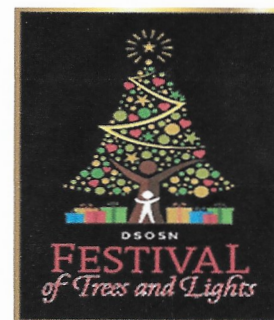




## An Open Letter From The DSOSN Board Chair

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### To: DONORS, DSOSN'S FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS-2023;

The DSOSN was founded in 1987 by a group of parents of children diagnosed with Down syndrome. Over the years, the organization has grown to become the leading voice of advocacy for persons with Down syndrome in Southern Nevada. Our membership and service-population also includes persons with other intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD), and our services/programs are extended to hundreds of persons with IDD, including autism, throughout Southern Nevada.

The programs we provide to our members are entirely supported by donations and funds raised during our annual fundraising events. One of our signature fundraising events is the grand gala event, *The Festival Of Trees And Lights (FOTL)*, which is a Christmas-season event. Indeed, this was the very first fundraising event created by the organization in 1988, and the popularity of the event soon made it one of the most prestigious Las Vegas Christmas gala events. This year, the FOTL gala event will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort, 3000 Paradise Road (please visit our website, [dsosn.org/FOTL-2023](http://dsosn.org/FOTL-2023) for more details).

In addition to introducing DSOSN to you, this letter also serves as an invitation for you/your company to join us in celebrating two DSOSN combined historical milestones this year: the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Organization, and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FOTL grand gala event. In addition to a night of fun, food, and festivities, we are also inviting you to be a sponsoring partner to help us raise funds to support the impactful programs that we provide for our members. Please see the attached Sponsorship Opportunities Package, and the four primary sponsorship options, with listings of incentives for each level. We will also be receptive to suggestions of other ways we can recognize/acknowledge/incentivize your support, if not listed in any of the sponsorship levels. For your information, I have also attached our 501(c)(3) and the State of Nevada tax exemption certificates. If you elect to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to DSOSN FOTL, or you may use the online donation portal on our website, [dsosn.org](http://dsosn.org). To facilitate our budget-planning process, I would appreciate your response on/or before October 1, 2023.

I sincerely hope you will give favorable consideration to our request for your partnership and support in this endeavor. Should you require additional information to assist in making your decision, please contact me at (626) 780-5976, or by email at [pwhittingham@dsosn.org](mailto:pwhittingham@dsosn.org). To learn more about the DSOSN, I also invite you to visit our website at [www.dsosn.org](http://www.dsosn.org).

I look forward to you/your company not only sharing a night of celebration with us, but to also partner with us and help to support the programs and services that we provide to persons with Down syndrome, and to the broader special-needs communities of Southern Nevada. Thanks again for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
PETER WHITTINGHAM, Chair  
DSOSN Board of Directors

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