



Down Syndrome  
Association of  
Northwest Indiana

# What's Up!

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## January Donations

We would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and businesses for their generous donations. All gifts are greatly appreciated and assist the DSA of NWI with fulfilling its mission.

### General Donations

Edward & Darlene Kielbasa  
Anonymous



## Awareness Calendars

Gigi's Playhouse is selling their 2010 Down syndrome awareness calendars for \$12 each plus \$5.25 shipping. All proceeds go into spreading Down syndrome awareness.

If you are interested in purchasing, please see [www.gigisplayhouse.org](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org) or call: 847-885-PLAY.



Name	Date	Name	Date
Joel S.	2	Greg H.	16
Zachary A.	7	Duncan M.	19
Garrett K.	9	Takara G.	20
Bo G.	10	Summer L.	21
Philip H.	12	John B.	26
Adam S.	12	Ryan P.	26
Brennan M.	13	Robin T.	27
Jessica T.	15	Susana F.	28

## Winter Enrollment at Center for Possibilities

### Designed for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Center for Possibilities is currently accepting applications for enrollment in their Preschool Program for children age 2-5 with moderate to severe disabilities. The Preschool Program operates year round, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 1:45 pm. Full Time and Part Time spots are now available. Limited spots are available and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Center for Possibilities is a not-for-profit center that is licensed by the State of Indiana and has been operating for 50 years. Contact Michelle Higel at (219) 962-5751 to schedule a tour. Center for Possibilities is located at 22 Tyler Ave, Hobart, Indiana.

## Scott Middle School Dances

Dances for Students with Disabilities will be held at Scott Middle School, 3635 173rd Street, Hammond, the 3rd Friday of each month (unless there is no school) from 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

## Special Needs Basketball

Join the coaches and volunteers at Eads Elementary School and have fun playing basketball. Parents are encouraged to stay and help. **No Class: 3/24.** Register through Munster's Parks Department in person at 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN or download their 2010 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide and registration form at <http://www.munster.org/department/?fDD=6-0>. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM. Resident: \$10 Non-Resident: \$15

## Special Needs Bowling



Get together with other differently-abled kids for a night of bowling and fun. There are no age restrictions. Siblings and friends are welcome to attend.

Where: Plaza Lanes Bowling Alley, 8101 Kennedy Ave., Highland, In 46322, (219)923-3800. Call Jill at (219)742-2803 with any questions.

When: The last Thursday of each month unless holiday conflicts.

Next Date: Thursday, January 28th from 7:30 -8:30/9:00 p.m.

How much: The cost of each game is \$3.00 and shoes are free. Please pay in cash.

Sign up: If you would like to attend, please call Jill at (219)742-2803. No official registration is required, but we do have space limitations.

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Office Hours:

Monday 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Wednesday 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Sometimes our work takes us out of the  
office—please call before coming.

Other hours available by appointment.

We're on the web!

[www.dsaofnwi.org](http://www.dsaofnwi.org)

It's easy to make a  
donation at

[www.dsaofnwi.org](http://www.dsaofnwi.org)



## Mark Your Calendar

January 28—Merrillville Chapter IPMG at Indiana Wesleyan University, 8415 Georgia, Merrillville. Contact: Rich Wherry at (866) 672-IPMG x257 or [r.wherry@gotoipmg.com](mailto:r.wherry@gotoipmg.com).

**Spring 2010—DSA of NWI Bowling Event.** Details to be determined.

**March—DSA of NWI Educational Meeting.** Topic: Speech Therapy. Details TBA.

**March—DSA of NWI Talent/Fashion Show.** Details TBA.

**May—DSA of NWI Awards Banquet.** Details to be determined.

July 16-18—38th Annual NDSC Convention, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Walt Disney World, Florida. Contact: toll free—1-800-232-NDSC. [www.ndscenter.org](http://www.ndscenter.org)

**August 1st—DSA of NWI Picnic.** Wicker Park Pavilion.

**October 10—DSA of NWI Buddy Walk.** Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN.

## Westlake Coop Workshops

Free Westlake Workshops are open to the public and do not require registration.

February 10—**Developing a Positive Self-Esteem/Confidence in Your Child:** 6:00 p.m. at Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue, Munster, 46321; Jennifer Kovera and Brandyn Fredericks, Home/School Facilitators

February 24 **Overview of Assistive Technology:** 6:30 p.m. at Homan Elementary School; Karen Osborne, Speech Pathologist & Assistive Technology Designer

For more info, see Westlake's website at: [www.westlake.lcsc.us](http://www.westlake.lcsc.us).

## CSRI Spring Events



### CSRI Ice Skating

Sponsors: CSRI & Lake Co. Parks. February 13, 2010. Winter Party and Ice Skating Deep River Waterpark Ice Skating Plaza, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$6 per person. Skates provided for those who need them. Pre-registration and payment are needed by February 8. Call 219-769-7275.

### CSRI Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsors: CSRI & Munster Parks  
Sat., March 27 10 am at Community Park in Munster. \$3 in advance at Munster Town Hall (1005 Ridge Road), \$5 on-site starting at 9:30am

For more info. Call (219) 836-7275

