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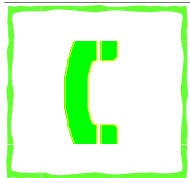
*...opening doors together
to enrich the lives of
people with Down syndrome*

MISSION STATEMENT

To advocate for the rights, interests and welfare of people with Down syndrome or other similar chromosomal disorders.

To promote and/or provide specific programs, services and resources which improve their health and well-being, education, personal development, employment opportunities, and recreational and life-style options.

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Opening doors together

People with Down syndrome have a genetic condition which affects about one in every 660 babies born each year. This syndrome is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome in every cell of the body, an extra chromosome 21. This is why it is often referred to as 'Trisomy 21'.

Every person with Down syndrome is an individual. Whilst they may have some of the physical and medical characteristics common to the condition, and varying degrees of ability, they will also have many traits that they inherit from their family.

Today young people with Down syndrome are not only living fulfilled lives, but are determined to show the world that they are talented young people with hopes and dreams of a promising future. They are challenging the community to accept diversity and difference, and to give them the respect and dignity that they deserve.

In 1974, a group of concerned parents formed Down's Children Inc., now the Down Syndrome Society of South Australia Inc. This group established a service to provide family support and specialist education programs.

Today through Government funding and considerable fundraising efforts, the Society is able to offer a range of services to people with Down syndrome and their families throughout South Australia. These services are available to people with Chromosomal Disorders that are similar to Down syndrome and their families.

The parents, staff and Board of Management of the Society continue to have a deep-rooted desire to make life as typical and enjoyable as possible for people with Down syndrome.

What can we offer?

We have an experienced team of presenters who can inspire, and uplift your audience. We can tailor our presentation to meet your specific needs.

Who are our presenters?

★ Ambassadors who will challenge you!

People with Down syndrome who are ambassadors for the Society, are trained public speakers. They have extraordinary lives and would like to share their journey into adulthood with you!



Sarah Byrne is one of our ambassadors. Sarah is 22 years old, a sportswoman, rock 'n' roll dancer, an employee with Subway, and an international traveller. Sarah has a strong determination to be a high achiever, and show the world and others with disability, that achievement is not about being the best, but about

'doing the best that you can.'

★ Parents who will inspire you!



Judy Opolski is President of the Down Syndrome Society. Her son, Rohan has Down syndrome. Judy has been involved in the Society for all of Rohan's life. Her life has been enriched by the joys and challenges of raising her son who is now

24 years old. He is a young man whose life is filled with friends, work, sport and learning. Judy also has an academic interest in Down syndrome and is completing a PhD about the cognitive and language characteristics of people with Down syndrome



★ Experienced Professionals who will uplift you!

We have Professionals who have a wealth of experience in the field of Down syndrome. They will challenge your attitude towards and understanding of people with Down syndrome.

The future of children with Down syndrome is much more positive than it would have been just ten to twenty years ago. In part this is due to advances in medical care, but its also because the people who work in the field know a great deal more about achieving the best possible developmental path for each child.

Through community awareness raising and support we can continue to enrich the lives of people with Down syndrome.

In 1989 Vicki Brown was appointed as the Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Society. Vicki has been responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of the Society's Early Intervention, preschool/school consultancy service, leisure and recreation programs, life and work education programs, throughout South Australia. This has involved developing numerous training programs and publications to support educators and community groups in the inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome into local preschools and schools, and community activities.

Vicki has been invited numerous times to present workshops Nationally and Internationally.