



13th Annual Report

2008/2009

OUR VISION

To be the Centre of Excellence for individuals with
Down syndrome, their families
and the community

OUR MISSION

Develop individuals with Down syndrome through
life long learning and social integration

Support families through specialist services,
information and education

Advocate for equal opportunities, quality of life and
their contribution to society

OUR SHARED VALUES

Commitment

We demonstrate strong belief in and
dedication to our shared vision
and core values

Integrity

We uphold ethics and moral principles
in all our conduct

Professionalism

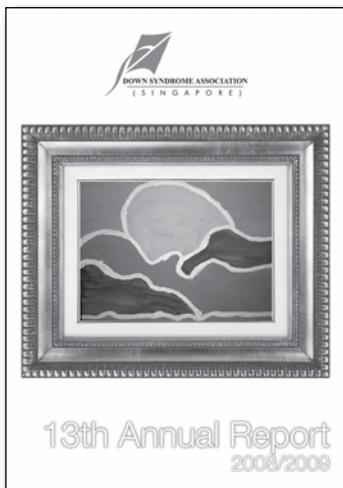
We aim to excel in all that we do with
positive attitudes, openness
and knowledge

Teamwork

We achieve our goals through
camaraderie, synergy and partnership
for the benefit of our stakeholders

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*On the Cover:
“Majestic Sunrise”
Courtesy of DSA(S) Artist,
Lin Chun Ru*

chairman's message

On behalf of the Board of Management of Down Syndrome Association, Singapore, I would like to thank members, donors, volunteers and supporters for their participation in the 2008/2009 programmes and services. Closer collaboration between staff and instructors has improved the quality of our programmes. However, the true measure of our performance comes from you, the members for whom DSA(S) strives to serve.

Membership strength, as at 26 August 2009, stands at 429. Of these, persons with Down syndrome number 80 who are below 18 years of age and 61 who are aged 18 and above. The rest comprise parents, grandparents, aunties, siblings and caregivers.

We continue to place great emphasis on providing support for parents and have expanded the range of programmes under 'Family Support Services'.

Enrichment programmes continue to be popular with our young members and we have noted the increase in the number of sign-ups for them.

We will need to help graduates of AEP to move into open employment, providing them with transition services, and to scout for jobs that would be suitable for them. By starting social enterprises, DSA(S) can pave the way towards providing gainful employment, social and recreational pursuits.

With the education landscape evolving, I foresee that more parents would like to see their children with Down syndrome enrolled in mainstream primary schools. Indeed there are many children who can benefit from integration. DSA(S) is making further progress in this area with the starting of our Integration Facilitation Support Program (IFSP) this year. The journey over the last two to three years has been extremely challenging and the road ahead is long. We must continue to pursue the goal of integration.

Strategic Outlook

Independent living, long-term financial security and good quality of life are pressing needs, especially for the members with Down syndrome and their parents who had joined DSA(S) thirteen years ago. Many of their children are now young adults and ten years from now, more of our members will be above 18 years of age.

I urge parents to practice financial planning as soon as possible. With the creation of a Government-initiated trust fund, managed by Special Needs Trust Company (SNTC), parents have another avenue to ensure financial security for their child with Down syndrome.

With DSA(S) expanding to provide full day services such as AEP and Integration Facilitation Support, the need for dedicated and motivated staff is paramount. I would like to appeal to our team, together with our pool of instructors to continue to serve members with passion and distinction. On our part, the Board will provide guidance and work towards promoting a better environment for all.

To run the additional services, we are faced with increased expenses. Hence we would need to tap on recurrent funding for these full day services. This will complement funds raised through our own efforts and provide a more stable revenue stream.

chairman's message

DSA needs to keep abreast of what is happening around the globe in the various research areas of Down syndrome; such as medical and health issues, education and employment, family quality of life and policy issues amongst others. DSA(S) continues to be plugged into the international arena with Dr Balbir Singh representing DSA(S) in Down Syndrome International (DSI). DSA(S) was on the organizing committee for the second Asia Pacific IASSID (International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability) Congress held in Singapore in June 2009.

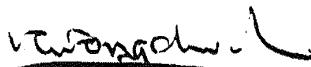
Championing the cause for persons with Down syndrome is a marathon. Four of the existing Board members have served more than ten years. We are on the look out for individuals who are committed to serve on the Board and are willing to share their time and expertise to propel DSA (S) forward.

Acknowledgements

What DSA(S) achieved in 2008 - 09 was made possible because of

- the counsel and guidance from our Advisors: Dr. S. Vasoo and Dr. Balbir Singh
- Specialist Advisors: Dr Bhavani Sriram, Mrs Christine Sekhon, Prof. Levan Lim and Ms T. Thaver
- my fellow Board members for their invaluable contributions in their area of focus
- staff and instructors for their commitment, passion and dedication
- the sponsors and volunteers for their generous donations and unstinting support
- MCYS, NCSS and Tote Board for their support

Special expression of gratitude goes out to UPS (United Parcel Service), for their continued valuable contribution and enthusiastic volunteers who have actively participated in our events.



Ong Chin Wah
Chairman

honorary secretary's report

Early in 1995, a group of parents of children with Down syndrome recognized that a great need existed in Singapore to support and educate families, professionals and the public about Down syndrome. Out of a meeting held on 1 October 1995, the Down syndrome Support Group was formed. In May 1996, the group organized and hosted, with great success, the 2nd Asia Pacific Conference on Down syndrome.

The enthusiasm generated amongst parents, professionals and community members spurred the formal registration of the group as Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) in September 1996. The Association was awarded official recognition by the National Council of Social Services on 4 July 1997.

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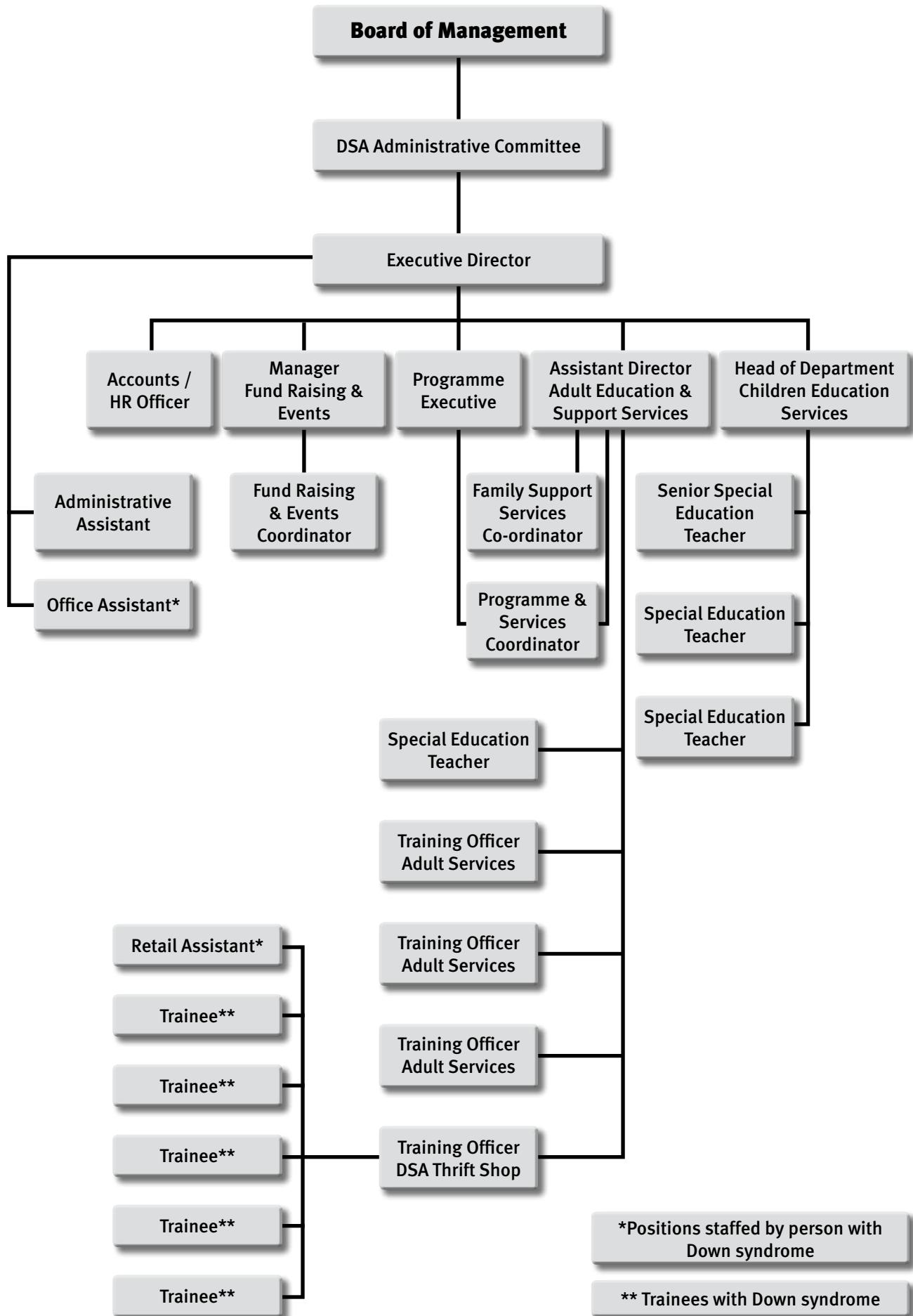
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organization chart



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committees

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CHILDREN EDUCATION SERVICES

Aligned with DSA(S) mission and vision in promoting a holistic developmental approach to education for our group of young members, DSA's Children Education Services aims to promote a range of support services and programmes for our young children with Down syndrome.

Over the past year, the department fosters closer working relationships to support a network of schools, students and their families, continuing to grow its current provision of services:

- Continuation of the Inclusion Study Research Project Implementation of the Integration Facilitation Support Programme
- Survey/needs analysis for Remediation/Tuition Services and/or other educational programmes

Research Study on the Inclusion of Children with Down syndrome in Mainstream Primary Schools

In 2007, DSA started a research project to study the inclusion of children with Down syndrome in mainstream primary schools.

