





Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always existed and is universal across racial, gender and socio-economic lines. A person with Down syndrome has three copies of the 21st chromosome instead of two. This is why the medical term for Down syndrome is "Trisomy 21".

It affects a person's whole body and includes some distinct physical characteristics and some degree of intellectual disability. People with Down syndrome are more likely to have certain health conditions but each individual is unique. They have their own strengths, likes, dislikes, talents, personality and temperament. Think of a person with Down syndrome as a person first, Down syndrome is just a part of who they are.



Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society (WWDSS)



The Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society (formerly Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society) is a registered charity founded in 1988 by a group of engaged parents. Since that time, we have remained a volunteer-led organization and have grown our community to over 100 member families, leading a variety of social, educational, and therapeutic offerings. WWDSS does not receive any government funding. We rely solely on private donations and corporate sponsorships to run our programs and activities.





The WWDSS Any Which Way You Can A-Thon will take place on Sunday, September 28th, 2025 at Waterloo Park.

Families, friends and supporters will come together for the *Any Which Way You Can A-Thon*. After a loop around the neighbourhood, we will gather for a celebration with food, music and entertainment by Erick Traplin.

Schedule of events

1:00pm Registration

2:00pm Opening Ceremonies

2:20pm Any Which Way You Can A-Thon

3:00pm Celebration (including musical entertainment)







New Parent Outreach

Our volunteer parents across Waterloo Region, Guelph and Wellington County provide support, encouragement, education, and hope to new and expectant parents.

Building Community

We offer social events and activities for families to connect and get to know one another. This includes a New Parent Connection program for parents with young children, moms' and dads' nights out, teen and adult hangouts.



Programs

- **Cooking classes** We offer a number of programs including cooking classes for children, teens and adults.
- **> Speech and music programs** We partner with therapists and instructors in the Waterloo and Guelph communities to offer a specialized music and speech program for various age groups.
- **Independence Courses** We have offered a variety of courses tailored to individuals with Down Syndrome on topics such as abuse awareness, building independence skills and safety awareness.
- **> Summer School Camp** We offer a specialized camp program for children, teens and young adults with Down syndrome. The program has a focus on numeracy, printing skills, fitness, art and music.

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entirely by volunteers
and receives no
government funding.
Our organization relies
on private donations
to provide essential
services and programs
for our community.



2025 Sponsorship levels

| (CASH OR IN-KIND), | PRESENTING | DIAMOND | PLATINUM | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | FRIEND |
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| OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS: | \$10,000 | \$7,500 | \$5,000 | \$2,500 | \$1,000 | \$500 | \$250 |
| Opportunity to speak during the Opening Ceremonies | ~ | | | | | | |
| Logo in newspaper ad(s) | X-Large logo | Large logo | Medium logo | Small logo | | | |
| Event Communication Emails | X-Large logo | Large logo | Medium logo | Small logo | | | |
| Event Press Release | Quote from company | Name | Name | Name | Name | | |
| Verbal sponsorship recognition during the event | ~ | V | V | V | V | | |
| Social Media Recognition | Exclusive recognition post/photos | Logo & Handle | |
| WWDSS Website | Logo & link | Logo & link | Logo & link | Logo & link | Logo & link | Name listed | |
| Thank-you sign at the event | X-Large logo | Large logo | Medium logo | Small logo | X-Small logo | Name listed | |
| WWDSS Newsletter | ~ | ~ | ~ | V | V | ~ | V |



Responses Due by August 1st, 2025 in order to be included in sponsor recognition materials.

| 0 \ | es! We would love to su | pport the W | WWDSS Any Which Way You Can A-Thon as a: |
|--------|--|-------------|---|
| | Presenting Sponsor | \$10,000 | |
| | Diamond Sponsor | \$7,500 | |
| | Platinum Sponsor | \$5,000 | Any which way YOU CAN A-thon |
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| | Silver Sponsor | \$1,000 | Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society |
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