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Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma

EMPOWER. EDUCATE. ENHANCE.







FY 2025-2026

ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT US

DSACO is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded in January 2000, by parents of children with Down syndrome. We support our mission through a variety of family-oriented events, education workshops, and community awareness campaigns such as:

- Resources for new parents and adults
- Monthly workshops for teens and adults
- Kylee's Kitchen
- Free tutoring and IEP consultations
- Self Advocacy Center
- Advocacy and Outreach
- Social events and gatherings
- Parent support groups
- Festival and 5K Awareness Walk
- Uniqu3ly 21 fashion show
- DSACO Cup golf tournament
- Bountiful Blessing Calendar



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I reflect on this past year, I am reminded of just how far DSACO has come. More than 25 years ago, DSACO began as a parent-led nonprofit with families who wanted greater resources, opportunities, and inclusion for their children with Down syndrome. Today, we have grown to a staff of nine, providing more than 200 programs and events each year and serving more than 1,200 families across Central Oklahoma. Through all that growth, the heart of DSACO remains the same—families supporting families and creating opportunities for people with Down syndrome to thrive.

Behind those numbers are the stories that truly define our impact: a child learning to read, a teenager finding friends and gaining independence, an adult finding meaningful employment, and a new parent discovering they are not alone. This year, we continued expanding opportunities through tutoring, camps, cooking classes, employment services, self-advocacy, social programs, parent support and so much more. As both a parent of a daughter with Down syndrome and DSACO's Executive Director, I know personally how much it means to have this community beside you through every stage of life.

As we look toward the next 25 years, we are dreaming even bigger—more opportunities, greater independence, stronger advocacy, meaningful employment and a community where people with Down syndrome are not simply included but valued for who they are and what they contribute. None of this would be possible without our families, donors, volunteers, Board, staff, and community partners. Twenty-five years ago, a group of parents set out to create a better future for their children. Today, more than 1,200 families are part of what they started, and together, we will continue breaking barriers, trailblazing through challenges and creating new possibilities for people with Down syndrome for generations to come.

Always Advocating,

Sarah Soell

Sarah Soell

OUR MISSION

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OUR VISION

> To be the leading resource for Down syndrome support and advocacy in Oklahoma and to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome have every opportunity to reach their full potential.

OUR OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

- Back to School Bash
- Educational Toolkits
- Classes – Audiology/Speech/OT and PT
- Governor's Rehabilitation Council
- School Presentations
- DSAIA Members Meetings
- OTI Council
- LEND Family Support Group
- Oklahoma Inclusive Post Secondary Alliance
- Wellspring Conference
- Mix and Mingle - (6)
- Dream Night at the Zoo
- Sooner Start Presentation
- Inclusive Communication Conference
- Oklahoma Transition Council
- Global Membership Advisory Board
- 4-H Round Up - Pete's Picnic
- University Volunteer Booths
- Pediatric Residents Visits
- School Resource Fairs
- Oklahoma State Department of Education Conference
- JD McCarty Center ABA Clinic
- Donuts with DSACO and Flapjacks with Friends
- Oklahoma Caregiver Coalition and Conference
- One Gas
- Comets Baseball Game
- For Heaven's Sake Christian School and Daycare

OUR IMPACT

NEW PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- WWF - Deer Creek
- Entrepreneurship Workshop
- Podcast Growth
- Oklahoma Christian University Homecoming
- DRS Contract
- Inasmuch Fellowship
- Swim Camp
- Teen Hangouts
- OT Field Study Sessions
- State Superintendent Forum





ELEMENTARY AGE PROGRAMMING

Total: 90 Activities serving 150 Participants

- Hosted 3 OT Camps: 23 Campers
- Elementary Adventure Club: 11 Events, 37 Participants
- Tutoring: 75 Sessions
- Reading with Hannah: 15

TEEN & SELF ADVOCATE PROGRAMS

Total: 64 Activities serving 557 Participants

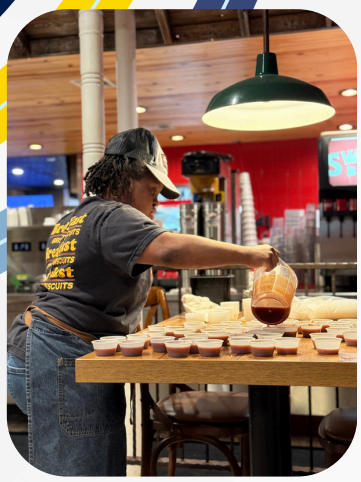
- DSACO Club: 5 Events, 31 Participants
- Workshops: 8 Events, 10 Attendees
- Basketball Camp: 2 Camps, 72 Attendees
- Kylee's Kitchen: 36 Classes, 200 Attendees
- Down with Driving: 1 Class, 25 Attendees
- Food Critics: 8 Events, 173 Participants
- Twin Cedars Camp: 20 Participants
- Entrepreneurship Workshop: 12 Participants
- Swim camp: 5 Partcipants
- Teen Hangouts, 9 Participants





