

# FUNDING APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

<b>Legal Name:</b> Down Syndrome Association of South Texas		<b>Federal Tax ID#:</b> 03-0507948	<b>501(c)(3) Public Charity</b> 509 (a)(2)	
<b>Address:</b> 1127 Patricia	<b>City:</b> San Antonio	<b>State:</b> TX	<b>Zip Code:</b> 78213	
<b>Website:</b> www.dsastx.org		<b>Fax:</b> (210) 349-4372	<b>United Way Funded:</b> No	

### Head Of Organization

<b>Name:</b> Brooke Kearney	<b>Title:</b> Executive Director
<b>E-Mail Address:</b> bkearney@dsastx.org	<b>Phone:</b> (210) 349-4372

### Application Contact

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### Previous Najim Funding

Year	Funding \$
2007	\$10,000
2008	\$10,000
2010	\$10,000
2011	\$10,000
2013	\$16,000
2015	\$5,000
2017	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,000</b>

**Has the organization applied to the Najim Family Foundation in the past and been declined?**  
No

<b>Grant Amount Requested \$:</b> \$20,000	<b>Total Project Budget \$:</b> \$108,305	<b>Organization's Annual budget \$:</b> \$577,500
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**Mission Statement:**  
The mission of the DSASTX is to provide services and support for children and adults with Down syndrome and their families in San Antonio and the surrounding areas.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**Program / Project Title:**  
To support the 2019 Children's Programs and Events for children with Down Syndrome and their families.

**Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation Priorities:**

**Program / Project Description:**

The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas (DSASTX) proudly serves over 1,000 individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The wide-array of services provided are ongoing programs and social events for children with Down syndrome and their families, including siblings. Programs include music and movement, toddler and preschool playgroup, art, literary club, cooking and nutrition, tennis, swimming, Club UP!, SibShops, and sign language. The DSASTX strives to provide meaningful activities that promote and encourage growth and inclusion, while eliminating the financial barrier that often accompanies this type of programming.

Ongoing Programming for Children:

- Music and movement classes are open for children ages 0 - 5. The class provides an opportunity to experience rhythm and music in a group setting. Music and movement fosters creativity and confidence through active engagement in a variety of musically based activities and includes singing, dancing, playing drums and other musical instruments.
- Toddler and preschool playgroup provides parents the opportunity to get their children together once a week for a relaxed time of open play. Children will have access to the outdoor play equipment which is specialized for younger children and is completely fenced in, including a splash pad. Parents will have the opportunity to connect and learn from each other while forming genuine friendships.
- Art club is geared toward teens with Down syndrome and provides a creative outlet to express themselves. This club combines an opportunity to socialize with peers with learning new art concepts. The art is displayed at the Down Syndrome Association and encourages other young artists.
- The literary club plans to attend local performances at the Magik Theatre but will also be working to put on a play. This in house production will include the memorizing of lines, acting, and performing in front of an audience.
- Cooking and nutrition program helps teens learn more about nutrition and how to make healthy choices. Each time the group meets, they learn how to make a recipe. The teens chop vegetables, learn how to measure ingredients and cook simple, healthy meals.
- Tennis is offered to children and teens with Down syndrome and their siblings. This class is taught by certified special needs tennis instructors from the San Antonio Tennis Association and is hosted by the Jewish Community Center
- Swimming instruction is offered each summer through a partnership with the Jewish Community Center for children ages six to twelve.
- Club UP! is an exercise class to be held for individuals with Down syndrome. Individuals with Down syndrome typically have a lower metabolic rate. Which is why this club focuses on increasing physical movement and is geared to be high energy, high excitement. Through this club members will be encouraged to get and stay fit with their friends.
- SibShops are geared toward siblings between the ages of 8-16. Siblings of individuals with special needs can feel overlooked as their parents spend extra attention and time attending to their sibling with special needs. SibShops are a specific type of support group developed to meet the needs of siblings of individuals with special needs while also providing a way for siblings to meet other children who are experiencing the same issues. This helps normalize their experience.
- Sign language classes are attended by children with Down syndrome, their siblings and parents. Throughout the class, the teacher works with parents to teach their children signs. This can begin with basic signs such as "more, eat, mom, dad, sleep, and sick," words that will help open the lines of communication for children with delayed expressive language. Research has shown that signing improves language acquisition and helps reduce behavior issues as children use the sign language to communicate their needs.

The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas also offers special events throughout the year that provide the opportunity for individuals with Down syndrome to socialize with each other and for families to have a safe and inclusive opportunity to create memories that last a lifetime. These events include a celebration of World Down Syndrome Day, Easter egg hunt, day at the beach, movie in the park, day at Splashtown, fall festival, spring dance, Christmas party, and monthly family fun days held at the Down Syndrome Association's new Maggie Hartman Community and Education Center. All events are free for children with Down syndrome and their families, except for Splashtown which is free for children with Down syndrome and their siblings.

