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## The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual CIDSO Golf Tournament and Gala

The Tournament and Gala was another huge success this year! We had a great crowd at the Friday Night Gala at the ISU Bone Student Center. The Gala helps us fulfill our main goal of creating public awareness of our group and promoting our efforts to integrate our family members with Down syndrome into all aspects of our community. Deb Cochran chaired this year's Gala and Darin Schrader chaired the Golf Tournament. We thank them both for doing excellent work to make the weekend a success! We also thank the many other volunteers who put in a lot of time to make both days a success!

Mindie Crutcher did the welcoming for the Gala. She did a wonderful job and set a great mood for everyone in attendance. The theme was a casino night and the evening was full of socializing between CIDSO families, Open golfers and member of our community. It was a good opportunity to bring everyone up to date on all the different ways CIDSO strives to make all our tomorrow's "brighter".

We presented three major awards to individuals in our community to thank them for their contributions to assisting CIDSO in our efforts to meet our mission. The first was the Matthew Ryan Turnis award. It is the highest honor we bestow and is named in memory of the son of Linn and Dave Turnis who was born with Down syndrome in 1977 and passed away the next year. This award was created to acknowledge and thank individuals outside of the CIDSO membership who support our group in an ongoing meaningful way. This year the award went to Stephen Moist who has for several years contributed his audio/visual and other technical skills to help us put on both the Gala and the golf tournament.

We also awarded two community service awards to people or businesses that helped sponsor or underwrite expenses for the Gala or Golf tournament. This year's awards went to Weaver's Rent All and Den Graphix.

The weather cooperated for the golf tournament on Saturday. We had almost a full complement of golfers. We thank ISU and Laura Provost for providing a wonderful experience. We are still waiting for the final tally of all the funds raised by this event but it appears it will be in excess of \$30,000. We hope you had a chance to attend these events and we hope to see you next year!



## Sensory Friendly Movie

Join us for **"Turbo"** on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM. This "sound down/lights up" movie is hosted by the Starplex Theater in Normal, Starplex. The Starplex offers free child admission with one \$6 adult ticket purchase.

## New Online Down Syndrome and Autism Support Group

The Down Syndrome-Autism Connection serves families with children who have both diagnoses. You can access their online support group by going to <http://aiturl.com/4yq5k>.



## Congratulations Abbey!

CIDSO Board Member and Self Advocate, Abbey Heins, was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Our congratulations go out to Abbey and we look forward to hearing more about her appointment in the future.

The Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) is dedicated to leading change in Illinois so that all people with developmental disabilities are able to exercise their rights to freedom and equal opportunity. The Council's work is carried out across the state through a network of advocates that educates the public on systems issues while encouraging change. ICDD continues to listen to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by investing in new programs to improve the delivery of services and supports they deserve.

The Council focuses on a wide range of programs to help improve the opportunities people with developmental disabilities in our state are afforded, including education, employment, transportation, community living, and health care. Just as importantly, ICDD works to build the capabilities of individuals, families and communities, enabling each to become more self-sufficient through the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (the DD Act).

ICDD programs are developed in direct response to the concerns and ideas voiced by consumers, families, service providers, policy-makers and other professionals. By listening to these collective voices, the Council is taking the critical steps toward a dialogue for change in how Illinois regards and addresses its citizens with developmental disabilities.



## CIDSO Annual Picnic August 28<sup>th</sup>

Meet us Fairfiew Park on August 28<sup>th</sup> for the CIDSO picnic. Set up will start 11:00 a.m. and we will plan on eating at noon. The shelter is reserved until 3:00 p.m. so bring your lawn games and plan on staying a while.

CIDSO will provide chicken, drinks, and tableware, families are to bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Judy Bates at [judybates1943@yahoo.com](mailto:judybates1943@yahoo.com) so she can accurately plan for food and drinks.

## Coming Soon!

CIDSO Picnic  
August 25<sup>th</sup>

CIDSO Buddy Walk  
September 28<sup>th</sup>

CIDSO Board Meeting  
October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

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Central Illinois Down  
Syndrome Organization

## About Our Organization

The Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) is a not-for-profit organization of families and interested persons working to increase public awareness, support families, and improve opportunities for those touched by Down syndrome. Established in 1974 to act as a support service, we serve Bloomington, Normal, and the McLean County area. Our organization is the oldest Down syndrome parent group in Illinois and the second oldest in the nation.

## New Parent Outreach

The process of acceptance begins as soon as Down syndrome is suspected. To support parents and extended family during this time, a parent outreach member will gladly make hospital or home visits. Informational packets are also available to new parents. Parent Outreach Members, *Brenda & Kevin Harms*, (309) 378-2388 and *Rick & Jennifer Bauersfeld*, (309) 874-2038, can be contacted any time.

## Enrichment/Participation Fund

This fund is designed to enrich the lives of those born with Down syndrome and promote community involvement/participation. It is available to any person with Down syndrome regardless of involvement/participation in CIDSO. Applications are reviewed at the quarterly board meetings and must be received by CIDSO at least 10 days prior to the board meeting. Additional details and applications can be found in the "Resource" section of the CIDSO website. <http://cidso.org/resources.asp>

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