



Winter 2012

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, Midtown Athletic Club will host a Cyclethon to benefit United Parent Support for Down Syndrome. UPS for DownS is a Chicago area parent-directed, nonprofit organization offering support, education and encouragement for parents, families and others who love and care about persons with Down syndrome.

With the funds we raise, we provide programming, education and support to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. Listed here are just a few of the things we have done in the past year:

- Awarded six college scholarships to young people in our community. Two were awarded to young adults with Down syndrome, two were typical young adults pursuing a special education or disability-related degree, and two were to siblings of individuals with Down syndrome.
- Partnered with community theatre in funding the full production of Annie for teens and young adults with Down syndrome and their typical peers.
- Sponsored full day educational workshops with continuing education credits for teachers and professionals;
- Hosted monthly book clubs in the local communities for adults with Down syndrome which promotes belonging, literacy and social connectedness;
- Started a specialized support group for families who have children dually diagnosed with Down syndrome and Autism.

UPS for DownS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds raised from this event are used to support the Down syndrome community and their families. Donations may be made by check payable to UPS for DownS and sent to the address below or online at <http://www.active.com/donate/ufdcycle2012>

We cannot continue our good work without the contributions of generous donors like you. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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