



April 2017 Newsletter

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"Spotlight On"

On World Down Syndrome Day, the DSC debuted our brand new logo. The new design was a collaboration between the DSC Board of Directors and **Nik Harber**, graphic designer at [Groovyp Pearl Designs](#). We explained our vision, and he brought it to life. For this month's Spotlight On interview, we thought we'd get to know the man behind the logo.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I'm a UK based creative type person in my 40's

Join the DSC Board of Directors

This is an exciting time to be a part of the DSC Board!

The Down Syndrome Community has openings for new board members! Join our energetic working board now and help shape our future. If you're looking for a way to volunteer with a passionate group of people in a fulfilling role, you've found the right place. Help us continue to innovate and evolve into an organization that provides meaningful programs, events, and resources to all our members. We are in particular need of board members with fundraising experience.

If interested, please fill out this [application](#). The application deadline is **Friday, April 21**.

For more information, contact [Alison Winfield](#).

This notice is the call for DSC Board of Directors nominees.

Spring Fling!

It's that time of year for our Annual Meeting and Big Time Talent Show!!

When: May 20, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Where: Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98007

The RSVP and Talent Show sign-up will be emailed later this month or visit our [website](#) for more information.



DSC Friends Meet-Ups

Babies/Toddlers (ages 0-3)

Contact: [Jessieca Graff](#) jessiecaj@gmail.com

Potluck Brunch and a Movie

Saturday, April 29, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Graf House in Maple Valley, hosted by Jessieca Graf

Fun for all the families to get together and enjoy good food and company while the kids have plenty of room to play with toys and each other. If weather permits we can go on a nature walk, as well.

RSVP: [Jessieca Graf](#) for address, or look for details on our [DSC Friends 0-3](#) Facebook page.

Kids (ages 4-7)

Contact: [Alison Friend Burchett](#) papershred@hotmail.com

(I like to think of it as years of experience). I have a love of comics and sci-fi. That led me to join the 501st Legion, a world wide Star Wars costuming club which helps raise money for many deserving charities. I get to dress up in armor and help others - it's a win win situation. I'm a graphic designer, illustrator and retoucher. In the past I have worked in design studios and for publishers but last year I took the leap and went freelance. Now I design two monthly magazines and illustrate for another - it keeps me busy.

To get to know **Nik Harber** better, check out the entire [post](#) on the DSC website.

Stay Connected



Support the DSC While Shopping!

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Please check the DSC online [Events Calendar](#) regularly!

Contact: papersonja@msn.com
Check out our [DSC Friends 4-7](#) Facebook page for the latest Friends Meet-Ups!

Tweens (ages 8-12)

Contact: [Sonja Braunlich](mailto:mrssonja@gmail.com) mrssonja@gmail.com and [Jessica Evertt](mailto:jessicaevertt@hotmail.com) jessicaevertt@hotmail.com

Karate Class

Saturday, April 29 at 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

[Alpha Martial Arts](#) - Bryant location, 2923 NE Blakeley St, Seattle, WA 98105

Please dress the kids in comfortable clothing since they will be learning some kicks and punches. The parents will hopefully will be able to go to the coffee shop on the corner and have a brief chat.

RSVP: [Sonja](#) or [Jessica](#) by April 15, or on our DSC Friends Tweens Facebook [Event](#) page.

Painting!

Saturday, May 13, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Wunderkind](#) 3318 NE 55th St, Seattle, WA 98105

This is a Tween only event due to materials and needing an RSVP. Please join us! If you have older siblings that would like to help with the project please let us know. If we get enough helpers the parents can go grab coffee nearby.

RSVP: [Sonja](#) or [Jessica](#) by May 11, or on our DSC Friends Tweens Facebook [Event](#) page.

Teens (ages 13-19)

Contact: [Kate O'Leary](mailto:kate.oleary@outlook.com) kate.oleary@outlook.com

Check out our [DSC Friends Teens](#) Facebook page for the latest Friends Meet-Ups!

Transitions and Beyond (and anyone else wanting to learn)

Contact: [Sue Adelman](mailto:sadel47714@me.com) sadel47714@me.com

Check out our [DSC](#) Facebook page for the latest Transition and Beyond information and Friends Meet-Ups!

Moms' Night Out

Contact: [Courtney Criss](mailto:courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org) courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org

Dinner with Friends!

Saturday, April 22, 7:00 PM

2C Thai, 12506 Lake City Way NE Seattle

RSVP: [Courtney Criss](#)

Overview of Children's Services

For Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

Click [HERE](#) for a document that will familiarize you with some of the main considerations, public benefits, and resources that are relevant for children age 0-18 with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) in King County. If you want to learn more, have questions, or would like to talk about your situation please contact:



English:

Phone: 206-829-7053

Email: ask@arcofkingcounty.org

Spanish:

Phone: 206-829-7030

Email: preguntas@arcofkingcounty.org

The IFS Waiver is Enrolling Now

The Individual and Family Service Waiver helps support families who have a family member with a development disability who is three years or older by providing a choice of services to help maintain and stabilize the family unit.



Click [HERE](#) for more information or request IFS Waiver online at www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/service-and-information-request.

Dads and Kids Photoshoot - Perfect for Father's Day!

Free Professional Studio Session and Photos of Dads and their Child(ren)

What: Professional Photographers from the Woodinville Media Group will be taking photos of dads and their children who have special health care needs

When: Sunday, May 21st from 9:00 to 1:00,

Where: Woodinville Media Group, 19501 144th Ave. NE, Building C, Suite 600 Woodinville, WA 98072

Reservations are required: Contact Louis Mendoza at 425-653-4286 or louis.mendoza@kinding.org to reserve your time.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

DSAIA Launches Podcast on Down Syndrome Issues

DS Reading Program Makes Learning to Read Effective and Entertaining

Natalie Hale created *Special Reads for Special Needs* with a mix of methods and materials, and most importantly motivation - engaging the child with a fun and entertaining program.

Natalie sits down with DSAIA Live!, their new podcast on Down syndrome and leadership, to discuss reading, parenting and a new partner program for Down syndrome associations. Check it out [HERE!](#)

National Down Syndrome Congress 2017 Convention

The 45th Annual NDSC Convention will take place July 20-23, 2017 in Sacramento, CA. Click [HERE](#) for the 2017 convention brochure.



Registration opens April 10th at 12:00 noon EDT.

Conference Scholarships

The DSC is offers our members scholarships ranging from \$100-\$500 to attend Down syndrome or related conferences! Interested? Click [HERE](#) for more information!

