



## FAQs for LuMind IDSC Donors

### Fact Sheet

National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)

1155 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW Suite 540

Washington, DC 20005

EIN/Tax ID Number: 13-2992567

<https://ndss.org/donations>

#### **Will the merged organization's tax status change?**

No, just like LuMind IDSC, NDSS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your gifts remain tax-deductible in accordance with the IRS tax laws.

#### **Will the federal tax identification number (EIN) change?**

Yes, beginning October 1, 2025, LuMind IDSC Foundation will cease to exist as a stand-alone non-profit organization and all gifts will be processed as NDSS using the EIN# 13-2992567. LuMind and NDSS will simply become one organization under one brand.

#### **How can I make a donation now?**

Your generosity is vital to our mission and continues to drive this important work. Donations can now be made payable to NDSS in the following ways:

##### **Online Gifts:**

All gifts are processed through NDSS website, [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org). You will find our easy-to-use, secure online donation page at [www.ndss.org/donate](http://www.ndss.org/donate).

**By check:**

To support Down syndrome research, please make donations payable to NDSS and mail to the following address:

NDSS  
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 540  
Washington, DC 20005

Note, if you mail a check issued to NDSS, but send it to the former LuMind office, there is nothing you need to do as we are keeping the Woburn office following the merger. We have staff in the Woburn location and will make sure it is forwarded and processed.

**Gifts of Stock and ACH/Wire gift transactions:**

Please contact Michelle Petronio at [mpetronio@ndss.org](mailto:mpetronio@ndss.org) who can share gift transfer instructions.

**What happens if a check made payable to LuMind IDSC arrives after Oct. 1, 2025?**

We will reach out and ask you to reissue your check with NDSS' name so it can be properly processed.

**Will my donation support the same work and programs?**

Absolutely! Every gift continues to accelerate the programs and initiatives you have always supported. NDSS will continue LuMind's research-related programs following the merger. The merger positions the combined organization as a leader in driving systemic change, accelerating research, building programs, and amplifying the voices of individuals with Down syndrome.

A Research Pillar will be added to all of the work NDSS does. The NDSS leadership and board agree that Down syndrome research, and in particular Alzheimer's research, is a critical component to the renewed combined mission: "To create a world where individuals with Down syndrome thrive".



### **How do I know my gift is managed responsibly?**

You can feel confident knowing NDSS meets the highest standards of transparency and accountability, holding Platinum status with Candid (formerly GuideStar) and a Four-Star Charity Navigator rating, marks of excellence in the nonprofit world.

### **Who do I contact for a tax receipt for gifts made before October 1, 2025?**

Please reach out to Jan Fountaine at [jfountaine@ndss.org](mailto:jfountaine@ndss.org) who can help generate your receipt or answer questions about your donation.

### **What if I already made a pledge or recurring gift?**

Jan Fountaine will reach out to you regarding your pledge or recurring gift to ensure it is processed according to your intent following the merger.

### **Do I need to update my estate plan?**

If you included LuMind IDSC in your plans, we encourage you to talk with your advisor about the name change to ensure your legacy gift continues as you intend. Our team is here to help with questions.

### **What happens if I give through a DAF?**

You can continue recommending grants as you always have, but starting October 1, 2025 simply direct your DAF gift to NDSS with their EIN# 13-2992567.

### **Workplace donations and matching gifts:**

Workplace giving and matching gifts should continue seamlessly, though we encourage you to update your employer's system with NDSS' name and EIN# 13-2992567 after October 1, 2025.

### **How can I stay informed?**

We will keep you updated with regular emails, mailings, and updates at [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org). You will also continue receiving invitations to donor briefings and special events.

### **Who should I contact with questions or to make a gift?**

Your same trusted contacts, Michelle Petronio, Jan Fountaine and Deborah Still are here for you! After the merger, you will also be supported by our extended NDSS development team.