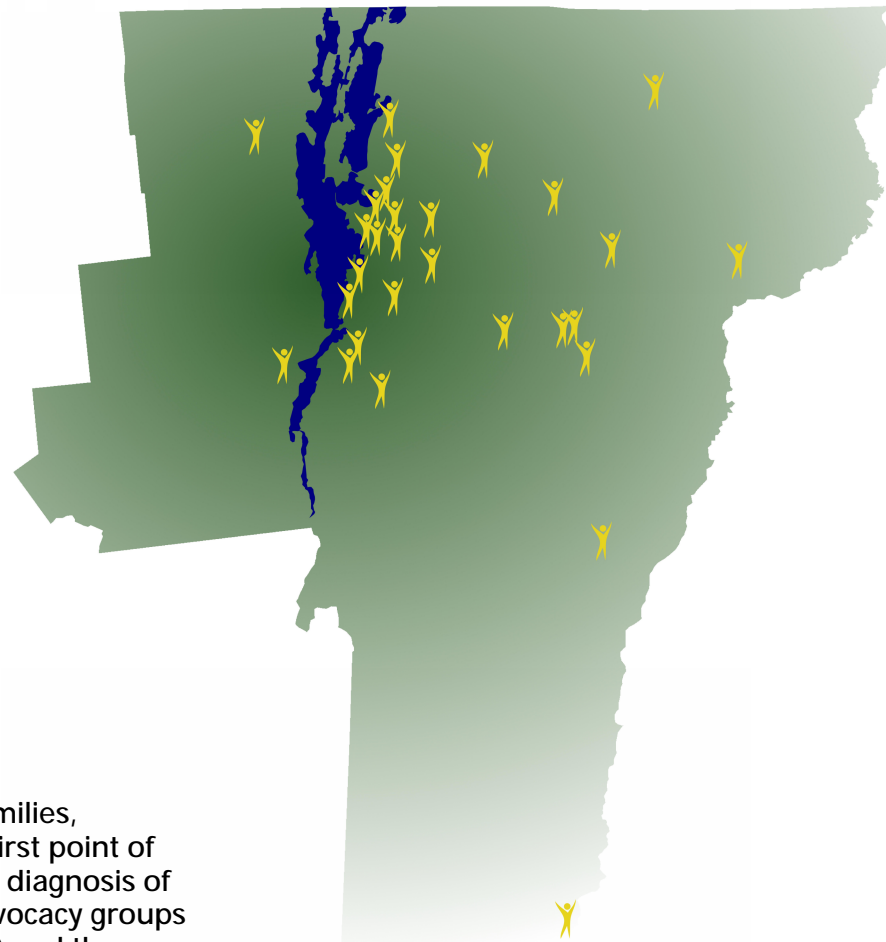


WHO WE ARE

The Champlain Valley Down Syndrome Group (CVDSG) was established in 2011 as a 501(c)(3) to serve the Down syndrome community in Northern Vermont and the Champlain Valley of New York State, which currently consists of over 70 families. The organization's mission is to better connect and support families within our region. Membership is free and open to anyone who wants to join.

The CVDSG supports a number of events and programs throughout the year to share information, make connections and to foster community. The annual scope of the group's activities are coordinated by the Board of Directors, which consists of four officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary), each serving 2-year terms. The Board meets quarterly to conduct group business, including decisions needed to support the group's events and programs. Meetings are posted on the group's website (cvdsg.org) and are open to all members. The Annual Meeting, traditionally held soon after the new year, allows the Board to report on the events and finances of the previous year and to provide a look ahead. Members are invited and encouraged to reach out to the Board with any ideas that could help further the Group's mission.

The CVDSG strives to provide critical outreach and facilitate networking for families, connecting groups with similar interests or concerns and often serves as the first point of contact for families who are new to the area or may have just learned about a diagnosis of Down syndrome. The CVDSG is also an affiliate of the two primary national advocacy groups for people with Down syndrome: the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) and the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC).



EVENT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As with the previous year, the virus pandemic again interrupted normal group activities. The Annual Meeting and Family Gathering, which is typically held in-person in January, instead was conducted this year via video conference. The annual conference of the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress (MDSC), for which the CVDSG routinely provides financial assistance for group members to participate, instead this year supported remote participation in the virtual conference, held in late March.



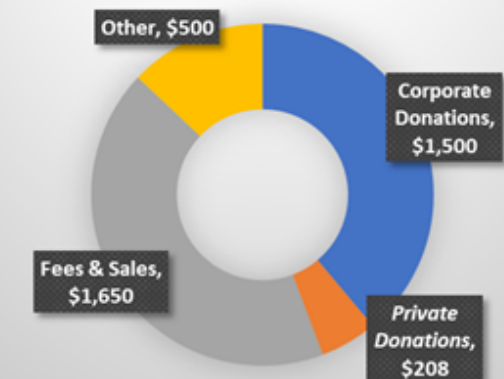
As conditions improved later in the year, the group was able to return to a measure of normalcy. The well-attended Summer Picnic and BBQ was held at North Beach Park on Lake Champlain in mid-July, where members were able to re-establish acquaintances after a long time apart, and to also welcome new members. And then, after a year's absence, the group was able to host the 11th Annual Champlain Valley Buddy Walk in Burlington, beginning in Battery Park and continuing along the beautiful Waterfront Park. This important annual event provides media exposure in the area, communicating our presence to those who might want to join and sharing our group's important mission with the general public.

And to close out the year, the group was again able to support an event hosted by United Dance, an internationally known troupe which provides structured, professionally led dance programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs of individuals with Down syndrome.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The CVDSG had \$5,612 in assets at the beginning of 2021. A total of \$1,500 was raised in corporate donations from: Dore & Whittier Architects, Peoples United Bank, Otter Creek Engineering and James S. Armstrong Associates. Another \$208 was raised from the generous contributions of individual donors. A total of \$2,612 was spent during the year on events; primarily the costs associated with hosting the Buddy Walk. Another \$641 was used to support member participation in programs such as the MDSC annual conference and United Dance Workshop. A total of \$835 was spent on administration, including web site maintenance and hosting, as well as the annual affiliate dues for the National Down Syndrome Congress. At the end of the year, the CVDSG had \$5,788 in assets.

How are we funded?



How is the funding used?

