

DSASTX NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIAN LOPEZ!

The Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Association of South Texas (DSASTX) is pleased to announce the selection of Brian Lopez as their new Executive Director of the agency. The DSASTX, which provides direct activities along with support and advocacy services to individuals with Down syndrome and their families, has been engaged in a search for a new Executive Director for the past two months.

Brian comes to the agency with fifteen years of experience working with individuals challenged with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the San Antonio area. He has worked with local direct service providers and the Alamo Local Authority/AACOG as well as Regional Director of Service Coordination for Hill Country MHDD Center in Kerrville. Brian also served as Associate Director of Adult Day Services and Child Care Services at The Arc of San Antonio from 2015-2019.

DSASTX Board Chairman Kirk Mask said: "We are thrilled and excited to have Brian join us at DSASTX. His experience and enthusiasm for serving our Down syndrome community and families will be a great asset and will keep the agency on the upward trajectory we have experienced in recent years".

Brian has started his duties as Executive Director as of January 27th. He succeeds Brooke Kearney, who recently left the agency to pursue other career opportunities, but who remains a great supporter of DSASTX. "Brooke positioned the agency for great things in the future and an ability to provide even more support to those we serve. We think that Brian is well qualified to lead our great agency staff and keep moving us forward. We're very excited that he is joining us," said Mask.

The DSASTX will be hosting an Executive Director Meet & Greet in the upcoming weeks. Details to follow, so keep an eye out!



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2nd Annual Collective Palette

HOSTED BY TANJI PATTON

BENEFITING THE DOWN SYNDROME
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH TEXAS

MARCH 19, 2020

AT MORGAN'S WONDERLAND
5:30 - 9:30 P.M.

JOIN US

for a night of immersive artistry, delicious
culinary creations created by local chefs, and
complimentary beer and wine all night.

THE BARRIOS FAMILY
2020 Honorary Chairs

RAFFLE & LIVE AUCTION

Exclusive drawing of Resa's event painting

*Tickets included with sponsorship and/or ticket depending on level

Amazing raffle packages

Silent auction at event of Resa's live
painting - onsite at event only

Ticket/Partnership Info:

Individual Ticket: \$125

Premier Date Night: \$321

Sommelier Partnership: \$2,500

Chef de Partie Partnership: \$5,000

Sous Chef Partnership: \$7,500

Chef de Cuisine Partnership: \$10,000

Executive Chef: \$20,000

For additional ticket/partnership information,
please visit bit.ly/DSASTX2020 or reach out to
Nicole at NGalindo@dsastx.org or
by phone, 210-349-4372.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS!

+ World Down Syndrome Day - Saturday, 3/21

We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome as a community on Saturday, 3/21 at Incredible Pizza from 10am - 2pm! A link to purchase tickets will be sent out soon, so please keep an eye out for an email or through our Social Media channels. Get ready to celebrate with us!

+ Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Hop - Saturday, 3/28

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Valero Headquarters from 1pm - 3pm. This event is open to kiddos aging from 0-12 & aged like siblings! More details will be sent out soon!

+ Spring Formal - Wednesday, 4/29

Get ready to dance the night away with us at St. Anthony de Padua! It will be the social event of the Spring...we will have dancing, refreshments, and desserts. This event will take place from 6pm - 8pm for our Teen & Adults (13 years old+). More details to follow.

+ Buddy Walk of South Texas - Saturday, 10/17

Our 20th Annual Buddy Walk of South Texas is set for October 17th! See you all for another fun filled Buddy Walk of South Texas, taking place at River City Community Church. More details to follow.

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FEBRUARY 2020

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/19, 2/26 (every Wednesday) - Teen & Adult Club

6 - 8:30PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

For teens AND adults, register at bit.ly/TeenAdultClub2020

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 (every Saturday) - Music & Movement (0-6 year olds)

11 - 11:50AM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/MusicMovement2020

2/4, 2/11, 2/18 - Music Therapy Sessions for Little Ones (0-6 years old)

All sessions are from 9:30 - 10:30AM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Cost: \$30 per child (\$5 per session)

Register at bit.ly/MTkids2020

2/4 - Parent Education Session

Topic: Increasing Social Awareness

6 - 8PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/ParentEdu2020

2/6 & 2/27 - Open Play (0-5 year olds)

10AM - 12PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/OpenPlay2020

2/27 will be held at We Rock the Spectrum, 932 Coronado Blvd, Universal City, TX 78148

2/11 - MOMS Lunch n Learn - Presenter Karla Cubilla, a mother of a young adult with Down syndrome will be discussing how the extra chromosome behaves in a way that is different, in relation to nutritional deficiencies, physical signs, and even mental clarity with additional related tools.

11:30AM - 1PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/MOMS2020

2/12 - A.B.L.E.

Topic: What is Independence?

6 - 6:30PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/ABLE2020

2/13 - Kid's Connection (6-12 year olds)

5:30 - 7PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Valentine's Day Party!

Register at bit.ly/KidsConnection2020

2/20 - Family & Community Partners for Inclusion -

Topic: "The Single Most Important Thing to do at your Next IEP Meeting"

6 - 8PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/FCPI2020

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2/22 - Family Fun Day

12 - 3PM at DSASTX Maggie Hartman Education Center, 1127 Patricia

Register at bit.ly/FamFun2020

2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 - Racquets Up!

4:30 - 5:30PM at Shavano Tennis Park, 4111 Pond Hill Rd. 78231

Register at bit.ly/RacquetsUp2020