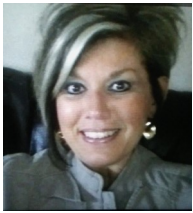


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Current Board of Directors Goal:

- ◆ **Focus on Strengthening our committees and community outreach.** We have an amazing organization and we want our community to know who we are! Please consider joining one of our committees to help give a voice to our families and more effectively carry out our mission! It takes a Village! See Page 2 for more details.

**Meet Kathy Milling!**

Kathy grew up in the Quad Cities but has lived in Newhall for the past 20 years where she and her husband raised their two girls, Kourtney and Aubree.

Kathy attended Morningside College to pursue Education where she received her BA and began working in the Cedar Rapids school district in 2008 where her love of working for children grew. Kathy then followed her heart helping girls find Courage, Confidence and Character with Girl Scouts. In addition to her husband and two daughters, Kathy looks after the family Cockapoo, Kobe. In her free time she loves cheering on the Hawks, traveling and spending quality time with family. Kathy brings many skills and much experience in working with not for profits groups like ours. Kathy already has some great ideas that fit with our mission and we are excited to have her on board! Please take an opportunity to say hello when you see her at our upcoming events!

Did you know that HADSA has a Grant Program available?

The Hawkeye Area Down Syndrome Association ("HADSA") has established a grant fund to assist members in providing needed services for family members with Down syndrome. The intent of the program is to formalize how, and to what degree, HADSA can support our members through the granting of specific scholarship requests. Although the grant budget is limited, the goal is to carry out our mission by providing funding to as many families as possible in the following areas: Education, Medical, Recreation, Trust Assistance.

To qualify for grant funding, an applicant must be a current HADSA member and be a resident of Iowa. Only one application may be submitted per quarter per family.

The maximum grant that will be awarded to any family in each calendar year will be five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Lesser amounts may be awarded at the discretion of the Grant Approval Team or the Board of Directors, based on the determination of need and total Grant funds available. The approval of the grant and the amount is subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors of HADSA. In making its determination, the Grant Approval Team or Board of Directors may request additional documentation or information with respect to the request.

Scholarship requests will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Applications will be due by:

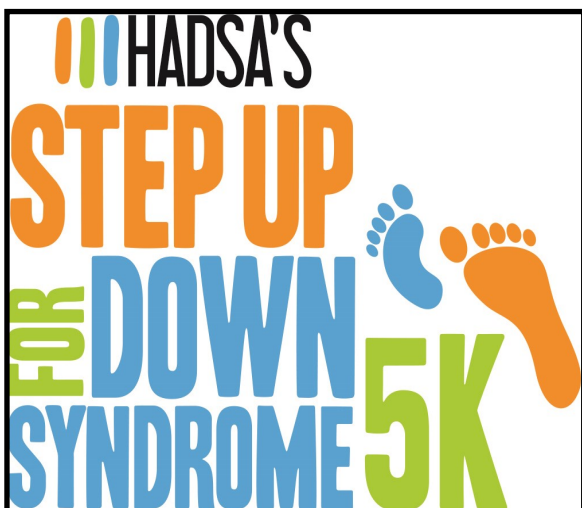
December 1 for Quarter 1 of the First quarter of the following year and paid on Jan 1

March 1 to be considered for the Second quarter. To be paid on April 1

June 1 to be considered for the Third quarter. To be Paid on July 1

September 1 to be considered for the Fourth quarter. To be Paid on October 1

You can request the full Grant document that includes all of the criteria as well as a Grant request form by emailing info@hadsa.org



SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, SEPT 30

9:00AM 5K

10:30 OPENING

11:00AM WALK

Rally your teams! More info on setting up your teams coming soon!

For those of you who have previously served on the HADSA board, you are aware there are many committees that make HADSA the strong organization that we are! You also know it takes many hands to make light work! Strengthening our committees will continue to ensure HADSA remains a strong voice and resource for our families in the years to come! If you have an interest in joining one of our committees, we would love to have you! Please email info@hadsa.org if you have an interest in any of the following committees:

*Finance

*Communications / Marketing

*Membership

*Fundraising

*Outreach

*Education

*Social

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April

Saturday 4/21: DoReMi Hiawatha Library 9:30-10:00AM

Tuesday 4/13: Bike presentation at ChildServe in

Coralville 6:30pm (They will present information on

Their bike clinic to be held June 11-15

May

Saturday 5/12: DoReMi Hiawatha Library 9:30-10:00AM

June

Saturday 6/16: DoReMi Hiawatha Library 9:30-10:00AM

July

August

Saturday 8/4: HADSA night at the Kernel's ballpark

September

Sunday 9/30: Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk/5K

October

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

November

Saturday 11/17 : Trivia Nigh with MC Josh Scheinblum

December

Sunday December 1: Annual Meeting & Christmas Party