



**DOWN
SYNDROME
ASSOCIATION
OF TAMPA BAY
1ST QUARTER
EDITION**



WELCOME

It's 2023 and we have a few events that we will be hosting. One in particular, involves helping us celebrate our 5th year anniversary. DSATB was born on February 23, 2018 and we have been learning and growing ever since. On March 25th we will have DSATB's Rise-Up for Down Syndrome Anniversary Gala. From 4pm – 8pm. For tickets, register on our website at www.dsatb.org.

CHARLEY BELCHER

He will receive the DSATB Community Advocacy Award at DSATB's Rise-Up for Down Syndrome Anniversary Gala.

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ROXANNE WILDER

Q105's radio host will be the Emcee at DSATB's Rise-Up for Down Syndrome Anniversary Gala once again. We are thrilled to have her.

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DREW GARABO

DSATB's Vice President and 102.5 The Bone's radio show host will also be in attendance. One of a few local celebrities that will be on hand for meet and greet.

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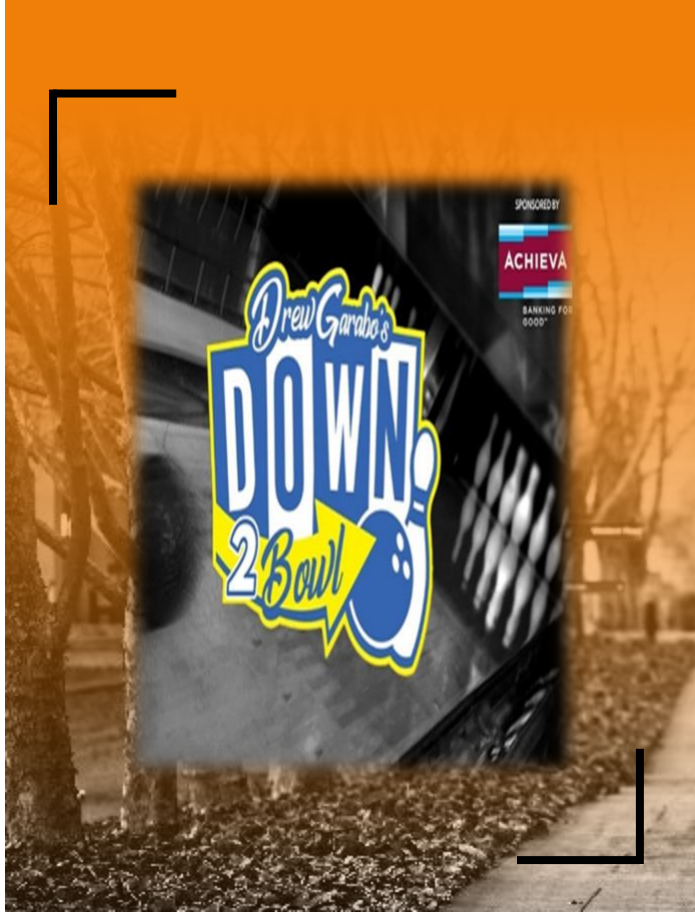
HAPPY

5TH ANNIVERSARY DSATB!

The idea of our organization started towards the end of December 2017. By January 2018, I had spoken to my wife, Christine, and we knew that starting a Down syndrome organization was exactly what we wanted to do and it was needed in the Tampa Bay area. One that is transparent, caring and supportive. We spoke with five other likeminded individuals and formed our board of directors. On February 23, 2018 we were approved by the state to begin fundraising. We collectively came up with the name “Down Syndrome Association of Tampa Bay – 21 Strong, Inc..”

We had a number of people serve on the board of directors over the years and give back to the Down syndrome community and we will be forever grateful. Our current board has been together for quite sometime and we ask you all to celebrate with us World Down Syndrome Day 3/21/23 and our 5th year Anniversary. Fox 13’s award winning feature reporter, Charley Belcher, will be receiving our Community Advocacy award. Come hear his encouraging words. Our Emcee for the evening is once again Roxanne Wilder from Q105. Come out and meet her and our very own Vice President Derew Garabo who is the radio host on 102.5 The Bone. Join us for a night of celebration and a silent auction. Buy your tickets at www.dsatb.org and click on Gala tickets for reservations.





Drew Garabo's Down 2 Bowl

IT'S BACK!

The inaugural Drew Garabo's Down 2 Bowl occurred on February 29, 2020. It was on a leap year. We had the extra day representing the extra chromosome. Then covid shut everything down for a couple of years. Well, it's back! The Drew Garabo's Down 2 Bowl will be held on March 4, 2023 at Pin Chaser Midtown, 4847 N. Armenia Ave. The proceeds will benefit the Down Syndrome Association of Tampa Bay.

The cost is \$200 for a foursome, \$100 for a pair and \$50 for a single bowler. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for registration details. You can follow us @21Strongforever or check out our website at www.dsatb.org.



DSATB OFFERS FREE - SPEECH THERAPY AND 3.2.1 ART CLASS

We are happy to announce that DSATB is now offering free speech therapy for our members twice a month. Therapist Courtney Bohn has agreed to join the cause and she is heading up these free sessions at Center Place in Brandon which is our DSATB home.

She will meet with participants individually to get a baseline, as well as holding some group therapy sessions. We are blessed to have Courtney join our team and as I always say, "You can never have enough speech therapy when you are blessed with an extra chromosome."

We have also received a \$10,000 grant from Hillsborough County to host our 3.2.1 Art Class for a 2nd straight year. Audra Oliver is our art teacher this year. Please come bring your kids and let them express themselves artistically. Art class and speech will be held the 1st Monday of each month 6pm-8pm and the 3rd Sunday from 2pm-4pm at Center Place in Brandon. 619 Vonderburg Dr.