SELF-ADVOCACY CENTER

- 6 Participants
- Topics: Health and Wellness, Community Service, Academic Job Readiness and Social Skills - PRE-ETs
- Completed Boundary and the Basics Toolkit
- Pre-Employment Transition Trainings
- Char-Bootery Boards
- Can-Do Button



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- 10 active clients
  - 6 are Employed
  - 3 are Active In the Job Search
- Invoiced for $32,000
- Job Placements:
  - Swadleys: 2
  - NYAJ/Quincy's Bakery
  - Jewish Federation
  - Portland Veterinary Clinic
  - DSACO

PARENT-TO-PARENT MEETINGS

- D.A.D.S. (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome): 2 Events, 4 People
- M.O.M.S. (Moms on a Mission): 9 Events, 107 People
- P2P: 9 Events, 85 People





FIRST CONNECTIONS

Purpose: To connect experienced parents with new parents to provide support and encouragement

- Hosted 4 New Parent Breakfasts
  - Attendees: 50

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Easter Eggstravaganza: 108
- Holiday Party: 369
- Valentine's Banquet: 109
- Fall Party: 71
- Sock Hop: 139



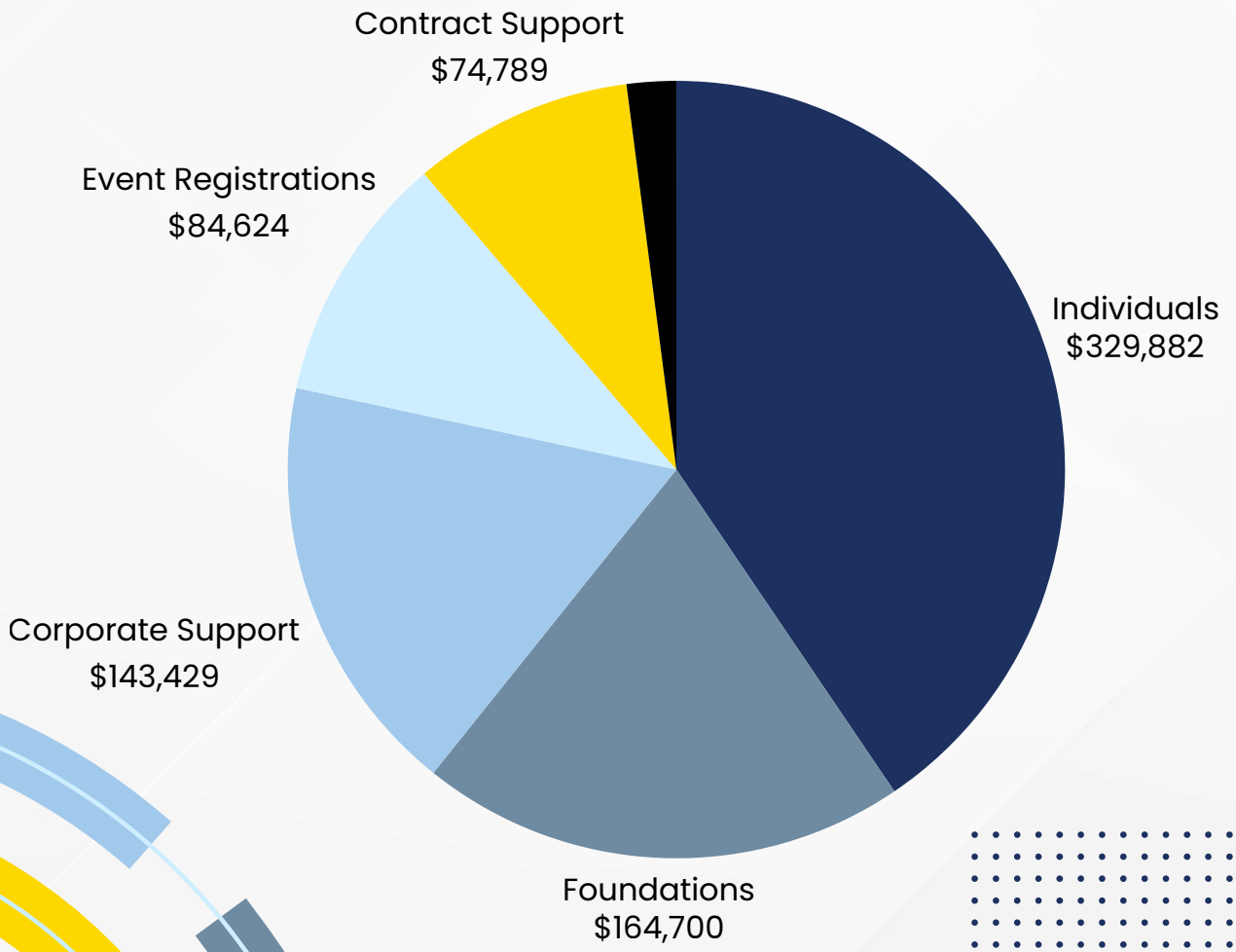


YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

Every dollar entrusted to DSACO helps strengthen our mission and expand opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. In FY2026, DSACO invested nearly **$329,000 directly in programs and services**, while also investing in the fundraising efforts that make those programs possible and the administrative infrastructure needed to operate a strong, sustainable organization.

