



2013 FEDS Picnic Was A Great Success!



To Our Families Exploring Down Syndrome Family

THANK YOU Sheryle Fournier for doing such a fantastic job as picnic chairperson!
THANK YOU to our volunteers for stepping up and volunteering their time!
THANK YOU to the DADS dudes for cooking!
THANK YOU to the weather for being so perfect!
THANK YOU to our AWESOME FEDS members for making the picnic a success!
Special thanks to Madison Oakes' aunt, Denise Ireland, for volunteering to face paint!
Great job with the prizes this year too!





Focus on Family

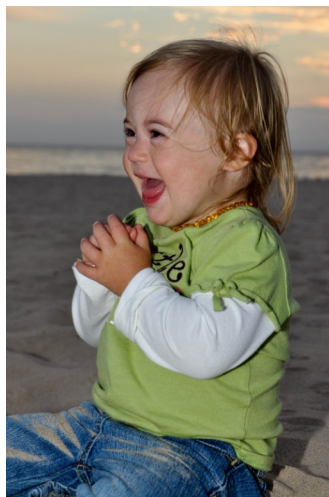
Meet the Townsley Family & Their Eliyana (Ellie)

There are so many things that I love about Eliyana (Ellie). The look she has on her face when she wakes up in the morning. It's a look of sheer excitement about the journey that awaits her each new day. I love the way she gobbles up her blueberries as she finishes up her breakfast. The way Ellie goes to find as many people as possible to hug during Barney's "I Love You, You Love Me" song puts a smile on my face every time!

I love the way she accepts the challenges of all of her therapies. She gives her all with little complaint. She has great determination and motivation. I love watching her learn new things every day.



I love how she chases her dog, Gideon, around the house – not so sure how much Gideon loves it, but Ellie sure does! I love the fact that I can see characteristics of all of her siblings in her. I am often reminded of them when I watch her. I love how she interacts with all of her siblings and how much they love



her! I love the way she makes people's eyes light up when she shares a hug or her attention. I love how she loves to "entertain" those around her and loves to make people laugh!

I love watching how excited Ellie gets when we do bubbles after dinner. She knows where we "hide" them

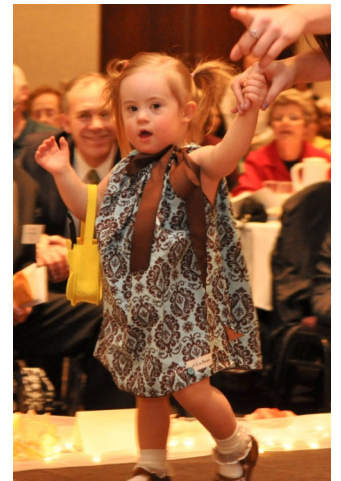


and goes to the cabinet, points and says "bubble, bubble"! Then she calls Gideon over to join in the fun because she loves to watch him try to "eat" the bubbles. She laughs and laughs!! I love the fact that her mom and I can sit for the longest time just watching her – in awe of who she is! I love playing ball in the house with Ellie before she goes to bed at night. She throws her ball over our upstairs bridge and always tries to make sure she throws it before I can get to the side she throws it from! She thinks it's hilarious that she has "tricked" me!

I love listening to Ellie and her mom playing in the bathtub, reading books and singing some songs before "night night".

I love watching Ellie sleep hard after a day of many adventures.

When I reflect upon Eliyana, I can't help but think how wonderfully created she is -- how the Almighty knit her together in her mother's womb into this incredible little girl! I think about how He decided to give her one more chromosome than me – I also love that about Ellie!



WALKIN' WILD

for Down Syndrome Awareness



**October 6, 2013
The Detroit Zoo**

Walk starts **promptly** at 9 a.m.
Last day to order T-shirts - **August 26**
Last day for Admission Tickets - **September 30**

If registering by August 26:
Under 2 years old + t-shirt = \$5
2 - 12 years old + t-shirt = \$10
13 and over + t-shirt = \$15

After August 26:
Under 2 years old = Free
2 - 12 years old = \$5
13 and over = \$10

If you wish to use your zoo membership, please feel free.
However, you will need to wait until 10 a.m. when the zoo opens.
We are paying to have the Zoo to ourselves for a full hour!

Any questions, please contact:
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**Andrew Brown
18 Months Old**