DSA strongly believes that new efforts need to be invested in providing opportunities for students with Down syndrome to be included within mainstream schools in Singapore. In light of the successful inclusion of children with Down syndrome in many countries throughout the world, the evidence of which is documented in the international research literature, DSA(S) believes that academic and social inclusion for children with Down syndrome is possible within mainstream schools, given the appropriate accommodations and support.

The long term developmental objective of this inclusion project is to contribute to the overall development of children with Down syndrome in aspects of basic literacy skills (e.g. writing, reading), daily living skills, socialization skills, and communication skills.

Specific objectives of the project are to:

- I. Connect and grow with typically developing children;
- II. Discover a range of experiences to realize their potentials;
- III. Learn socially appropriate behaviours in different circumstances;
- IV. Gain substantial academic skills.

Initial findings of the project have found that:

- The students with Down syndrome have adapted well to the school environment and curriculum (both socially and academically)
- Typically developing peers have taken on more initiative and responsibility in peer support
- Special Education teachers report better collaboration with mainstream teachers
- Enhanced teacher skills (for both mainstream & Special Education teachers)
- Mainstream teachers are taking more ownership in student management and classroom lesson inclusion

All the collected data from the research from 2007, 2008 and first two quarters from 2009, had been sent our principle researchers from National Institute of Education (NIE). They are in the process of reviewing and evaluating the project and shall be submitting their report by the end of this year.

Valuable lessons learnt over the past years in the research project and the obvious need for integration into the mainstream schools have enabled DSA(S) to kick off the implementation of the Integration Facilitation Support Programme (IFSP).

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Integration Facilitation Support Programme (IFSP)

Aligned with the mission of DSA(S), the purpose of the Integration Facilitation Support Program in Mainstream Schools (IFSP/MS) is to support the enrollment of children with Down syndrome into mainstream pre-schools and primary schools.

In Special Education, Integration is a process of including children with disabilities alongside their peers without disabilities. The aim is to provide these children with similar to or as close to as possible opportunities in education as any child (typically developing child) would receive. Extreme champions of integration propose full inclusion of children with special needs in regular mainstream classrooms so that children with disabilities are able to participate in usual activities just as their non-disabled peers.

Advantages of integration include mutual development of friendships between disabled and non disabled peers, positive interdependence between students with or without disabilities as they learn to appreciate differences and rely on one another and motivation for students with disabilities as they participate in normal activities of their non disabled peers. Thus the benefits are for both student populations.

The Programme has three components and will support,

- Children with Down syndrome in main stream schools
- Families
- Main stream teachers in schools

The goals and objectives were to provide School based consultancy services - working with mainstream teachers, teacher training, workshops, talks, family support-linking families with school, main stream teachers by providing them different teaching strategies. Main focus of IFSP is to make all necessary provisions and accommodation for children with Down syndrome to succeed in the mainstream education system.

IFSP aims to provide additional or alternative educational pathways for children with Down syndrome, through empowering academic gains and social skills for children with Down syndrome, attending main stream schools. Also, it aims to help children with Down syndrome acquire self development and self management skills by having typically developing children as role models. In the long term IFSP contributes to the overall development of children with Down syndrome in an inclusive environment.

In its continuing outreach and partnership with mainstream schools, DSA(S) currently works with 4 mainstream primary schools to provide a range of school based consultancy services, which include:

- On-site observations and assessments of support needs of students with Down syndrome
- Collaboration with mainstream teachers in developing social and/or academic intervention support plans for students with Down syndrome
- Staff training in understanding and working with children with Down syndrome and imparting specific strategies in assisting students with Down syndrome make academic gains
- Training teachers and support staff in behavioural management strategies to remediate behavioural problems for the student with Down syndrome

With more schools expressing their interests in training and educational support for both students and staff, DSA(S) looks towards expanding our consultancy and support services to more schools serving students with Down syndrome in 2009.

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Survey / Need Analysis for Remedial/Tutoring Services

The survey for Remedial/ Tutoring services was sent out to all members with only a dismal return of survey forms. There were only 12 respondents, out of the 12 respondents, only 6 clients asked for tuition. This leaves us to conclude that the highest priority for DSA members does not lie in remedial/tutoring services. However, DSA Board of Management is exploring to pilot, a group tuition project in the near future to gauge greater interests and establish the sustainability of such a programme.

For parents and caregivers of younger children with Down syndrome, the Children Education Services Department also serves as a link between schools, students and parents through the provision of support and referral services to DSA members and members of the general public regarding educational and enrichment options.



ADULT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

The Adult Enhancement Programme (AEP) is a skills enhancement program targeted at persons with intellectual disabilities who have graduated from (special) schools at 18 years old. It is a weekly 5-day program from 9.00am to 4.00pm that focuses on:

- **Work Activities (Work)**
- **Activities of Daily Living (ADL)**
- **Leisure Activities (Leisure)**



AEP seeks to enhance the clients' skills in the above three areas so as to maximize their potential and to help them become more independent and productive in the course of their life. Clients in the program are placed into four tracks of specialization, namely Open Employment/Social Enterprise (OE/SE), Project-based, Leisure-based and Retail track.



The OE/SE track provides open employment/social enterprise opportunities for clients through the capitalization of their strengths and interests. Training in this track focuses on vocational, social and interaction skills for approximately 9-12 months, before they transition to a more rigorous training platform, under the framework of a social enterprise (e.g. Thrift-shop, Push Cart).

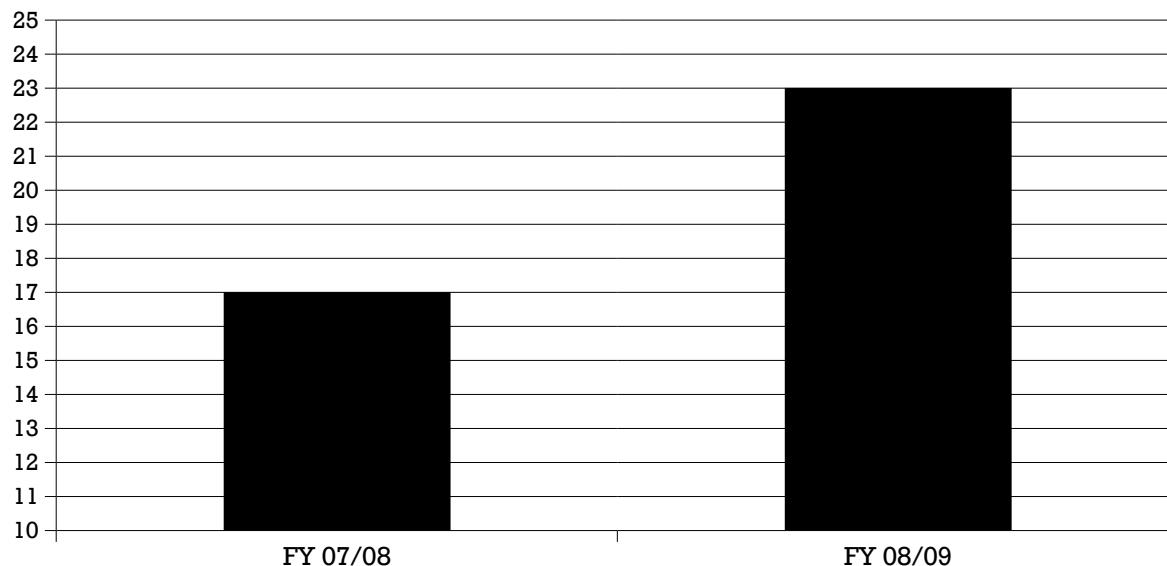
The objective of the Project track is to support the Social Enterprise unit in producing items for sales. The Leisure track enhances and facilitates socialization and interaction development among peers through recreational activities in the community. Training in this track focuses on interaction with others, participation in group activities and engagement in self-directed leisure activities.

The Retail track aims to provide social enterprise opportunities for our clients, as well as to provide a training platform for more structured activities to empower our clients with the relevant vocational skills.

For the year under review, AEP had a 35% increased in clientele joining the programme as presented in Figure 1. There are currently 23 clients enrolled in AEP, of which 10 clients are in the Open Employment/Social Enterprise (OE/SE) track, 5 clients in the Retail track, 4 clients in the Project track and 4 clients in the Leisure track.

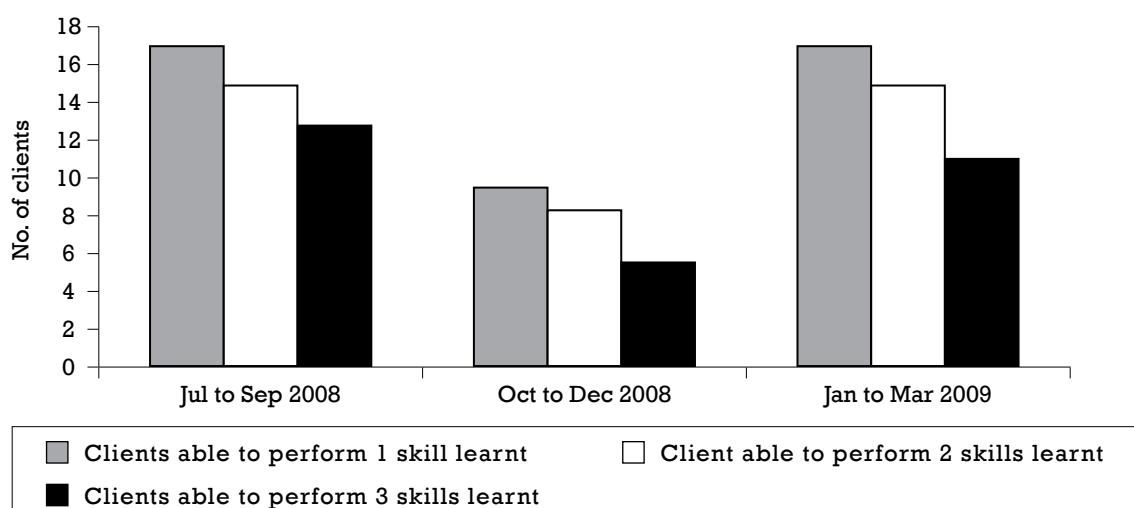
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Figure 1



Progressively, most of the AEP clients had been able to perform new skills learnt each quarter as shown in Figure 2 below. Some of these skills identified include caring for personal needs, managing personal finances, community mobility, interpersonal skills, as well as development of appropriate work habits and behaviour.