In addition to direct support for children with Down syndrome, the Down Syndrome Association of South Texas provides services to parents of children with Down syndrome. Various support groups are provided including a new parent support group, Bilingual support group, sibling support group, parent mentoring program, and both a M.O.M.S. and D.A.D.S. support group. Through these support groups, information and support are provided to parents of children with Down syndrome. In addition to support groups, the organization provides education and consultative services. All parent programs exist to help parents provide their child with Down syndrome the best chance at living a full, healthy, and purpose-driven life.

**Evaluation Plan:**

First, the Down Syndrome Association of South Texas will track how many children participate in ongoing programs and special events.

Second, following participation, parents whose children attend a program or special event will receive an online survey. The survey will ask a series of questions that will determine if their child learned a new skill, created a new relationship, or deepened an existing relationship due to their participation in the activity or event.

Third, parents who participate in parent educational and support activities will be asked to complete an online survey that will ask a series of questions to determine what they learned and how it will benefit their child's well-being.

**Plans to sustain project beyond the term of this request:**

The DSASTX plans to continue to receive the gracious support of its community through individual giving, as well as corporate and foundation grants.

**Children Impacted:**

<b>How many unduplicated children will the TOTAL PROJECT INITIATIVE impact?</b>	<b>How many unduplicated children will NFF REQUESTED FUNDS impact?</b>
1,000	1,000

**Please provide the percentage of each group below that will be served by the project in which funds are being requested. Do not leave any area blank. If that specific group will not be served, include zero. The percentage should total 100%.**

<b>A. Population Served Age</b>		<b>B. Population Served Ethnicity</b>	
Infants (0-5)	28%	African American	3%
Children (6-13)	46%	Asian American	1%
Young Adults (14-18)	26%	Caucasian	46%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	Hispanic/Latino	50%
		Native American	0%
		Other and Define	0%
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**City Council District for Which Children are Being Served:**

Outside\_of\_San\_Antonio, District1, District2, District3, District4, District5, District6, District7, District8, District9, District10

**Line item Budget:**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
Music and Movement	\$2,500	\$1,000
Kid's Connection	\$2,000	\$1,000
Teen Club	\$2,640	\$2,000
SibShops	\$500	\$0
Sign Language Classes	\$250	\$0
Parent Support and Childcare	\$3,100	\$1,500
New Parent Support Materials	\$2,500	\$1,500
Holiday Party	\$22,100	\$1,500
Easter Egg Hunt	\$2,225	\$0
Fall Festival	\$1,700	\$0
Splashtown	\$2,500	\$0
World Down Syndrome Day	\$4,550	\$0
Salaries	\$40,190	\$8,500
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$3,460	\$500
Indirect Operational Expenses	\$9,090	\$0
Family Fun Days	\$9,000	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$108,305</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

**OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

**For Project being Requested: Funding sources and amounts, pending and committed.**

**PROJECT - PENDING**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
San Antonio Area Foundation	\$25,000
Valero Energy Benefit for Children	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**PROJECT - COMMITTED**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Texas Cavaliers	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

**Other funding sources and amounts, pending and committed not specific to this request.**

**ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - PENDING**

<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
HEB Tournament of Champions	\$75,000
Cowden Family Trust	\$20,000
Texas Cavaliers	\$50,000
Frost Bank/Pryor Trust	\$25,000

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>ALL OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS - COMMITTED</b>	
<b>Funder Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Charity Ball	\$42,750
Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities	\$6,965
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$49,715</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**What percentage of your board contributes financially to the organization?**  
100%

**If Board giving is not at 100%, please explain why?**  
All board members give to the DSASTX.

**How are board members expected to participate in your organization?**  
Board Members are expected to give to give financially at a level that is personally significant and meaningful. In addition, Board Members are asked to act as an informed advocate of the DSASTX, attend regularly scheduled board meetings, participate in committee work, participate and attend fundraising activities and special events, and actively seek supporters.

**LIST OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

<b>Name &amp; Office Held</b>	<b>Corporate Affiliation</b>
Belarmino Castellanos	Whataburger
Kirk Mask	Williams, Crow, Mask
Chip Simmonds	Professional Performance Development Group
Trisha Cooke	TechData
Steve Enders	Community Member
Sandy Hernandez	Advocate
Lamont Jefferson	Jefferson Cano
Judith Moening	Stetson and Associates
Marty Schimcek	Valero
Juan Valenzuela	Tejas Premier Building Contractors
Michael Flores	Mis En Place, LLC
Pam Stephens	Community Member

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
01/01/2019	12/31/2019