We are grateful to the individuals, businesses, foundations, and community partners whose generosity allows DSACO to provide meaningful programs, resources, advocacy, education, and support to families throughout Central Oklahoma.

TOTAL REVENUE: $814,137



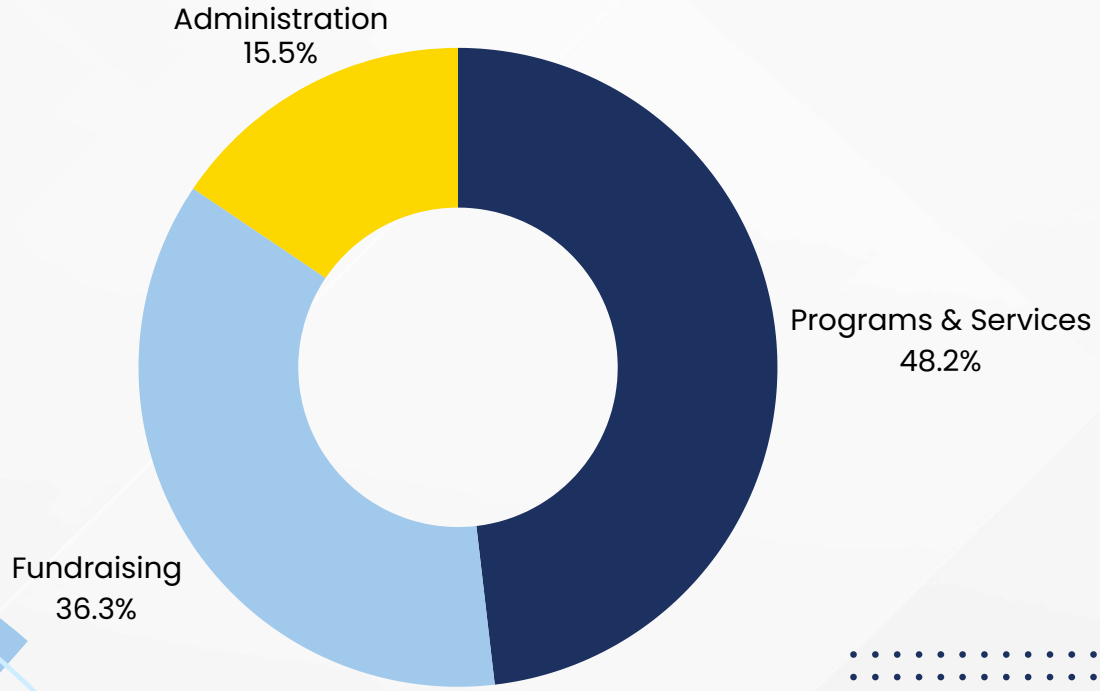
OUR FINANCIALS

In FY2026, DSACO received **$814,137** in revenue and invested **$682,903** in programs and services, fundraising, and the operations that support our mission.

Our community makes our mission possible. In FY2026, individuals were DSACO's largest source of support, providing more than **$329,000—or 40% of our total revenue.** This strong individual investment, combined with support from foundations, corporate partners, contract sources, events, and earned revenue, gives DSACO a diverse funding base to sustain and expand services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

Of our total expenses, **48% supported programs and services,** 36% supported fundraising efforts that sustain and grow our mission, and 16% supported administration and organizational operations.

The remaining **$131,234** will help fulfill DSACO's commitments to our **endowment and required reserve funds**, strengthening the organization's long-term financial stability and helping ensure that DSACO can continue serving individuals with Down syndrome and their families for generations to come.



TOTAL EXPENSES: $682,903

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