Figure 2



Apart from the various tracks, AEP clients from the OE/SE track, Retail track, and Project track have completed an 8 session IT course on the fundamentals of using the internet. Also, our clients had been encouraged to adopt a well-balanced lifestyle through various activities such as community sports (e.g. swimming, basketball, soccer), and gym sessions on a weekly basis.

Other activities include weekly community learning outings to places such as the Singapore Discovery Centre, Army Museum, Mint Museum of Toys, Bollywood Veggies, Civil Defence Heritage Gallery, Japanese Garden, Reflections at Bukit Chandu, Bukit Batok Nature Park, Police Heritage Centre, Sembawang Park, Botanic Gardens, and East Coast Park. Clients also participated in the Visual Arts programme conducted by Ms. Nanda Lourier and Ms. Nancy Renirie as part of their enrichment.

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISES & OPEN EMPLOYMENT

DSA(S) under AEP has set up a Pushcart business, Cart21, in December 2004 with assistance from Temasek Polytechnic, as well as a thriftshop, SHOP@DSA21, which is essentially a shop selling second-hand and/or donated goods in June 2008.

We have set up Cart21 at various ad-hoc events such as Mercer 30th Anniversary, Temasek Polytechnic, Madrasah Aljunied Al-Islamiah, CHIJ Toa Payoh, Mystique III Charity gala dinner, and various Radio 93.3 road show events. We have been liaising on getting several accessories items (e.g. book marks, ear rings, greeting cards) on consignment to increase the variety of items sold at the Push Cart.

We are exploring the options to sell other food items such as donuts and freeze dried fruits in chocolate.

Five clients from the OE/SE track had successfully transitioned to SHOP@DSA21, undergoing on-the-job training in retail operations since April 2008. In June 2009, one of the clients had been given part-time employment as a retail assistant and another new client had successfully transitioned from the OE/SE track to undergo on-the-job training at SHOP@DSA21. There have been a number of good donation drives from various companies and institutions such as Denso, Temasek Polytechnic, Richard-Ellis, and United Parcel Services.



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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

DSA Family Support Services (FSG) acknowledges the immense challenges faced by parents, caregivers, and siblings in raising a child with Down syndrome. FSG continuously strive to address these challenges through regular support group sessions, relevant talks and workshops mainly by professionals who work with persons with Down syndrome.

DSA FSG had organized very exciting and interesting events in the past year as listed below, the highlight being the workshops on Numeracy for persons with Down syndrome by Dr Rhonda Faragher from the Australian Catholic University.

FSG Main Activities for 2008 – 2009

In the year under review, over 110 participants attended the various closed support group activities, some of which included:

1. New Parent Support Group (3 sessions)

Mrs. Mira Rasaiah gave a talk on “Speech Development of children with Down syndrome and Intervention Strategies for parents and caregivers” during one of the sessions.

Early communication skills for babies with Down Syndrome was also discussed at another session.

2. MOMS ONLY Get-together (2 sessions)

At one of the sessions, Mrs. Rabinder Kaur Sekhon shared her experiences and challenges faced in the course of bringing up her daughter, Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Sekhon more than 20 years ago, when special schools were non-existent.

3. DADS ONLY (Dads Appreciating Down syndrome) Get together session

This session linked up dads, who share common concerns and hopes for their children, and provided opportunities to exchange experiences and support one another.

DSA had also organized several open support group activities in collaboration with various professionals and agencies, which included talks and workshops for our parents/caregivers on relevant issues of concern. There were over 112 participants who had participated in these activities.

1. DVD Screenings of “Developing Oral-Motor and Feeding Skills in the Down syndrome Population” by Lori Overland, Speech and Language Pathologist from the USA.

2. Yoga Trial Sessions for children in the age groups of 3 to 6 years and 7 to 13 years (2 sessions).

3. Talk on “Raising Awareness of the Development Milestones and Nutritional Concerns of Person with Down syndrome” - by Dr Bhavani Sriram, Senior Consultant – Department of Neonatology, KK Children’s & Women’s Hospital and Ms Grace Quek, Dietitian – Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, KK Children’s & Women’s Hospital.

4. DSA Family Day - was held together with Enduro 2008 , a 24 hour cycling charity event in East Coast Park.

5. Behavioural Management Talk – By Ms. Faridah Ali Chang, Senior Trainer/Consultant from Rainbow Centre.

6. Occupational Therapy Talk for children age 0 to 4 years old – By KIDZ Pediatric Occupational Therapy Consultants Pte Ltd

7. DSA Family Bowling Day organised by DADS Only on Saturday, 25th April 2009, was a resounding success, with 84 participants! It was a good family bonding day where there was lots of fun, laughter, and interaction amongst families and friends.

8. Numeracy Workshops for parents, teachers and professionals—by Dr Rhonda Faragher, Senior Lecturer in education, Australian Catholic University.

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Dr Rhonda Faragher has a PhD in disability studies in the area of numeracy attainment by adults with Down syndrome and has published journals on numeracy internationally. Her numeracy workshops were very educational and informative.

Her workshop on numeracy for teachers and professionals entitled 'Numeracy Development Across the Lifespan for Person with Down Syndrome', was based on her personal and professional experiences. Dr Faragher shared on how to teach our children using different methods, to solve a Maths problem, as well as appropriate resources that could be useful teaching materials. All three workshops were very well attended with a total of 63 participants.

RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

DSA also provides other services, which include information and referral for respite care, residential care, medical concerns, information about schools, and relevant resources. Our outreach efforts have also gone beyond Singapore and include other countries such as Ireland, Germany, Australia, India, Vietnam, United States, and the Philippines.

DSA Resource Library holds a broad range of reference books, research materials, children's books, newsletters, DVDs and videos on Down syndrome and other related learning disabilities for our members to utilize. In addition, we also have a Toy Library with more than 300 educational toys to provide our members with a broad variety of resource materials to develop their child needs and interests.



programmes & enrichment

DSA provides a continuum of enrichment services and co-curricular activities for members with Down syndrome from all ages and all walks of life. These programs are based on the premise that persons with Down syndrome can attain productive, meaningful, and enhanced quality of life according to their interest, aptitudes, and abilities, within the least restrictive environment. Hence, the various programmes progressively enable the individual to fully realize his or her potential and talents apart from the academic curriculum.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE

Dance continues to be a popular activity with members attending regular dance practices. The younger ones join the Creative Dance Group and the adults, the Fusion Dance Ensemble.

This year, the Fusion Dance Ensemble produced three new and interesting numbers, namely "Bali Dreams", "Fever" and "Earthlings".

"Bali Dreams"

An expression distinctively flavored by Balinese ethnicity as well as modern contemporary dance movements with an ethnic twist, "Bali Dreams" had been a hot favorite since its introduction in 2008.



Mystique I - DSA Charity Dinner Show



2nd Asia Pacific IASSID Congress 2009 (Opening)

Dancers from Fusion Dance Ensemble elegantly move to the Balinese rhythm and music which creates a Balinese ambience, captivating every moment in seconds as the audiences watched in awe.

Bali Dreams was performed at "Mystique I" - DSA Charity Dinner & Show 2008, "Welcome to my World" Concert 2009 & IASSID Congress 2009.

Bali Dreams was remixed with modern Bollywood tunes and was later performed at SG Private Banking Gala Dinner in October 2008 and at the 22nd Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association Congress in November 2008.

"Fever"

At "Mystique 1" DSA Charity Dinner & Fashion Show on August 2008, the dancers performed a classy second number entitled "Fever" featuring classic jazz moves to a modern upbeat tune. Over 500 distinguished guests, including DSA patron Mr. Tan Soo Khoon and Mrs. Tan, watched in awe as the DSA dancers slide and sashayed to a broad-way piece that leave them dizzily high with 'fever'.



"Fever" was choreographed by Zulfikar Ali of Apsara Asia Pte Ltd.

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"Earthlings"

A dance dedicated to Mother Earth, DSA Fusion Dance Ensemble pays tribute to Mother Earth and performed a New Age contemporary dance entitled "Earthlings" on Earth Hour 2009 at Esplanade Park. Earthlings was also performed at 2nd Asia Pacific IASSID Congress 2009.

*"What a magical joy it is to see,
The beauty of nature and its majesty.*

*Everything blends, entwines and embraces,
Spaced precisely in their designated places.*

*What a marvel to see, I wish I were a bee, Flying free,
Smelling life's roses, no particular place to be.*

*How can it be, such a marvel to see
When it's possessed by such as you and me?*

*Ours to have, cherish, and protect,
Not to pollute, take for granted, nor neglect.*

*Enjoy the earth and treat it kind
After all it is ours, yes... yours and mine.*

*A dance to show how much we love
This place We call, Mother earth" - Anonymous*

*"Earthlings" was choreographed by
Khairul Shahrin from Apsara Asia Pte Ltd.*



SPEECH & DRAMA

The main objective of using Drama as a tool to facilitate students' physical, social, emotional and cognitive development has remained unchanged through the years. Through theatre games and exercises, stories and re-enactment, music and movement, the Speech and Drama lessons hope to bring out the creativity of each participant. In the course of the work, there is also an emphasis on the need for teamwork and co-operation, for instance waiting for your turn, sharing your props etc.



For 2009, the groups spent time on training, reinforcing and exploring the different elements of Drama; through fun and games, songs and laughter.

