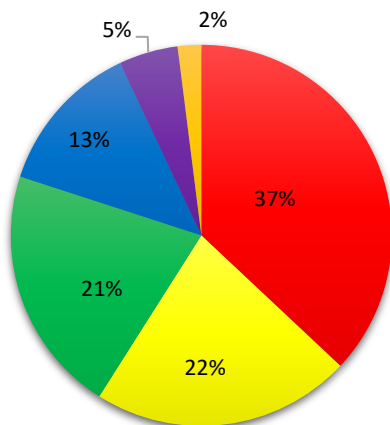


■ Buddy Walk
 ■ Grants
 ■ Fundraising
■ Ind. & Corp. Donations
 ■ Interest Income

Buddy Walk	\$64,810.21
Grants	\$7,000.00
Fundraising	\$6,805.16
Ind. & Corp Donations	\$2,480.11
Interest	<u>\$120.31</u>

Total Income \$81,215.79

Expenses



■ Buddy Walk
 ■ GIB & Grants
 ■ Administrative
■ Conferences
 ■ Community Outreach
 ■ Memberships

Buddy Walk	\$24,146.37
GIB & Grants	\$14,246.05
Administrative	\$13,990.63
Conferences	\$8,134.91
Comm Outreach	\$3,517.25
Memberships	<u>\$1,150.00</u>

Total Expenses \$65,185.21

*For a more detailed explanation on expenses, please see

“Your Support at Work” on the next page.

Your Support at Work

Conferences

In 2018, we sent representatives and families to the Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action Conference, Buddy Walk on Washington, and The Down Syndrome Congress Convention.

Buddy Walk

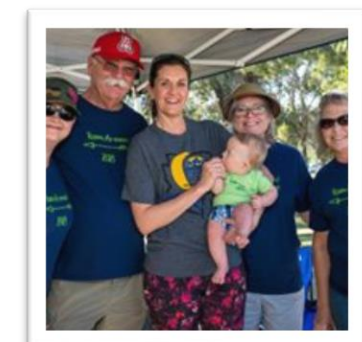
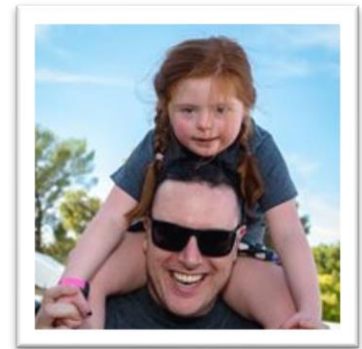
Every year, our Buddy Walk is a family reunion and resource event for our community. It is our biggest fundraiser, as well as our biggest expense. Our costs include: Reid Park rental, tents, tables, chairs, bounce houses, T-shirts, incentives and other miscellaneous fees. We also send a small percentage of our revenue to NDSS every year to aid in national advocacy. A percentage of our funds raised goes to support the Down Syndrome Research Group at the University of Arizona, Lumind, and Global Down Syndrome Foundation. Our Grand Marshal was TEP President and CEO, David Hutchens. TEP has been our biggest sponsor for many years. We were honored to recognize their contributions to our organization!

Give it Back! And Grants

We were able to help 17 families with personal Give It Back awards to help fulfill their needs. This year we provided 2 iPads, 2 bikes, glasses, and specially fitted shoes. We also helped pay for tutoring services, therapies and therapy equipment for several families. SANDS funded community groups such as Santa Cruz Parent Love Connection, D.A.D.S. of Southern Arizona, the Children's Museum, and the UofA Down Syndrome Research group.

Administrative

Our administrative costs include paper, ink, bank fees, liability insurance, storage unit and other equipment expenses. This year we began the process of re-designing our website. While this process is costly and time consuming, it is a vital part of our mission to provide our families with easily accessible information. This website project is estimated to be completed in 2019.



Memberships

We feel that it is important to support Down syndrome awareness and advocacy on a national level. We also are members of organizations that support our board and community such as the National Down Syndrome Society, Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action, and the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.



Community Outreach

Our community outreach program assembled new parent packets for our families to receive helpful information when their little one is born. We also hosted events this year such as: 2 inclusion workshops, social gatherings and the Children's Museum. We were fortunate to receive free and discounted services for our events this year which helped keep our costs lower than usual.



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