

Since DSRF was founded in 1995, we have provided critical, specialized services for children, youth and young adults with Down syndrome and their families.

Today, this is everything from speech language and occupational therapies to individual and group education and behavioural support, while our information services equip both families and professionals who support the Down syndrome community. We operate all our programs and services on an annual budget of \$1.7M that is 99% self-financed, mainly through fundraising.

No other organization in British Columbia provides the range, and quality, of Down syndrome services that DSRF does. All geared to a population that, in comparison to other disabilities, is small, vulnerable and often marginalized. In BC, there are approximately 4000 people with Down syndrome, and we estimate that roughly half of them live in the Lower Mainland. Of those, about 1000 would be in the age group needing our services.

DSRF has grown over the years. In the beginning, we had one program that served about 10 kids. Last year, DSRF had the space and capacity to provide nearly 700 program spaces and services for approximately 500 families.

To eliminate waitlists, DSRF is growing and needs to reimagine its main hub in Burnaby in a way that maximizes its effectiveness. The wonderful facility we call home was originally designed as a research facility. As the organization grew over the years, we reclaimed research space for much needed programs and therapy services. But it has, by necessity, been done in patchwork fashion, leaving us with a building that does not utilize its full potential in terms of meeting the needs of our students and families. It also does not take full advantage of the synergies between our inter-disciplinary team of service providers, which is one of our most valuable assets.

We will mark DSRF's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year with a major capital campaign to fund the re-design and renovation of our building to so it will be the ideal home for Down syndrome programs and services for another 25 years. This is where you come in.

DSRF is at an inflection point. We need the help of government partners to meet the growing needs of the community we serve, and to realize our vision of a Canada that values and empowers people living with Down syndrome, by providing more services for more families.



The project is at the Class "D" estimate stage with a target of \$1.5M consisting of \$750,000 raised through various funders including individuals, corporations and foundations. We are seeking government support through matching fund up to \$750,000.

Pre-commitments this year, from key partners like the federal government, are critical to the success of this initiative. We believe this project would be a wonderful illustration of government commitment to improving social infrastructure and accessibility for people with disabilities.

Note: DSRF's brochure is available  
for review in the Clerk's Office.

## 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign

In 2020, the Down Syndrome Resource Foundation celebrates 25 years of service to the Down syndrome community. As part of our 25th Anniversary festivities, we will embark upon an ambitious capital campaign to fund the refurbishment, reconfiguration and reimagining of our Burnaby headquarters.



The envisioned renovation, to be completed in 2021, will include:

- dedication of the entire first floor to speech, behaviour and occupational therapy services, with offices that are specially designed for effective therapy delivery
- redevelopment of our second-floor classrooms, including the addition of a simulated home environment featuring kitchen and laundry areas for the teaching of practical life skills
- redesign of our lobby to incorporate a new communications hub, a new permanent form of supporter recognition, and a small “café-like” area where parents can access beverages and snacks – an area that would be ideal for our part-time staff with Down syndrome to manage as part of employment skills development
- redesign of the basement to create a space for group activities like taekwondo, yoga and music
- creation of new features including a dedicated presentation space, a “blank room” for therapy services for kids who struggle with distractions, and a work area for parents to use while their children are in sessions
- repainting and re-carpeting throughout the building