For the first class on Saturday, the group explored the body and its relationship to the surroundings through musical instruments, songs, stories, hearing yourself through microphones, making body sculptures with pictures and photographs, dressing up etc.

For the second class, using stories as a starting point, the group explored language, story sequence, dialogues and of course, acting out the scenes.

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On Tuesdays, the older group with the trainers continue to work on scripts and stories; creating scripts through stories and creative improvisations. There is also emphasis on training member's sense of listening, watching and rhythm, through listening, stretching, clapping and stomping exercises.

Looking back at the past year, we see how much each of the students has grown and developed; looking forward, we see the potentials that have yet to be tapped.

Very often, when we go about our daily routine, we tend to overlook the little changes around us. Only on occasions when we look at old photographs do we realise how much a person has grown; or look up to see that a building has already been erected on a previously empty site.

Jean Ng & Julius Foo



DRUM PRODIGY & PERCUSSION

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) kicked off Drums & Percussions lessons in March 2009, along with a group of enthusiastic drummers from DSA. Drum Circles educate and heal using rhythmic vibrations and music. It is an effective tool for use in education, therapy, training of speech, team building, and improving the functioning of the left and right brain as well.

The programme brings joy, enthusiasm and musicality in the drummers. The Drumming Lessons emphasise hand techniques, basic drum techniques, drum rudiments, speed and endurance, practice routines and playing at different tempos.



"Even a Heart has A Beat" - Shamroz Khan and Shivaranjini Moorthy

programmes & enrichment

VISUAL ARTS

Arts enable members to express themselves and experience the pleasure of creating and communicating through their own unique artwork. In the last quarter of 2008, a workshop themed "Crazybirds" was conducted for students and their families. Participants release their vivid imagination to produce an array of weird and wonderful creatures during the workshop. Also, during the month of December, the AEP students attended the Christmas Fair at the Hollandse Club where they sold some of their artwork, dream catchers, vases and fridge magnets.



The students continued to work on various arts pieces and Ms Lau Su Ann, a member of DSA in the Arts programme, presented one of her paintings to Mayor Zainudin on DSA Buddy Walk, celebrating World Down Syndrome Day, 21st March 2009.

We would like to express our thanks to Nancy Renirie Vrijmoed for her contribution to the arts lessons for the past year and welcome Gill Darbyshire as the new Arts instructor in the class. The students still miss Nancy and we wish her the best in her home country, Netherlands.

SPORTS

DSA organized a soccer workshop in January 2009, together with veteran coaches Bernard and Muthu from Eagles Soccer Academy, training members of the basic fundamentals of the game and inducting new members into regular trainings on Saturdays. Also, we had introduced a new swimming class at Orientus Resort trained by swimming coach Aldwin Chan and another group trains at SAFRA Mt Faber by coach Herman and Darren.

BOWLING

DSA bowling programme introduced a new bowling coach in 2008, Mr Daniel Chang, who is a coach with Singapore Bowling Federation and member of the Singapore Recreation Club. Together with veteran DSA bowling coach, Mr Tan Kim Joo, they train bowlers from beginners level to advance level of skills and practices.



DSA held its 3rd Charity Bowl Competition on 6 July 2008, at SAFRA Mt Faber with applauding success. Collaborating with the Airline Club of Singapore in the third year running, twenty-five members of DSA had great moments bowling together with sponsors. Singapore Airlines Team, together with DSA bowler, Jesslyn Wong, was the winning team, with a total knock-out of 1921 pins.

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the enthusiastic support from CB Richard Ellis Pte Ltd, Conan Wu & Associates Pte Ltd, Emirates, Nestle Singapore Pte Ltd, National Service Resort & Country Club, Pacific Arena Pte Ltd, Peninsular Excelsior Hotel, SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club, Silkair (S) Pte Ltd, Singapore Airlines Limited, Singapore Disability Sports Council, Singapore Petroleum Company Limited, Singapore Recreation Club, The National Forwarder (Singapore) Pte Ltd, UPS SCS (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Mr. Xavier Lim, Mr. Edwin Chan, Mr. Sim Kwang Hock and Mr. Jack Wong.

DSA Bowlers had participated in the various competitions, notably the 4th National Disability League 2009, SBF BOWLinks Bimonthly Bowling Challenge, 7th Special Olympics National Games 2009 and Singapore Nurses Association Interchapter Bowling Tournament 2009, securing the top three placings on several occasions.

ENRICHMENT

KINDERMUSIK

Kindermusik's curriculum covers the aspects of education, musicality and creativity in the younger members of DSA, ages 7 years and below. For the past year, kindermusik had been conducting sessions such as Family time theme "Here, There and Everywhere", Our Time "Milk & Cookies" and "Away We Go", which fosters and nurtures parental and family bonding through the course of sessions.



KID'S READ

Kid's READ group sessions are conducted at Bishan Library and DSA Bishan Centre, together with volunteers from NLB, each taking turns to facilitate the group. Parents of members participating in the programme have observed improvements in pronunciation, verbalization and communication skills.



COMPUTER MATHS CLASS

With the induction of new notebooks and software programmes, the computer maths class has expanded into beginners and advance group with a total of 18 members in the Sunday lessons. Lessons are taught by teacher, Mr Ong Chin Wah and Sarah Vanelslander, providing continuity in learning the elements of mathematical skills and improving their cognitive abilities through an interactive software.

YOGA & WELLNESS

DSA started yoga sessions for children with Down syndrome in October 2008. Yoga sessions are facilitated by Mui Siang and her team who have undergone Yoga Therapy training. The exercises have been carefully selected to help stimulate physical coordination, mental clarity and social development in special children.

The programme explores integrated series of balanced Yoga poses to increase body awareness, strength and flexibility. Also, specialized breathing exercises and relaxation techniques helps to improve concentration and reduce hyperactivity.

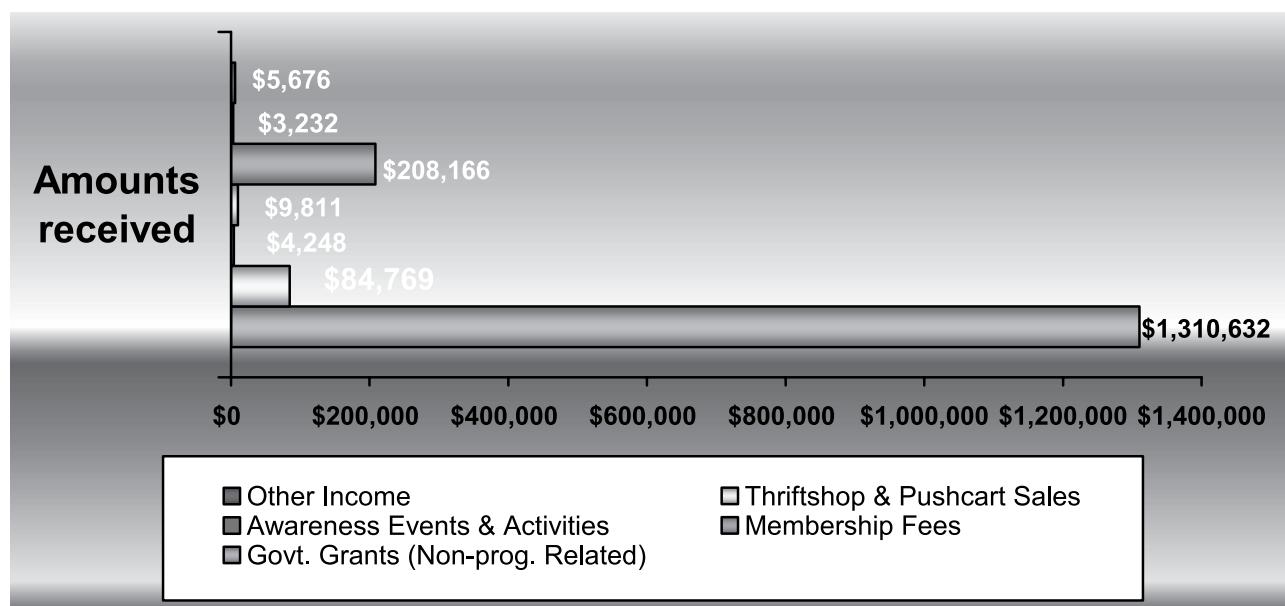
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DSA's Fundraising Strategies

The global financial crisis affecting the world's economy is described by leading economists as being the worst global financial crisis since The Great Depression. Its effects were felt the world over, with Singapore not being spared.

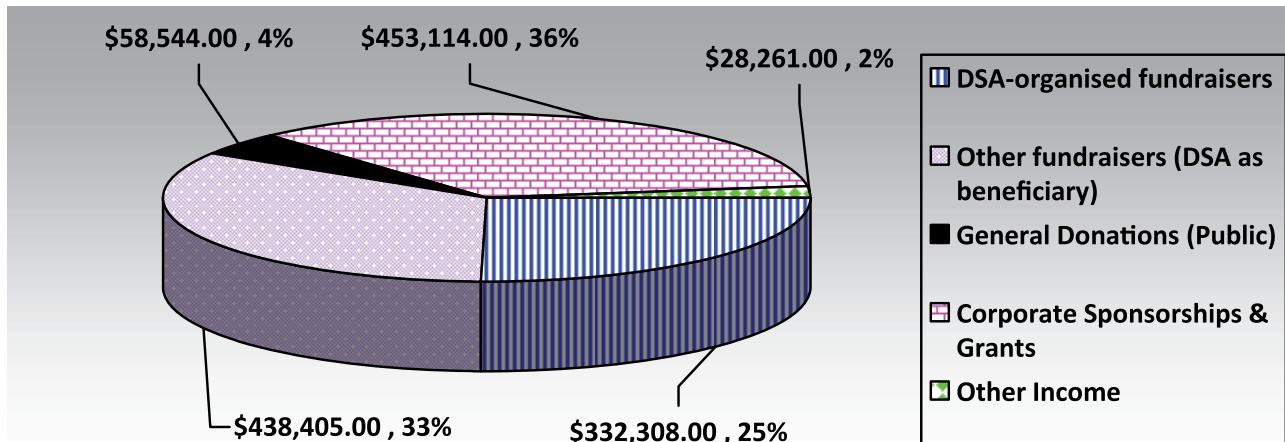
This ripple effect, in turn, was keenly felt by all charities in Singapore including, Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) as donations, sponsorships and grants began to shrink in the third and fourth quarter of 2008 due to the impact of job cuts and retrenchments, decline in consumer wealth and failure in many businesses. It has been a rather gloomy outlook with further threats of job losses and bankruptcies pummeling our already-fragile economy.

