



Dimes for Downs

Down Syndrome of Southern Nevada

Special points of
interest:

- Participation Invitation
- Happy New Year!
- Dimes Overview
- Registration Form

Join Us during the 2009 Spring
Dimes for Downs Campaign

The DIMES FOR DOWNS
Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL !!!

The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN) hopes everyone enjoyed their holiday break from school and wishes all a happy and healthy New Year. We also want to welcome all teachers, students and faculty back for the remainder of the 2008–2009 calendar school year and invite your school to participate in a very worthwhile community service project called the “**Dimes for Downs**” campaign that benefits school age children and young adults in our community affected by Down syndrome.

Dimes for Down Syndrome is a community service project for school age children: elementary through high school. Its purpose is to promote a positive understanding of Down syndrome within our community and to raise funds for the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN). It is a coin drive in which children are asked to bring in their spare change to raise money for programs and services.

100% of the funds you raise stay in the community to help local children and individuals affected by Down syndrome. These funds will help provide the following programs and services: music therapy, physical therapy, yoga therapy, speech therapy, support groups, life skill seminars, our lending resource library and many others.

To learn more about this fun and worthwhile community service project for such a great cause, please read further details of the campaign overview inside. We hope to receive your registration form for spring 2009 soon.

*Thank you,
DSOSN Board, Members and Staff*

The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Federal Tax ID #: 94-3040560
www.dsosn.org
PH: 702-648-1990
FAX: 648-2020
5300 Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108
Deann Cline
Director of Fund Development
dcline@dsosn.org

Prizes for Students and Schools! The top fundraising class in each school will receive either a McDonald's party (breakfast or lunch), a pizza party or each student can receive a Dimes for Downs t-shirt. And schools can receive school supply gift certificates based on fundraising levels: \$50 for each \$1,000 raised.

DIMES FOR DOWNS CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

The Dimes for Downs campaign is a great opportunity for school children to learn the importance of giving and helping others. It teaches them the valuable lessons in how their efforts can make a big difference by simply collecting spare change. It also teaches children how to begin the practice of philanthropy, how to make it part of their lives, and how to build charity into their character. They also will be helping in a big way to promote awareness and inclusion for fellow students and other individuals in our community with Down syndrome. As an educational professional, you know how vitally important it is to involve children in learning to live compassionately and to demonstrate that all people and communities do matter. Dimes for Downs is easy to implement and fun to do. We provide you with everything you need to conduct a successful campaign. Below is an overview of the campaign and how simple it is to begin:

Your school will receive the following supplies and materials to help you conduct a successful campaign:

- Coin collection containers for each classroom and labels
- Campaign Information Letters for students to take home for parents/guardians
- Dimes for Down Syndrome Campaign Guidelines for each Coordinator
- Dimes for Down Syndrome Classroom Guidelines for each Teacher
- Facts about Down syndrome and the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada
- Coin Facts and Curriculum Guides
- School Tally Sheets and Classroom Coin Meter Sheets
- Dimes for Downs Dignitary Posters for each classroom

To conduct your campaign:

- Distribute to each teacher coin collection containers, Classroom Guidelines and other materials for each classroom.
- Send each student home with a Campaign Information Letter a few days prior to your campaign.
- Let the DSOSN know if you want a representative to come and do a kick-off assembly. Assemblies are specific for various grade levels.
- At the end of the campaign, count your coinage and convert the money collected into a check and mail to the DSOSN at 5300 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108.
- Send in the Campaign Completion Form. so we can arrange for your top fundraising class prize and reward your school with any other prizes it has earned including school supply certificates based on fundraising levels. Other classroom options include a pizza party or Dimes for Downs t-shirts.

Schools can conduct their campaign in either the fall or spring during the school year. We recommend schools select a designated two-week period that is convenient with their school schedule.



The mission of the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN) is to enlighten the public by promoting a positive understanding of Down syndrome in the community, and to be a source of support, education and information for the individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Since its founding 21 years ago, the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada has been a consistent advocate and valuable resource for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.



DIMES FOR DOWN SYNDROME SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

YES! Our school would like join other schools in Southern Nevada and sign up for the 2009 Spring Dimes for Down Syndrome community service project.

School: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State,
Zip: _____

School Phone w/
Ext.: _____

Alternate Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____ School Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____ Email

Best Days and Times to Contact: _____

We will be conducting our campaign during the following spring dates: (suggested 2-week period)

Please provide dates: _____

_____ Total number of students _____ Total number of classrooms

Mail to:

Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada
5300 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108-2347
Or FAX this form to 702-648-2020

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call 702-648-1990 or email at dcline@dsosn.org

Join Us during the 2009 Spring
Dimes for Downs Campaign



Down Syndrome of Southern Nevada

Benefiting the Down
Syndrome Organization
of Southern Nevada
(DSOSN)

5300 Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Students Truly Making a Difference!

Students can truly make a difference in the lives of children and families affected by Down syndrome in Southern Nevada! By having your school participate in the Dimes for Downs community service project your students will help the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada provide vital information and support in our community. Our programs and services include speech, dance, music, yoga and physical therapies as well as membership socials, support groups, life skill seminars, our lending resource library and much more. The more you help, the more we can help ! SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!

For more information:
Call: 702-648-1990
Fax: 703-648-2020
Email: dcline@dsosn.org

We're on the Web!
www.dsosn.org

NonProfit Org.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Las Vegas, NV
Permit No. 907

5300 Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108

