



2011
Annual Report

Board of Directors

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John Tabb
Ben Greslick
Betsey Mahoney
Crystal Cochran
Jen Mains
Tom O'Brien
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The board has been hard at work on strategic planning and capacity building. This includes writing policies and procedures, identifying success and gaps, and positioning MDSN for future growth.

MDSC Committees

Support

- Monthly support meetings (Betsey Mahoney)
- Mom's Events (Jen Mains)
- Social Gatherings/Events (Jen Greslick)
- D.A.D.S (Ben Greslick)
- Care Committee (open)
- Forum (Ben Greslick)

Education

- Annual Conference (Jen Greslick)
- Tuition support for other conferences (Board)
- Workshops, Guest Speakers (Board/open)
- Down Syndrome Specialist Program (Jen Greslick & Betsey Mahoney)

Advocacy

- Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) (John Tabb/Will Rowan)
- Events in Washington D.C., Augusta

Outreach

- First Call (Cri Swift & Juliana Myers)
- Medical Outreach (open)

Community

- Maine State Ballet Adaptive Dance
- Deering Challenger League
- STRIVE Tweens
- Book Donation Project (John and Nancy Tabb)

Fundraising

- Buddy Walk (Crystal Rice & Amy and Norm Albert)
- Vendor Fair (Beth Benson)
- Scrapbooking Crop (Beth Benson)

Year In Review

Support

- Held more Mom's events than ever before.
- Great start to D.A.D.S. group
- In need of Care committee organizer
- In need of Playgroups organizer

Education

- Increased size, scope, attendance of Annual Conference
- Sent families to MDSC Conference in Worcester, MA (March)
- Launched Down Syndrome Specialist program
- Sent 3 members of Board of Directors to Affiliates in Action Conference in Dallas (March)

Advocacy

- Sent 2 representatives to Washington D.C. to participate in the "Buddy Walk on Washington". MDSN's representatives met with Congressman Michaud, Congresswoman Pingree, Senator Collins and Senator Snowe.
- Advocated against a number of changes made to Maine's Special Education Legislation by the Maine State Department of Education.

Outreach

- Successful year
- Began development of new materials
- Missy Burke stepped down as Outreach Chairperson
- Welcomed Cri Swift and Julianna Myers as co-chairs of First Call committee

Community

- Successful Challenger League season
- Book Donation Project Pending
- MSB Adaptive Dance program pending
- STRIVE Tweens going strong and growing

Fundraising

- Buddy walk
 - More than 450 people in Portland
 - More than 100 people in Augusta
 - Lowest sponsored BW in years
 - Added teams for the first time
- Norm Albert, Sponsor Co-ordinator
- Scrapbooking Crop, to be held ~February 2012
- Received grant, New England Genetics Collaborative to send 3 representatives to AIA conference/Buddy Walk on Washington for training, capacity building

Treasurer's Report