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) [DSA] relied on a good mix of self-organised fundraising events, fundraisers which saw DSA being selected as a beneficiary, donations and grants from public and corporate stalwart supporters to sustain us through this difficult period. DSA's income for the financial year 2008/2009 reached \$1.62 million of which \$1.3 million came from donations, fundraisers, sponsorships and grants. Please refer to the below chart for the breakdown of income.



DSA's expenditure for the financial year of 2008/2009 reached \$ 900,000. DSA's existing Educational and Enrichment Programmes continue to see a gradual increase in enrollment numbers which is attributed to a rise in membership numbers and greater participation by current members. New programmes were also added to the current fold to expand the range of services provided by DSA to its members with Down syndrome and their families. This resulted in a greater need for resources especially in the area of manpower, as staff involved in direct services increased due to the teacher-student ratio.

DSA managed to increase its income due to fundraisers held before the global financial crisis hit hard on businesses and the wallets of Singaporeans. The silver lining in this recession was the concern showed by the community through their contributions of time, goods and finances. This was reflected in a 29% increase in public donations via the Online Donation Portal (OLDP) and through AXS kiosks. A great deal of sympathy for charities and those less fortunate was highlighted in the media which resulted in a slight increase of fundraisers which nominated DSA as a beneficiary. However, signature fundraising events of DSA such as Mystique – DSA's Charity Gala Dinner, reported a 15% drop in funds raised as compared to the same event held in 2007.



The bulk of funds was raised through corporate sponsorship and grants followed fundraisers organized by corporate organizations, associations and schools. Fundraising events organized by DSA contributed almost a third of the fundraising income.

A number of these organizations should be highlighted for their unstinting support and financial contribution that has helped DSA to tide over this period of global financial crisis which is expected to last well into 2009 or further. They include: ICAP (AP) Singapore, Bikeaid Singapore, United Parcel Service Singapore Pte Ltd and the UPS Foundation, ISG Asia Singapore, The National Forwarder (Singapore), Champions Golf Academy Pte Ltd, SG Private Banking and Ikebana Association.

Moving Forward

Annual fundraisers of DSA such as Mystique – DSA's Charity Gala Dinner and Charity Bowl are signature fundraising events of DSA which will continue to have its place in DSA's annual fundraising calendar. DSA will also have a variety of fundraisers that will attract different segments of donors and engage different groups of volunteers. DSA hopes that in the coming financial year, a greater number of corporate organizations would latch on DSA's "Giving Programme" which would enable staff in the organizations to give their time, the organizations to financially support a DSA programme and be touched by their meaningful interaction with our members.

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21 March has annually, since its inception in 2006, been marked as a day to commemorate the special people around us born with the extra chromosome (Trisomy 21) that causes Down syndrome. This year, over 19 countries around the world, including Singapore, celebrated World Down Syndrome Day in big ways and small.

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) continues to host and update the website of World Down Syndrome Day (www.worlddownsyndromeday.org) for the Down syndrome community around the world. It is uplifting to see so many countries across different cultures and geographic regions coming together for the common purpose of honouring persons with Down syndrome in our community and their positive impact on the community.

DSA Buddy Walk 2009 (In commemoration of World Down Syndrome Day 2009)

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) chose to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with its members, families and the community at a Buddy Walk this year to the theme of "Walking Together Towards an Inclusive Community".

In keeping to this theme, the event proved to be about supporting and accepting persons with Down syndrome among us, heightening awareness of Down syndrome and raising a higher level of consciousness and respect for persons with Down syndrome and lastly, including persons with Down syndrome into community activities in our everyday lives.

In a strong show of support, over 1000 participants (from over 13 schools, associations & members of the public) and 80 volunteers were at the Singapore Flyer early in the morning on 21 March to take part in the DSA Buddy Walk held in commemoration of the World Down Syndrome Day 2009. Filling up the Greek Theatre of the Singapore Flyer was a sea of faces, children and adults alike, eagerly awaiting the start of the walk and showing by their actions that they supported and embraced all persons with Down syndrome into community life.

WDSD Commemoration Day 2009 – 21 March

The clouds gathering at the break of dawn hinted at rain as participants gathered to register and collect their goodie bags. As the event progressed, the sun peeked out from the cloudy sky as the activities got underway. Under the canopy of the Greek Theatre, the DSA Buddy Walk commenced with a speech by Mr Roderick Tan, Deputy Chairman of DSA, emphasizing the importance of social integration of persons with Down syndrome into the community and the celebration of their achievements and abilities.

It was immediately followed by a presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to the Sponsors and Supporters of the event who had attended the DSA Buddy Walk. Warm up exercises led by Mr Amos Chin, a Training Officer of DSA's Adult Enhancement Programme, along with a group of young adults with Down syndrome, Mr Zainudin Nordin, Mayor of Central Singapore District, Mr Roderick Tan and Ms Kristin van Burm, Immediate Past Chairperson of DSA got the crowd going as they waved their arms, shook their feet and stretched every part of their body to the music.

With a short blast from the airhorn by Mayor Zainudin Nordin, Guest of Honour for the DSA Buddy Walk 2009 and a wave of the DSA Flag by flagbearer – Mr Quek Hong An, a DSA Member, the DSA

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Buddy Walk commenced from the Formula 1 race track. Participants walked past the scenic views of the Esplanade, caught a glimpse of the Merlion, wended down past the Esplanade Park and Anderson Bridge before heading back to the F1 track at the Greek Theatre.

Throughout the morning, the sound of laughter and chatter between the participants and persons with Down syndrome and their families filled the air. Participants were treated to cups of Milo® sponsored by Nestle's Milo® van as they eagerly awaited the results from the lucky draw. A special treat was given to participants with Down syndrome who each received a ticket to ride on the Singapore Flyer. Participants eagerly await the next Buddy Walk and have requested for a longer route.

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Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) together with MINDS (Movement for the intellectually submitted a bid in Taipei at the 1st Asia Pacific IASSID Regional Congress in 2005 to host the 2nd AP IASSID World Congress in Singapore. Singapore won the bid.

DSA along with other related local and international organizations joined the Local Organizing Committee for the Congress. These included the National Institute of Education (NIE), Movement for the Intellectually Disabled (MINDS), Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) and the Social Service Training Institute (SSTI).

About IASSID (International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities)

IASSID is an international and interdisciplinary scientific non-governmental organisation with official relations with the World Health Organisation. IASSID is the first and only world-wide group dedicated to the scientific study of intellectual disability.

About the Asia Pacific IASSID Congress

The scope of IASSID'S Congresses is to provide recent findings on major advances in the biological, behavioural and social sciences related to intellectual disabilities. These advances are addressed in presentations concerned with progress in the provision of services and support for persons with intellectual disabilities.

IASSID 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Congress, June 2009

The IASSID 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Congress was held for the first time in Singapore from 24 to 27 June 2009, at the Furama Riverfront Hotel. Under the theme “Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society”, the conference featured both global and local distinguished speakers who are all experts in their respective fields. The 4-day program which included pre-conference workshops, keynote presentations from the likes of experts such as Dr. Henny van Schrojenstein Lantman-de Valk (The Netherlands), Dr. Monica Cuskelly (Australia), Prof. Glynis Murphy (UK), Prof. Levan Lim (Singapore), Prof. Matthew Janicki (USA), Prof. Rune J. Simeonsson (USA), Prof. Shigeru Suemitsu (Japan) and several other eminent professionals from the region spoke on leading topics during the keynote sessions. They covered and addressed the multiple areas of concern for people with intellectual disability.

Eight pre-conference workshops were organised from 22 to 23 June 2009 at various locations – Social Service Training Institute (SSTI), Society for the Physically Disabled, Rainbow Centre and Down Syndrome Association (DSA)

The Conference objective was to provide a platform to address issues of poverty, poor health and social exclusion that contribute to the incidence of Intellectual Disability. One of the highlights of the conference was the latest research on the development of evidence based health and social services practice across the Asia Pacific region, to promote the exchange of ideas between researchers and practitioners, and to promote evidence-based best practices among service providers and in turn promote a supportive and an inclusive society for people with disability.

One key component of the IASSID congress was the “Asian Research to Practice Roundtable” held over two consecutive days with emerging themes presented at the closing ceremony. The goal is to bring improvement to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region via

- The increase in interaction between researchers, policy makers, and practitioners within the region
- The initiation of discussion for the development of one or two projects with multi-centre activities that will take place within the region

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The discussions have identified and led to six focused themes as follows:

- Measurement
- Dissemination
- Study replications & comparative research
- Research-practice-policy alignment
- Parent/family advocacy and support
- Research approaches

A total of 362 participants and 80 foreign accompanying persons arrived on our shores to attend this Regional Congress of which 117 were local participants. The 245 foreign participants came from 36 countries ranging from Austria to Iran to the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. Thirteen DSA staff attended the conference and two of them presented papers. This staff not only gained a wealth of knowledge that was shared by experts in the field of intellectual disability, but also made many new friends and shared experiences with delegates from the region.

Apart from the main Congress programme and presentations, social events such as the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception as well as the Gala Dinner provided opportunities for delegates to mingle and establish new friendships whilst cementing old ones. The Opening Ceremony, which was officiated by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) and the Welcome Reception was held at the conference venue on 24 June 2009. The Gala Banquet, graced by Mr S Iswaran, Minister of State, Ministry of Trade & Industry and Education, was held at the conference venue on 26 June 2009.

