

2024 Annual Report



A message from the executive director

2024 was a remarkable year of growth and impact for the Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center, made possible by the unwavering support of our community. Despite the challenges posed by limited workspace, we are thrilled to have emerged stronger with a brand-new office that better serves our mission and supports our growing community.

Kerri DiDario

2024: Year In Review

In 2024, EPDSC strengthened its community through a wide range of engaging programs and events, including the 25th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting, Club 21 activities, IEP support sessions, Pizza with Pals, Financial Planning Workshops, NEPP meet-ups, and signature events like the 3.21 Run, Revolutions for Inclusion, and the Buddy Walk. These initiatives fostered connection, celebration, and empowerment for individuals with Down syndrome and their families throughout the year.

Impact Snapshot

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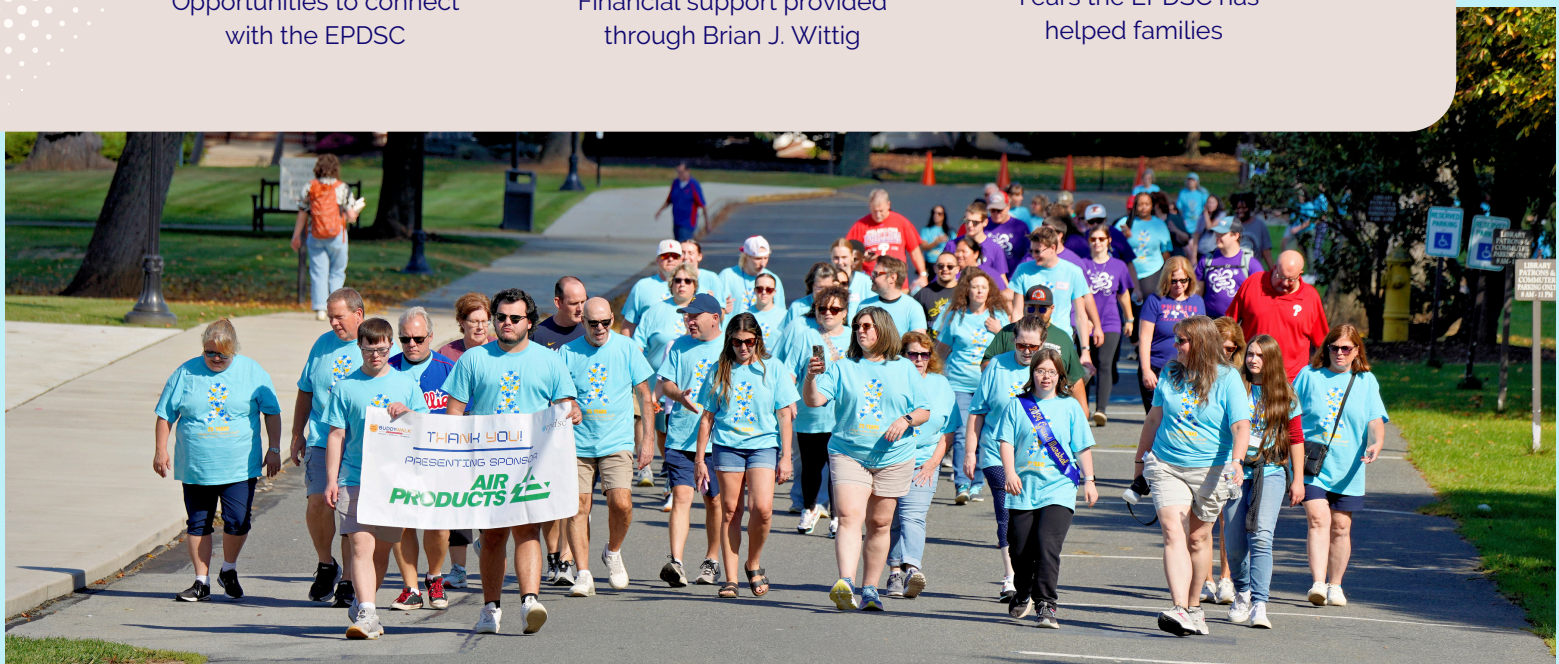
Opportunities to connect with the EPDSC

\$2,660

Financial support provided through Brian J. Wittig

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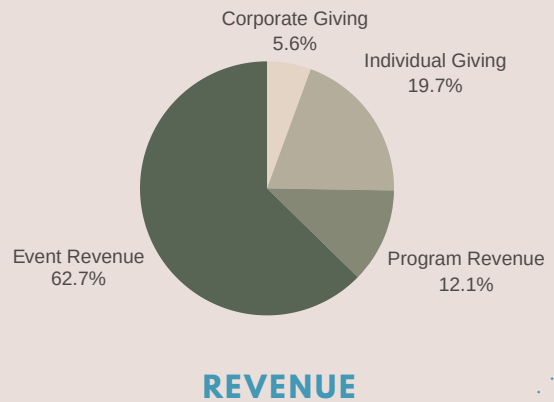
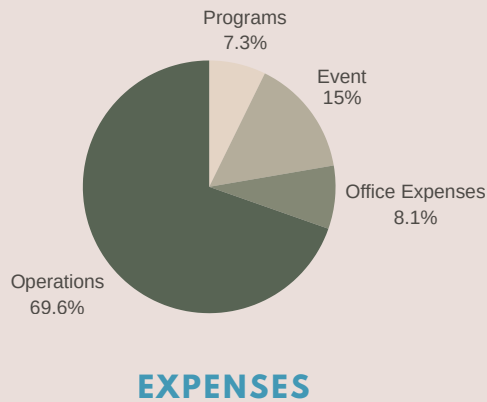
Years the EPDSC has helped families



Funds Raised

\$182,296

Expenses: \$126,538.47
Net Revenue: \$55,727.19



2024 Program and Event Highlights

- Over 65 hours of Educational Support
- 6 New Parent Welcome Kits distributed
- Medical Presentations at NICU Division Meeting and Pediatric Grand Rounds
- 3 Special Care Financial and Life Planning Workshops
- Membership events: Annual Meeting, Summer Picnic, Party on the Patio at IronPigs, Suites 'n Treats, and Holiday Party
- 6 New Parent events, 5 Club 21 events, 2 Pizza with Pals gatherings
- School-Aged Children Music Workshop with Hearts for Music
- 15 Advocacy events, including Astound!/ATVN's "Community Spotlight"
- \$1,100 in Buddy Walk Community Impact Grants awarded



2024 Volunteer of the Year Award

The Eastern Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Center is proud to award the Volunteer of the Year honor to the Buddy Walk Committee for their exceptional dedication and tireless efforts in making the 25th Annual Lehigh Valley Buddy Walk a resounding success. Their commitment to inclusion, support, and advocacy for individuals with Down syndrome and their families has had a profound impact on our community. Through their hard work, creativity, and leadership, the committee not only helped raise awareness but also brought people together to celebrate the lives and achievements of individuals with Down syndrome. We are grateful for their invaluable contributions and honored to recognize them with this well-deserved award.

Anne Marie Dolinish - Meltzer

Carrie Gross

Christine Hricak

Anne Moore

Lourdes Petko

Catherine Riley

Joe Roller

Betsy Schofield

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

Our mission is to be a positive influence, respected resource, fierce advocate and dedicated support system for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, educators, healthcare professionals and the community as a whole.

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers.



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