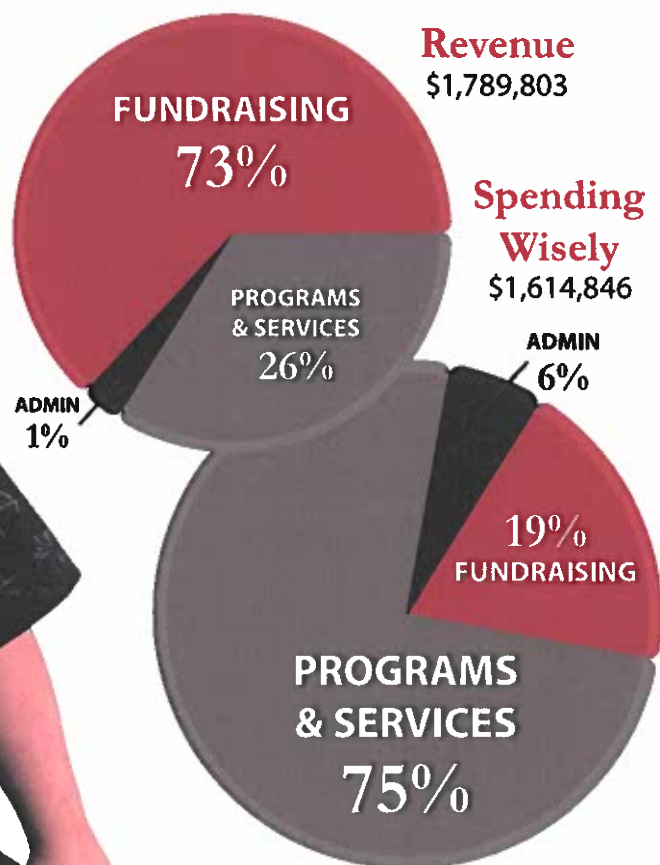
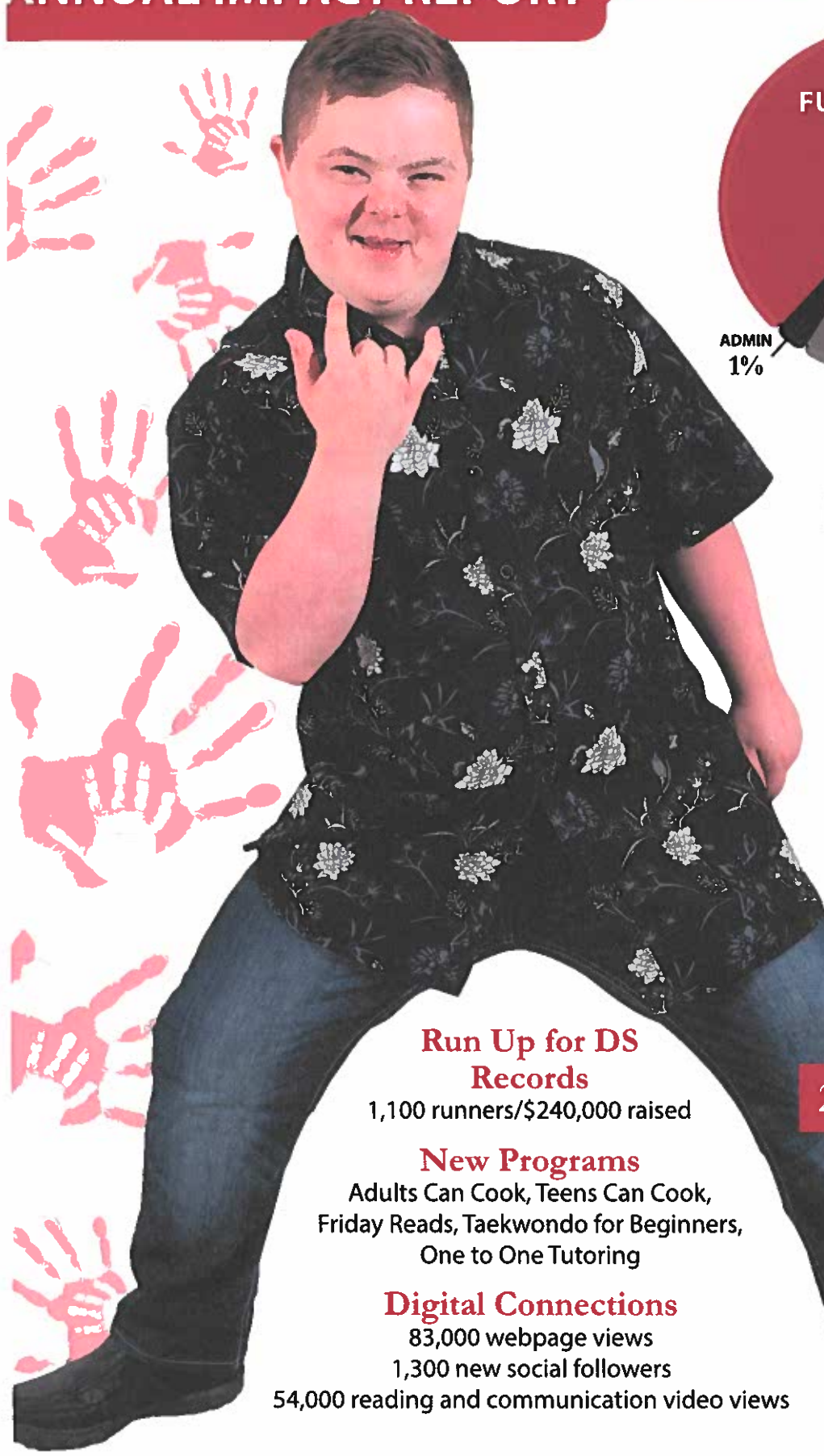
The Down Syndrome Resource Foundation moved into our headquarters in 2002. In the 17 years since, the organization has grown tremendously, entering new areas of service beyond those originally envisioned. The 25th Anniversary is the perfect occasion to transform our building to better fit our current vision, improve our current services and set the stage for future innovation.

We are seeking generous partners like you to assist with this effort. For more information on the 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign, please contact Jason Campbell, Director of Development, at [jason@DSRF.org](mailto:jason@DSRF.org) or 604-444-3773.

*Funds raised through the DSRF's 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign will be used for the building reimagination and renovation described above, as well as additional future capital expenses including but not limited to the replacement of the aging roof, HVAC system and elevator.*



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# 663

program spaces  
filled

## Run Up for DS Records

1,100 runners/\$240,000 raised

## New Programs

Adults Can Cook, Teens Can Cook,  
Friday Reads, Taekwondo for Beginners,  
One to One Tutoring

## Digital Connections

83,000 webpage views  
1,300 new social followers  
54,000 reading and communication video views

280 Speech Language Therapy

143 One to One Programs

143 Group Programs

97 Occupational Therapy