

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR
2020-2021

Through the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), your contributions make a tremendous difference in the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Your support translates into action through advocacy and policy, community engagement and awareness events and critical resources that support our families from birth to end of life. With each dollar, you make our programs and initiatives stronger.

Your gifts have provided monumental support to the Down syndrome community over the difficult past year. We are enormously grateful for your investment in our mission, and we hope you are proud of what your donations accomplish.

Because you give...

The Down syndrome community has access to new resources and information about:

- Common Medical Conditions in Down syndrome
- Down syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease
- Selective Service Registration
- Women's health, hygiene and relationships
- Employment and entrepreneurship

Families were supported during the COVID-19 pandemic through:

- Information on COVID-19 and Down syndrome
- Advocacy to ensure adults with Down syndrome were prioritized for vaccines
- Ride codes from Lyft to help get to vaccine appointments

Members of Congress and state legislators across the country received more than 39,000 advocacy messages on legislative issues that impact our community. As a result:

- Dedicated funding was secured to support learning for students with disabilities during the pandemic through the American Rescue Plan
- New organ transplant legislation was passed in eight states: Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming
- New federal legislation, the Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act, was introduced into the 117th Congress, named after an NDSS staff member
- Federal legislation was reintroduced in the new congress to phase out subminimum wage, and state legislation was passed in Maine, Hawaii and Washington
- Hudson's Law was passed in Mississippi to ensure all women and families receive the most accurate, up-to-date, evidence-based information about Down syndrome

Plus...

- More than 2,000 individuals received personalized support via our helpline and info email box on topics like education, Alzheimer's Disease and aging, welcoming a baby with Down syndrome and how to connect with local support
- Hundreds of families learned from more than 60 experts through our 2021 Virtual Adult Summit live and recorded sessions
- 100,000 new social media followers engaged with our mission and learned about Down syndrome
- More than 100 local Buddy Walk events were supported with resources, trainings and waived licensing fees to help them navigate changes due to COVID-19
- 6,000+ supporters helped raise awareness and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome through participation in one of our nationwide events

Because you give, NDSS is able to provide support, information and policy change for the Down syndrome community. Thank you for believing in our mission and being a generous partner in our work.