**Sharon Courter
8 years old
Frankenmuth, MI**
This is the first time I got her to smile on camera!

Thank Yous



Dear FEDS,

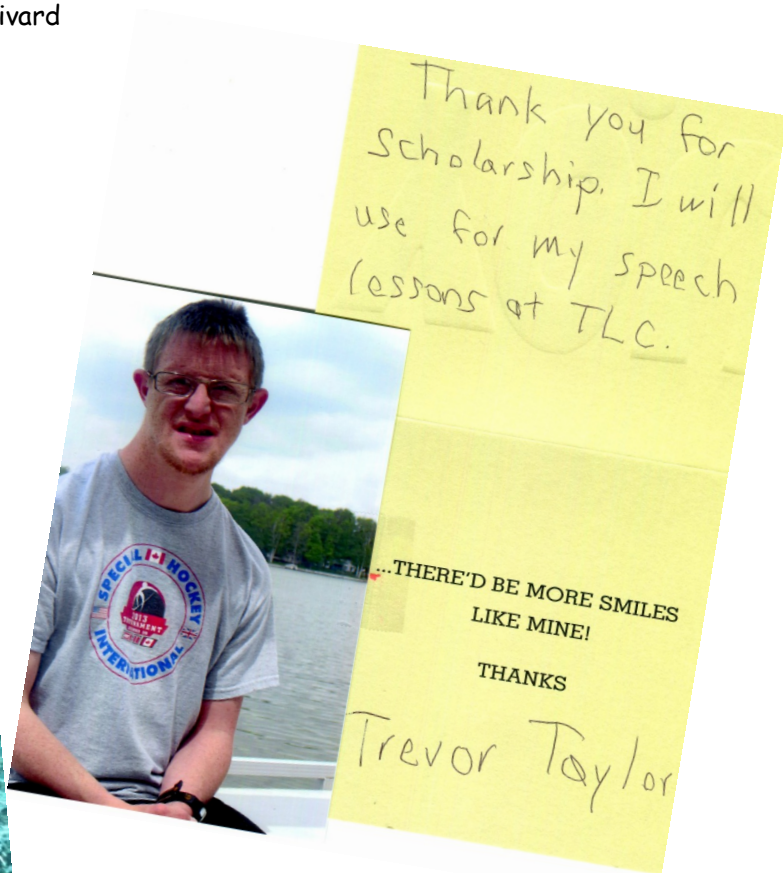
Thank you so much for my scholarship! I bought a new swimsuit, water shoes and will be taking swim classes in the fall. I can't wait 'cuz I love the water.

Thanks again,
Love,
Madison Rivard



Thank you for my scholarship. I learned how to blow bubbles and float on my back.

Love,
Adam



Let us know what your child did with their Summer scholarship money. We'd love to see pictures!

Congratulations, Get Wells & Donations

Donation by Frank and Cheryl Taylor
in memory of Marge Metz,
Anthony Kucharski's Grandma

Congratulations to the Coe family on the
birth of a beautiful baby boy!

Congratulations to Suzanne Pauli on her
high school graduation

Sympathy to the Gilleland family on the
loss of Ava's Grandma

Congratulations to Scott Iwanicki on
graduation from Lutz School

Donations received in memory of
Colleen Barton

Trevor Taylor & Andrea Des Rosiers
biked eight miles around Mackinaw Island.
Awesome!

Get Well Wishes to Ryan Tessmar on his
broken leg. Speedy recovery!

Sympathy to Margie Wheelock on the loss
of her Mother, Mary Ellen Martin

Congratulations to Judge Jennifer Faunce,
who will serve on the bench of Michigan's
16th Circuit Court in Mount Clemens

Sympathy to the Kucharski family on the
loss of Anthony's Grandma, Mary Metz

Donations from Charlene Miller & Maria
Pitts in memory of Mary Ellen Martin

Donation from Stacey Gillespie,
celebrating Ava Gilleland

Hooray to Lexi Spencer for being
such a trooper!



Young Athletes Program (YAP)

Would you like your child with DS to get involved
in Special Olympics, but they are not yet 8 years
old? Look into the Young Athletes Program
(YAP)! YAP is a terrific program offered by Spe-
cial Olympics to children ages 2 to 7 years old.

The program introduces children to different
sports and gives them the basic skills to begin
them, once they turn 8. There will be two loca-
tions offered in the fall, at Bovenchen School in
Warren and Peters School in Macomb Twp.

For more information:

Email fedsfomichigan@gmail.com.

From the Library



Are you looking for a specific book or video
that may assist you with your child with DS?
Please let us know! If we don't have it in our
library, we can order it. Come check out our
selection of books and DVDs this Fall!

Just a reminder!

**If you ordered a Fashion Show video,
please pick it up. We also have a few
extra copies available for purchase for
\$10 each.**

Calendar of Events

- September 7 - Bocce Tournament
- September 11 - Pizza Party
- September 24 - Mom's Night Out - 7 pm at El Charro's in Fraser
- October 1 - Bocce at Club Venetian
- October 6 - Walkin' Wild at the Detroit Zoo
- October 9 - Monthly FEDS Meeting
- October 17 - FEDS Board Meeting at Beaumont
- October 19 - Special Education Fair
- November 13 - Monthly FEDS Meeting
- November 21 - FEDS Board Meeting at Beaumont
- December 14 - FEDS Christmas Party at Club Venetian

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Back to School PIZZA PARTY!

Start the new school year off with some fun!
Join us for the FEDS Pizza Party!

September 11th
Doors open - 6:15 PM
Pizza served - 6:30 PM
Entertainment by CCPlus

In the Michigan/Superior Rooms
at the NORTH end of
44001 Garfield, Clinton Township

Pick up your Walk T-shirts too!

Hey FEDS Family!

We are in the process of scheduling speakers
for our monthly meetings.
What topics are you interested in
learning more about?
What questions would you like answered?

Contact us at

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to let us know what you'd like covered
in future meetings!



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**Families Exploring Downs Syndrome
Wishes Everyone a Safe & Happy Return to School**

Can't wait to see all your smiling faces
at our fun Fall outings & events!