Various local tours were also organized for the delegates and their accompanying persons. After a highly successful Congress, Japan was proud to announce that it would be the venue for the next Asia Pacific IASSID Congress.



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down syndrome international

Down Syndrome International (DSI)

Down Syndrome International (DSI) is a federation of national organizations and individuals committed to ensuring the quality of life and human rights for all people with Down syndrome. DSI exists to advance the interest of individuals with Down syndrome and those involved in their care, education and support throughout the world.

The primary vehicle by which DSI would achieve these goals would include facilitating World Down Syndrome Day (21 March) and the triennial World Down Syndrome Congress, the development of infrastructure advice and support for developing countries, supporting on-site assessment of resources, organizational and social needs by teams of specialists.

The appointment of distinguished experts in the field of Down syndrome to the International Scientific Advisory Committee, working in tandem with the Board members, the team has enhanced DSI's ability to achieve its mission. It has been an honour and privilege for having served as DSI's Past President; it is an added honour for Down Syndrome Association as our Immediate Past Chairperson Ms. Kristin Van Burm has been elected to DSI's Board in August 2009.

The 10th World Down Syndrome Congress organized by Down Syndrome Ireland in Dublin in August 2009 was a rewarding experience for all, and the information provided would add richness to the lives of persons with Down syndrome and the community in which they live. The 11th WDSC will be hosted and organized by Down syndrome South Africa in Cape Town in August 2012. For more information visit their website www.downsyndrome.org.za or e-mail to dssaoffice@icon.co.za.

Following DSI's declaration of 21st March as World Down Syndrome Day, there has been a tremendous increase in awareness of Down syndrome worldwide. The number of events commemorating WDSD in more countries along with the impact of the website www.worlddownsyndromeday.org has been impressive. This official WDSD website is hosted by Down Syndrome Association (Singapore). DSI is very appreciative of this gesture and also for the effort and time spent to achieve this. The year 2009 represented 50 years since Professor Lejeune identified the 47th chromosome as the ultimate cause of Down syndrome.

DSI's website <http://www.ds-int.org> has been updated and has been effective as a major means of communication. It will include policy and position statements on major issues. There are positive efforts in place to rejuvenate the Down syndrome journal.

DSI successfully completed the outreach program in Libya with financial support from Libyan BG Group. Volunteers from DSI provided the expertise and awareness, covering areas of human rights, education, employment, fundraising, speech and occupational therapy.

In the recent past, collaboration has occurred with organizations such as WHO, UN, Inclusion International and IASSID. DSI and IASSID Council have an agreement to facilitate cooperation and mutual support. At the joint meeting in Singapore during the 2nd AP IASSID Congress (June 2009) the DS-SIRG was confirmed. Jointly, it will promote research and practice in Down syndrome. The Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group has grown from strength to strength and plays a vital role towards enhancing the quality of life of persons with Down syndrome, by the active multidisciplinary experts who work with great enthusiasm and passion. DSI supports DSMIG.

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31	Mr	Koh Ci Ming	08/0717	76	Ms	Tan Ying Yin	06/0615
32	Ms	Koh Sze Chyi	04/0496	77	Mr	Tan Zhi Bang Kenneth	05/0569
33	Ms	Koh Sze Yen	04/0497	78	Mr	Tan Zhi Wei Bryan Samuel	01/0370
34	Mr	Koh Wen Xun	08/0725	79	Mr	Tan Zhi Yi Ryan	09/0757
35	Mr	Kyle Wee Hong Zhe	09/0775	80	Ms	Tan Zi Hui Gabrielle	09/0778
36	Ms	Lam Mae Ern Anna	05/0561	81	Mr	Tay De Sheng John	09/0756
37	Mr	Lee En Ci Samuel	03/0465	82	Ms	Teo Shui Shann	06/0606
38	Mr	Lee Meng Tat Raymond	09/0809	83	Ms	Teo Yi Yun Samantha	00/0283
39	Ms	Lee Wei Ling Sarah	03/0442	84	Mr	Toh Wei Kang Hansel	00/0316
40	Mr	Lee Xuan Yu	09/0754	85	Mr	Toh Wei Yang	00/0318
41	Ms	Lee Zhi Yan Michelle	01/0374	86	Ms	Toi Hsieh Hui Joanne	08/0743
42	Mr	Lew Ying Yi Jonathan	09/0786	87	Mr	Woo Sheng Yang	09/0755
43	Ms	Lim Ai Chinn	05/0562	88	Mr	Yap Wei Hern Ryan	08/0748
44	Mr	Lim Junhan Lleyton	05/0537	89	Ms	Yeo Wei Xuan	05/0542
45	Mr	Lim Kian Say	05/0552	90	Mr	Yuto Takeshima	07/0640
46	Ms	Lim Li Jun Nadine	07/0672				
47	Mr	Lim Liang Jin Eugene	09/0808				
48	Mr	Lim Ri Sheng Louis	01/0367				
49	Mr	Lim Thye Ann	08/0728				
50	Ms	Loke Qian Ni	04/0495				
51	Mr	Lu Qijun Tyler	07/0641				

FAMILY MEMBERS

S/No	Title	Name	Member ID
1	Mr	Ho Meng Huat Philip	01/0334
	Ms	Ho Zhi Xin Carolyn	01/0334/1

membership

	Mdm Han Su-Ling Patricia	01/0334/2	Mr Lin Zihan Anthony	09/0764/04
	Mr Ho Zhi Qiang Luke	01/0334/3	12 Mdm Norliza Bte Rolan	09/0777
2	Mr Lee Siew Kuan Francis	01/0343	Mr Wasif Aniq	09/0777/01
	Mr Lee Shi Xin	01/0343/1	Mr Ahsanul Kalam	09/0777/02
	Mdm Tan Lee Meng Vivian	01/0343/2	Mr Wafi Ammar	09/0777/03
	Mr Lee Zhao Yong	01/0343/4	Mr Wabil Arfan	09/0777/04
3	Mr Chan Wei Keong Francis	04/0505	13 Mrs Donna Carroll	09/0781
	Mdm Loh Mei Kuen	04/0505/01	Mr Rory Carroll	09/0781/01
	Mr Chan Yi Jie Issac	04/0505/02	Ms Mia Carroll	09/0781/02
4	Mr Cheung Chak Shi Hardy	06/0585	Mr Liam Carroll	09/0781/03
	Ms Cheung Seok Yee Lynette	06/0585/1	14 Mr Shane Savio Syed	09/0783
	Mdm Chan Soo Chung	06/0585/2	Mr Schenan Syed	09/0783/01
	Mr Cheung Cheong Chi Alexander	06/0585/3	Mdm Charmaine Athaide	09/0783/02
	Ms Cheung Seok Yan Sandra	06/0585/4	Mr Shaneeq Syed	09/0783/03
5	Mr David Wu Tuck Wai	06/0616	15 Mdm Dijaswatie Shariff	09/0788
	Mr Joseph Wu Jun Yew	06/0616/01	Mr Aqeel Mustaqueem	09/0788/01
	Mdm Mary Han Yoke Cheng	06/0616/02	Mr Abdul Azim	09/0788/02
	Mr Joshua Wu Jun Rong	06/0616/03	Ms Izzati Iman	09/0788/03
6	Mr S. Iswaran	07/0653	Ms Asyura iklil Iman	09/0788/04
	Mr Sanjay Robert Iswaran	07/0653/1	16 Mr Hew Yin Foh	09/0789
	Ms Monisha C Iswaran	07/0653/2	Ms Hew Hui Min	09/0789/01
	Mr Krishan Z Iswaran	07/0653/3	Mdm Choo Yit Lai	09/0789/02
7	Mr Low Fay Tuck Leonard	07/0694	Ms Hew Shi Min	09/0789/03
	Mr Josh Low Xin Rui	07/0694/1	17 Mdm Toi Mui Wah	09/0791
	Ms Lin Hat Tsu	07/0694/2	Mr Tan Jian Hong Ken	09/0791/01
	Mr Jeryl Low Xin Kai	07/0694/3	Mr Tan Beng Hai	09/0791/02
8	Mdm Caroline Teng Meng Li	07/0702	Ms Tan Qing Hui	09/0791/03
	Mr Nicholas Tan	07/0702/1	18 Mr Wong Wei Kiong	09/0792
	Mstr Marcus Tan Jia Rong	07/0702/2	Mr Wong Xin Yeung Bryan	09/0792/01
	Ms Nicole Tan Jia Mei	07/0702/3	Mdm Chonthicha Kantawanitchakool	09/0792/02
	Ms Lolita Laddit	07/0702/4	Ms Wong XIn Yee Alexis	09/0792/03
9	Mr Lai Wen Kai Caleb	08/0747	19 Ms Szeto Pei Ying Jessica	09/0793
	Mr Lai Szu Ann Derrick	08/0747/01	Mr Szeto Jonathan	09/0793/01
	Mdm Lui Cheng Cheng	08/0747/02	Mdm Chee Wai Lin Serene	09/0793/02
	Mr Lai Wen Le Joel	08/0747/03	Ms Vivien Teoh	09/0793/03
	Mdm Lee Soh Mui	08/0747/04	20 Mrs Karen Lee	09/0795
10	Mrs Freida Guerzon-David Mari Aguila	09/0752	Ms Grace Marie Lee	09/0795/01
	Mr Gerard Lorenzo Guerzon-David	09/0752/01	Mr Philip Lee	09/0795/02
	Mr Wenceslao Teddy Sison-David	09/0752/02	Ms Maria Grazia Lee	09/0795/03
	Ms Lolita Leddigario Dela Pena	09/0752/03	Ms Louise Marie Lee	09/0795/04
	Mdm Rose Marie Aguila Guerzon	09/0752/04		
11	Mdm Lo Yoke Hwa Penny	09/0764		
	Mr Lin Ziyou Patrick	09/0764/01		
	Mr Lim Tock Han	09/0764/02		
	Mr Lin Zihui Anastasia	09/0764/03		

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)

Charity Registration No. 0205/1996 WEL

(Registered in Singapore)

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Organisation information

Charity registration number	0205/1996 WEL
Registered office	Blk 170 Telok Blangah Crescent #01-270 Singapore 091017
Executive committee members	Chairman Mr Ong Chin Wah
	Vice Chairman Mr Roderick Tan Tiong Own
	Honorary Secretary Mr Khairul Alam Bin Mohd Zaini
	Honorary Treasurer Ms Kan Lai Lai Monica
	Committee Members Ms Patricia Ho Ms Jean Wang Ms Lia Delvia Marahusin Mr Ratnasabapathy Sivanandam Ms Libby Cohen Mr Lee Beng Tat Benatt
Executive director	Dr Saba Iqbal
Immediate past chairperson	Ms Kristin Van Burm
Bankers	DBS Bank Ltd RHB Bank Berhad
Auditors	P G Wee & Partners Certified Public Accountants 79 Anson Road #07-03 Singapore 079906

Statement by the Board of Management Committee

For the year ended 30 June 2009

The Board of Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37 and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Down Syndrome Association (“Association”) as at 30 June 2009 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flow of the Association for the year ended on that date in accordance with the provisions of the Acts.

