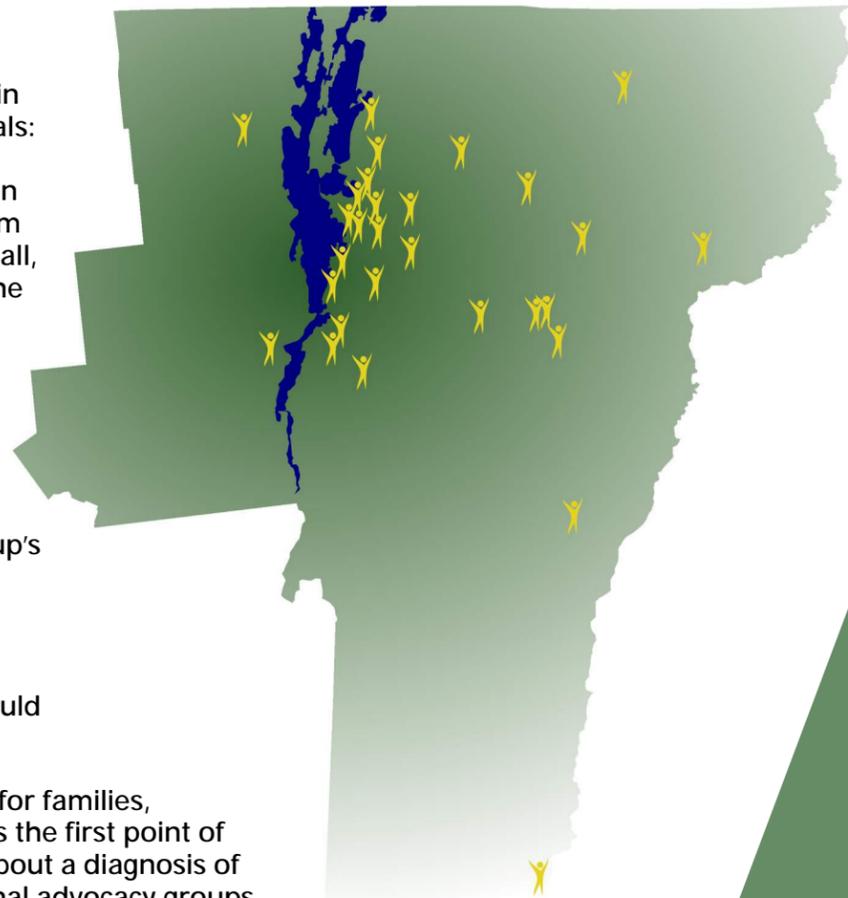


## WHO WE ARE

The Champlain Valley Down Syndrome Group (CVDSG) was established in 2011 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with two primary mission goals: providing information, resources and support to individuals with Down syndrome and their families, and promoting awareness and the inclusion of people with Down syndrome in our communities in order to help them achieve their full potential. Our membership, which is free and open to all, currently includes over 70 families throughout Northern Vermont and the Champlain Valley of Upstate New York.

The CVDSG supports a number of events and programs throughout the year to share information, make connections and to foster community. 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 group business and hold elections on alternate years. Members are invited and encouraged to reach out to the Board with any ideas that could help further the Group's mission.

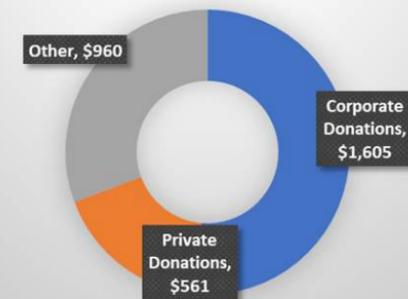
The CVDSG strives to provide critical outreach and facilitate networking for families, connecting groups with similar interests or concerns and often serves as the first point of contact for families who are new to the area or may have just learned about a diagnosis of Down syndrome. The CVDSG is also 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).



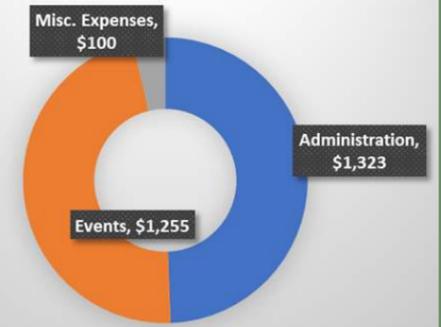
## FINANCIAL REPORT

The CVDSG had \$5,163 in assets at the beginning of 2020. A total of \$1,605 was raised in corporate donations from: CCS Constructors, Inc., Dore + Whittier Architects, Peoples United Bank, and Otter Creek Engineering, as well as Shaw's and Hannaford's Supermarkets. Another \$561 was raised from the generous contributions of individual donors. A total of \$1,717 was spent during the year for a variety of purposes, including: the completion of the web site redesign and annual hosting; production of the Buddy Walk lawn signs and annual affiliate dues for the National Down Syndrome Congress. At the end of the year, the CVDSG had \$5,611 in assets.

### How are we funded?



### How is the funding used?



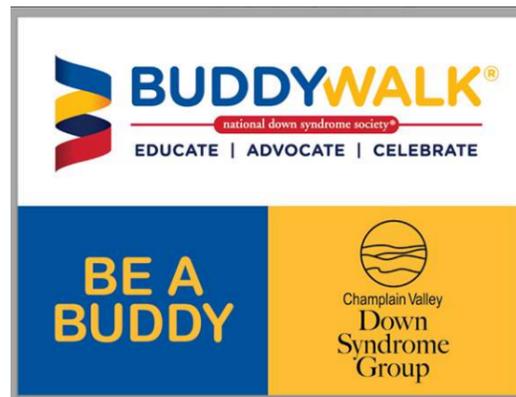
Note: the financial details outlined in the text may not entirely align with the graphics due to the outlays made to reserve event locations throughout the year, which were subsequently refunded when Covid-19 made hosting the events impossible, showing up both as expenditures and reimbursements.

## EVENT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Like most aspects of our lives, the functioning of the CVDSG was severely disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Only the Annual Meeting & Family Gathering was held as scheduled in January, once again at the lovely home of Kathleen and Tex Lynch. In addition to providing an opportunity for families to gather and welcome new members, the meeting also provided an opportunity for the Board of Directors to share highlights from the previous year, offer an update on the group's finances, and provide a look ahead to the coming year.

As restrictions on the size of group gatherings were put in place in March, the subsequent family gatherings were cancelled for the remainder of the year, including the annual summer picnic at Oakledge Park in Burlington. Financial support for member attendance at the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress (MDSC) Conference and hosting of United Dance workshops were similarly put on hold.

Most notably, the annual Champlain Valley Buddy Walk, which was to have been held for the 11th consecutive year, was also cancelled. To commemorate Down Syndrome Month, the CVDSG ordered "Be a Buddy" / Buddy Walk lawn signs, which a number of families placed on their lawns.



## IN MEMORIAM

Co-founder of the CVDSG and long-time friend of many members, Bruce Campbell passed away late in December. Not only was Bruce instrumental in getting this group organized and on its feet, he provided consistent support through the years by hosting a number of "Near Future Discussion Groups" in his home, along with his wife Elizabeth. Bruce's keen intellect, and even sharper humor, were a mainstay at group events, and he was always very willing to share his experience and perspective with other group members. He will be mightily missed by many. Please keep Elizabeth and sons Ian and Jesse in your thoughts.

