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Dear Members and Families,

Hello, I am Diana Merzweiler Executive Director of Down Syndrome of Louisville serving Kentucky and Indiana. This letter is an invitation to participate in the expanded services of The Down Syndrome Lifelong Learning Centers in Southern Indiana and at the new Louisville campus. In a few days you will be receiving the monthly family announcement that will give you all the details in of all the events and educational opportunities at both Down Syndrome Lifelong Learning Campuses.

All Southern Indiana residents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all program offerings at both the Southern Indiana Campus the Louisville Campus!

In June, the **Paul Ogle Foundation** awarded a grant of **\$415,700.00** specifically to establish a continuum of services for individuals with Down syndrome in the Southern Indiana region. The grant is restricted to fund staff and educational equipment costs as well as lease and renovation costs to establish a permanent Southern Indiana campus for the convenience of Southern Indiana residents. The executive committee is in the process of negotiating a lease for a larger permanent Southern Indiana location so we can offer additional programming. This grant is intended to establish services now, but a permanent development plan of sustainable income from Southern Indiana donors, grantors and businesses is in motion to ensure these vital services continue in the future.

In July The Down Syndrome Support Association of Southern Indiana merged with Down Syndrome of Louisville, Inc. Three representatives from Southern Indiana were appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Down Syndrome of Louisville, Inc. **Kelly Jacquay, Ann Steiner and Patricia Titus**. The new merged name of the organization is Down Syndrome of Louisville Proudly Serving Kentucky and Indiana.

Since late June, **Jill Smith** a long time advocate for individuals with Down syndrome in the Southern Indiana region is serving as Outreach Director for Southern Indiana. She is available to Southern Indiana families at the Southern Indiana Campus for assistance in navigating the state government benefits, education advocacy and referrals to community resources. Jill will continue to provide seminars on subjects that are helpful to families. Jill facilitates fundraising events along with the support of the Louisville development staff. Mark your calendar for the **Huber Dinner and Auction November 5th**.

Jennifer Loughmiller, speech pathologist continues to provide speech therapy at the Southern Indiana campus please contact Jill Smith to learn more about enrolling in the pre-scheduled sessions.

In August **Dawn Guy**, Developmental Therapist began providing weekly Intervention Education class for toddlers and their families 18 month- three years old on **Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.** A new class will be introduced **Monday October 24th at 11:00 a.m.** for families with children birth to 18 months. Watch for more detailed information coming soon!

Sarah Cunningham just joined our Southern Indiana team and will be facilitating the Teen and Adult programming. Sarah will be scheduling two events a month beginning with the **Halloween Bash on October 28th at 6:30P.M.** at the Moose Lodge. The second event each month will feature our **“Steps to Independence”** curriculum developing life skills.

We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event!

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