The Board of Management Committee have, on the date of this statement, authorised these financial statements for issue.

On behalf of the Committee Members,

Ong Chin Wah
Chairman

Khairul Alam Bin Mohd Zaini
Honorary Secretary

Kan Lai Lai Monica
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore, 22 September 2009

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) ("Association") which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, and the income statement, statement of changes in funds and cash flow statement of the Association for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37 and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes:

- (a) devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair income statement and balance sheet and to maintain accountability of assets;
- (b) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- (c) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not

for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Management Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion,

- (a) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the Societies Act, Chapter 311, Charities Act, Chapter 37 and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2009 and of the results, changes in funds and cash flows of the Association for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Association have been properly kept in accordance with the Regulation; and
- (c) the fund-raising appeals conducted by the Association during the year were carried out in accordance with Regulation 6 and proper accounts and other records have been kept for the fund-raising appeals.



PG WEE & PARTNERS
*Public Accountants and
Certified Public Accountants Singapore*

22 September 2009

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Income Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	General Fund	Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Education Fund	2009	2008
Income		SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Sales		9,165	-	-	-	9,165	-
Donations	3	64,884	-	300,000	146,774	511,658	274,412
Interest income		933	-	-	14	947	939
Interest on fixed deposit – current year		-	-	-	4,729	4,729	3,633
Interest on fixed deposit – previous year		-	-	-	-	-	4,829
Fundraising income	4	718,463	-	-	52,250	770,713	730,425
Programme fees		20,347	-	41,322	23,100	84,769	79,486
Membership fee		4,248	-	-	-	4,248	5,157
Special event - net	5	-	-	-	-	-	(526)
Awareness and events activities		2,418	761	53	-	3,232	1,557
Government grant		25,989	48,318	133,859	-	208,166	140,191
Social Enterprise		-	-	646	-	646	76
Other income	6	19,781	-	4,216	4,264	28,261	3,276
		866,228	49,079	480,096	231,131	1,626,534	1,243,455
Expenditure (see page 7)		(531,459)	(57,424)	(257,950)	(137,182)	(984,015)	(977,892)
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		334,769	(8,345)	222,146	93,949	642,519	265,563

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Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)
Charity Registration No.: 0205/1996 WEL

	Note	General Fund	Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Education Fund	2009	2008
		SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Expenditure							
Accountancy fees		5,180	1,000	1,530	1,530	9,240	7,960
Auditors' remuneration		4,000	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Advertisement		1,511	-	-	-	1,511	1,362
Awareness and events activities expenses		7,199	518	119	-	7,836	8,952
Bank charges		414	-	-	52	466	837
CPF & SDL		32,289	3,381	21,291	14,216	71,177	70,270
Depreciation of plant and equipment	9	49,327	-	-	468	49,795	64,945
Fundraising expenses	4	89,789	-	-	-	89,789	100,655
General expenses		1,488	41	83	-	1,612	997
Insurance		7,561	-	65	-	7,626	14,914
IT support		10,258	-	-	-	10,258	7,455
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment		-	-	-	-	-	567
Medical expenses		479	99	555	452	1,585	1,298
Newspapers and periodicals		208	-	-	-	208	207
Postages and couries		1,270	31	5	-	1,306	1,486
Printing and stationery		8,296	270	2,883	297	11,746	10,026
Professional fees		10,449	-	-	-	10,449	3,998
Programme materials		5,927	1,802	3,249	198	11,176	8,297
Refreshments		1,810	140	142	-	2,092	2,487
Rental - HDB		4,276	-	-	-	4,276	4,271
Rental – Junction 8		-	-	36,011	-	36,011	38,997
Repair and maintenance		2,479	27	205	108	2,819	11,718
Salaries and bonus		165,710	49,659	171,186	115,609	502,164	471,675
Social enterprise expenses		-	-	50	-	50	2,313

	Note	General Fund	Family Support	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Education Fund	2009	2008
		SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Staff welfare		690	54	60	-	804	2,616
Subscription fee		3,303	-	-	-	3,303	3,143
Telephone charges		2,076	-	2,091	-	4,167	3,648
Trainer allowances for programmes		87,122	-	12,075	-	99,197	97,938
Training and developments		7,920	-	654	-	8,574	5,338
Transport		10,390	402	1,531	1,202	13,525	10,516
Utilities		8,253	-	1,945	-	10,198	7,999
Volunteers allowances		1,785	-	2,220	3,050	7,055	7,007
Total expenditure		531,459	57,424	257,950	137,182	984,015	977,892

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2009

	Note	2009 SGD	2008 SGD
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	9	87,817	130,006
<i>Current assets</i>			
Other receivables	10	9,726	32,969
Other assets	11	21,393	18,050
Cash and cash equivalents	12	1,246,885	575,241
		1,278,004	626,260
Total assets		1,365,821	756,266
Funds and liabilities			
Total funds			
General fund		1,160,672	729,820
Family Support Group Fund	13	18,588	26,933
Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	14	110,940	(111,206)
Education Fund	15	(2,134)	-
		1,288,066	645,547
Non-current liabilities			
Finance lease payables	16	2,311	2,311
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Accrued liabilities		44,871	36,609
Receipt in advance	17	24,795	63,710
Finance lease payables	16	5,778	8,089
		75,444	108,408
Total funds and liabilities		1,365,821	756,266

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Funds

For the year ended 30 June 2009

	General Fund	Family Support Group Fund	Adult Enhancement Programme Fund	Education Fund	Total
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Balance as 1 July 2008	729,820	26,933	(111,206)	-	645,547
Items of income and expenditure recognised directly in fund					
Net movement during the year	-	(8,345)	222,146	93,949	307,750
Net income/(expenditure) recognised directly in fund	-	(8,345)	222,146	93,949	307,750
Surplus for the year	428,718	-	-	-	428,718
Transfer of fund	96,083	-	-	(96,083)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2009	1,160,672	18,588	110,940	(2,134)	1,288,066
Balance as at 1 July 2007	350,808	17,668	11,508	-	379,984
Items of income and expenditure recognised directly in fund					
Net movement during the year	-	9,265	(122,714)	-	(113,449)
Net income/(expenditure) recognised directly in fund	-	9,265	(122,714)	-	(113,449)
Surplus for the year	379,012	-	-	-	379,012
Balance as at 30 June 2008	729,820	26,933	(111,206)	-	645,547

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		SGD	SGD
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>			
Surplus for the year		642,519	265,563
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of plant and equipment		49,795	64,945
Donation in-kind		-	(30,458)
Interest income – current year		(4,729)	(4,570)
Interest income – previous year		-	(4,829)
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment		-	567
Operating surplus before working capital changes		687,585	291,218
Other receivables		23,243	(28,406)
Other assets		(3,343)	(1,488)
Other payables		8,262	(3,860)
Other liabilities		(38,915)	(6,150)
Cash flow generated from operations		676,832	251,314
Interest income		4,729	9,399
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		681,561	260,713
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(7,606)	(49,479)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment		-	100
Net cash used in investing activities		(7,606)	(49,379)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>			
Payment for finance lease payables		(2,311)	(1,156)
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,311)	(1,156)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		671,644	210,178
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		575,241	365,063
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	12	1,246,885	575,241

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (“FRS”).

The financial statements expressed in Singapore dollar are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except as disclosed, where appropriate, in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Association are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Association operates (“the functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar, which is the Association's functional and presentation currency.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured and the following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

- (a) Donations and contributions are recognised in the financial statements as and when received.
- (b) Government grant is recognised in the financial statements when they are due and receivable.
- (c) Interest income is recognised as the interest accrues unless collectibility is in doubt.
- (d) Membership fee is recognised on an accrual basis.

Retirement Benefit Costs

Contributions to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are recorded as an expense as they fall due. Contributions made to government managed retirement benefit plan such as the Central Provident Fund which specifies the employer's obligations are dealt with as defined contribution retirement benefit plans.

Income Tax Benefit (Expense)

The Association is a registered charity under the Charities Act 1982 and is exempted from income tax under Chapter 134 Section 19U of the Income Tax Act.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line method to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives have been taken as follows:

Office equipment	-	5 years
Furniture and fittings	-	5 years
Renovation	-	5 years
Donation boxes	-	10 years
Library books	-	5 years
Library toys	-	5 years
Computers	-	5 years
IT laboratory	-	5 years

The residual values are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use.

On disposal of an item of plant and equipment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is taken to the income Statement.

Impairment

The carrying amount of the Association's assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. All impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

Fund Accounting

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the resources available to the Association, the financial statements of the Association are maintained substantially in accordance with the principles of 'fund accounting' whereby the resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into specific funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives specified.

