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Dear Member,

On behalf of the Down Syndrome Association of Toronto (DSAT), I wish to personally welcome you as a new member of DSAT. It is indeed a pleasure to have you join our family of committed individuals, dedicated to the mission, vision and values of this organization. *DSAT* is a not profit organization providing support and information to parents of children with *Down syndrome*, students and teachers.

From its humble beginnings in 1987, the organization has grown into a charitable, non-profit organization organized and led by parents and volunteers. DSAT's primary goal is to inform and empower persons with Down syndrome and their families to obtain services and civil and human rights which will lead to the enhancement of individual functioning and to the integration and participation of persons with Down syndrome in the life of the community. In order that this goal is realized, the DSAT, as an organized body speaks to the interests, needs and rights of our constituency through the following objectives.

**Our Objectives:**

- Representation on Boards, Committees, Coalitions, etc. which are working towards common goals
- Advocating for civil and human rights and equality of opportunity
- Provide a Forum
- Support Families & Individuals
- Provide Opportunities for Socializing
- Dispelling myths & Increasing Public Awareness
- Encourage Effective Services for all persons with Down syndrome
- Collaborate with Related Organizations
- Raise Funds

**Association Principles:**

- All persons with Down syndrome have the same civil and human rights as all other Canadian citizens.
- All persons with Down syndrome have the right to be raised at home with family.
- All persons with Down syndrome have the right to supports and services as needed without prejudice.
- All persons with Down syndrome are entitled to quality medical care, without prejudice, including newborns.

Please feel free to contact DSAT for anything else you may need to better promote the Council, its programs, services and advocacy.

Sincerely,

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