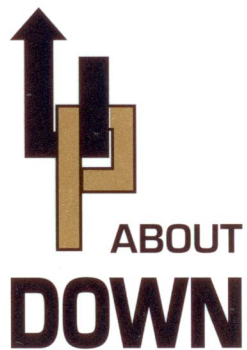


Shae-lyn, age 2 1/2



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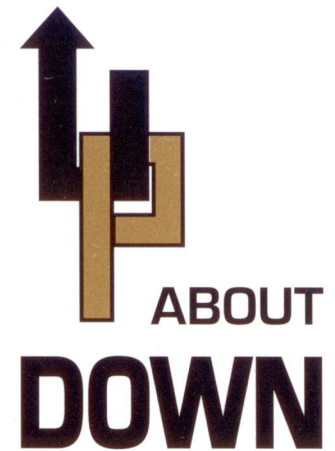
Our Beginning...

In 1990, a small group of parents joined together for support and information-sharing. They developed a baby package for parents of children with Down syndrome. After realizing the need in the community to share this information, Up About Down was formed. Since that time the group has grown and we now share more than just a baby package - we share a wealth of experience and information - throughout our group and the community at large. And we try to advocate for our children and educate the public along the way.

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Kevin, age 10 1/2 - front photo

Vanessa, age 2 1/2 - back photo



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Julia, age 22 months

Our Mission Statement...

Up About Down is an organization of people committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. We strive to provide positive and accurate information through advocacy and education thereby raising awareness throughout the community.



Taylor, age 4

Our Services...

A baby package, hospital and/or home visits are available to parents upon request.

Newsletters which include helpful tips and strategies for parents.

Resource library available to the community.

Educational supports for teachers and educational assistants including representation on the Special Education Advisory Committees of the local school boards.

Group meetings along with informational presentations on relevant topics.

Social functions that include family-oriented activities throughout the year.

Subsidies towards therapeutic services.



Logan, age 8 and Jesse, age 7



Ronnie, age 15 and Toni, age 16

Little Known Facts...

Eighty per cent of children with Down syndrome are born to women under the age of 35.

The exact cause and prevention of Down syndrome is currently unknown. It is not related to race, religion or socio-economic status.

Children with Down syndrome are growing up, getting jobs, and getting married. They're not sick, and they don't need fixing. What they do need is respect for their own unique gifts and talents.

Families raising a child with Down syndrome experience the same joys and challenges experienced by all parents.