Other Receivables

Other receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the income statement when there is objective evidence that the assets are impaired. The allowance recognised is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

This includes cash on hand and deposits with financial institutions.

Finance Leases

Lease of assets in which the company assumes substantially the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased item and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in finance lease payables. The interest element of the finance cost is taken to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Other Payables

Liabilities for other amounts payable are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Provisions

A provision is recognised when there is a present obligation (legal and constructive) as a result of past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

Critical Judgements, Assumptions and Estimation Uncertainties

There were no key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. The critical judgements made in the process of applying the Association's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are discussed below:

Depreciation of Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The management estimates the useful lives of these plant and equipment to be within 5 to 10 years. The carrying amount of the Association's plant and equipment at 30 June 2009 is SGD 87,817 (2007: SGD 130,006). Changes in the expected level of usage and technological developments could impact the economic useful lives and the residual values of these assets, therefore future depreciation charges could be revised.

2. Association Information

Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)'s registered office and principal place of business is located at Blk 170 Telok Blangah Crescent #01-270 Singapore 091017 and #06-04 Junction 8 Shopping Centre Singapore 579837 respectively. The Association was registered as a society on 16 September 1996 under Section 4(5) of the Societies Act, Chapter 311 and on 17 January 1997 it was registered as a Charity under the Charities Act, Chapter 37.

The principal activities of the Association are to enable persons with down syndrome to attain their full potential, to provide support and information to families of persons with down syndrome, to educate the public and to provide and promote an advisory service about all aspects of down syndrome.

3. Donations

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
CPF – online donation	2,137	2,442
Donation – tax exempt	398,904	95,216
NCSS – online donation	21,529	18,269
Donation – non-tax exempt	89,088	158,485
	511,658	274,412

3. Fund raising activities - net

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Asia works – Art of effective workshop	11,250	70,613
Buddywalk 2009	94,038	-
Corporate Stationery Bikethon with Love	-	19,197
Charity golf 2007	17,200	91,930
Charity Ride	6,200	-
Charity Bowl 2008	6,000	13,500
Citibank YMCA	3,490	-
Deepavalli Dinner (Sg Banking)	8,700	-
Enduro	150,677	-
Fashion Show	177,800	180,556
Flag Day 2008/2007	80,788	84,932

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
ISG Asia Charity	63,051	64,626
Ikebana Singapore	1,899	3,593
Motor Racing Golf	52,000	-
NSRCC Golf	95,750	-
Power in your Hands	1,870	-
CB Richard Ellis donation	-	9,428
RJC Step Up For Down Concert	-	50
President Star Challenge 2007	-	190,000
Fashion show 2008	-	2,000
	770,713	730,425
<i>Less:</i> Fund raising expenses		
Buddywalk 2009	18,221	-
Corporate Stationery Bikethon with Love	-	14,639
Charity Golf 2007	-	26,660
Charity Bowl 2008	2,851	-
Citibank YMCA	284	-
Deepavalli Dinner (Sg Banking)	4,252	-
Enduro	9,047	-
Fashion Show	48,303	38,658
Flag Day 2008/2007	6,735	7,367
ISG Asia Charity	96	-
Fashion Show 2008	-	22
Charity Bowl 2007	-	4,688
RJC Step Up for Down Concert	-	5,121
Orchid Project	-	3,500
	89,789	100,655
Surplus of fund raising activities	680,924	629,770

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	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
5. <i>Special Events - net</i>		
2nd AP IASSID 2009	-	674
<i>Less: Special event expenses</i>		
2nd AP IASSID 2009	-	1,200
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Deficit of special event	-	1,200
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	(526)	<hr/>
6. <i>Other Income</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Jobs credit scheme	19,761	-
Others	8,500	3,276
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	28,261	3,276
7. <i>Staff Costs</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Contributions to defined contribution plan (CPF) and foreign worker levy (FWL)	59,837	70,270
Medical expenses	1,632	1,298
Staff salary and bonus	512,222	471,675
Staff welfare	805	2,616
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	574,496	545,859
8. <i>Income Tax Benefit (Expense)</i>	The Association is a registered charity under the charities Act 1982 and is exempted from income tax under Section 13U of the Income Tax Act.	

9. Plant and Equipment

<i>9. Plant and Equipment</i>	<i>Office equipment</i>	<i>Furniture and fittings</i>	<i>Renovation boxes</i>	<i>Donation boxes</i>	<i>Library books</i>	<i>Library toys</i>	<i>Computers</i>	<i>IT laboratory</i>	<i>Total</i>
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Cost									
At 1.7.2008	51,189	60,483	234,765	1,110	8,409	4,041	74,147	64,754	498,898
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,606	- 7,606
At 30.6.2009	51,189	60,483	234,765	1,110	8,409	4,041	81,753	64,754	506,504
Depreciation									
At 1.7.2008	38,776	39,128	196,594	1,110	8,409	4,041	22,830	58,004	368,892
Depreciation for the year	1,648	10,582	15,161	-	-	-	15,654	6,750	49,795
At 30.6.2009	40,424	49,710	211,755	1,110	8,409	4,041	38,484	64,754	418,687
Depreciation for 2009	2,916	10,918	28,824	10	-	-	15,527	6,750	64,945
Net carrying amount									
At 30.6.2009	10,765	10,773	23,010	-	-	-	43,269	-	87,817
At 30.6.2008	12,413	21,355	38,171	-	-	-	51,317	6,750	130,006

Plant and equipment with net carrying amount of SGD 9,245 was acquired by finance lease (see note 15).

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<i>10. Other Receivables</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Course fee	4,126	3,827
Interest receivable	-	2,212
Special events income	-	21,340
Tax-exempt donation	5,600	5,590
	9,726	32,969

<i>11. Other Assets</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Deposits paid	11,201	10,001
Prepayments	10,192	8,049
	21,393	18,050

<i>12. Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Cash on hand	488	488
Cash at bank	533,207	368,502
Fixed deposit	713,190	206,251
	1,246,885	575,241

Fixed deposit bear effective interest rate ranging from 0.5625% to 1.5625% (2008: 2.25%) per annum and for a tenure of approximately 12 months (2008: 12 months).

<i>13. Family Support Group Fund</i>	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Balance at beginning of year	26,933	17,668
Awareness and events activities	761	412
Government grant	48,318	62,971
Expenditure	(57,424)	(54,118)
	18,588	26,933

This represents fund designated to provide social and emotional support through peer encouragement to enable families to cope with their disabled members.

*14. Adult
Enhancement
programme
fund*

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Balance at beginning of year	(111,206)	11,508
Donation	300,000	5
Programme fees	41,375	31,093
Government grant	133,859	66,930
Other income	4,862	2,789
Expenditure	(257,950)	(223,531)
	110,940	(111,206)

This represents fund designated to provide adult enhancement programme. This fund is funded by NCSS for the period from 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009 amounting to SGD 133,859.

*15. Education
Fund*

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
Transfer from general fund	(96,083)	-
Donation	146,774	-
Fundraising income	52,250	-
Programme fees	23,100	-
Other income	9,007	-
Expenditure	(137,182)	-
	(2,134)	-

This represents fund designated to provide education and support services in the aspect of basic literacy skills (writing, reading), daily living, socialization skills, and communication skills.

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16. Finance lease payables

	Minimum lease payments	Present value of payments	Minimum lease payments	Present value of payments
	2009	2009	2008	2008
	SGD	SGD	SGD	SGD
Not later than one year	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311
Later than one year but not later than five years	5,778	5,778	8,089	8,089
Total minimum lease payments	8,089	8,089	10,400	10,400
Total present value of minimum lease payments	8,089	8,089	10,400	10,400

The lease term is 5 years and is non-interest bearing.

17. Receipt in Advance

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
ACS Charity Bowl	3,095	-
Donation for Fashion show	-	12,000
Donation for Flag Day	-	50,000
Course fee	1,700	1,710
CB Richard Ellis Movies Screening	20,000	-
	24,795	63,710

18. Operating Lease Commitments

As at balance sheet date, the Association has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rental of premises which fall due as follows:

	2009	2008
	SGD	SGD
<i>Rental payable</i>		
Not later than one year	35,885	23,924
Later than one year but not later than three years	59,809	-
	95,694	23,924

19. Related Party Transactions

A related party includes the trustees/office bearers and key management of the Association. It also includes an entity or person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common or joint control with these persons. It also includes members of the key management personnel or close members of the family of any individual referred to herein and others who have the ability to control, jointly control or significantly by and for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any such individual. Key management personnel include the chief executive officer and the direct reporting senior officers.

The top three key employees are within the annual salary range of SGD 178,000 (2008: SGD 170,000).

20. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified where necessary to conform with current year presentation.

	2008 SGD (As previously reported)	2008 SGD (Reclassification)
Programme materials	18,639	8,297
Trainer allowances for programmes	87,596	97,938

21. Financial risk Management Objectives and Policies

The main risks from the Association's financial instruments are interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The policies for managing each of these risks are summarised below.

Interest Rate Risk

The Association is exposed to interest rate risk through the impact of rate changes on interest-earning assets. Interest-earning financial assets are mainly bank balances which are short-term in nature. Therefore, any future variations in interest rates will not have a material impact on the results of the Association.

The sensitivity analysis to a reasonably possible change in interest rates with all other variables held constant, of the Association's profit has not been disclosed as the Association's exposure to changes in market interest rates is not significant.

Liquidity Risk

The Association monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Association operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, other current receivables and payables, provisions and other liabilities and amounts payable approximate their respective fair values due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

*22. New
Accounting
Standards
and FRSs
Interpretations*

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain FRSs and INT FRSs were issued but not effective.

Consequential amendments were also made to various standards as a result of these new/revised standards.

The management anticipate that the adoption of the FRSs and INT FRSs, that were issued, but not yet effective until future periods will not have material impact on the financial statements of the Association.

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