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NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION

Roswell, GA. (1/11/2019) – National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) Executive Director, David Tolleson, announced that the organization has received a half-million dollar gift from a private benefactor. The financial support provided through this grant will support the organization's rural and educational outreach programs provided through the NDSC Center for Outreach & Education. *"We're deeply grateful for this landmark gift, which will allow us to continue and expand our ongoing outreach to underserved communities. This grant also underscores NDSC's position as the undisputed leader in quality education, services, and support for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the professionals who work with them",* remarked Tolleson.

The NDSC is known for hosting the largest convention in the world for those who have and those who serve individuals with Down syndrome but identified a need for services beyond the 3500+ annual convention attendees. In 2018 NDSC launched summits in Bakersfield, CA and West Michigan to fill their purpose as a leading resource of support for anyone touched by or seeking to learn about Down syndrome. With the newly acquired \$500,000.00, NDSC will now have the ability to collaborate with more affiliate organizations across the country to benefit a greater number of individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the medical and educational professionals that serve them, giving people living in rural, tribal, and urban communities, who may not otherwise have access, the resources, services, and programs that are generally void in these underserved areas.

"This transformational donation validates our focus of providing accurate and up-to-date information on Down syndrome across the lifespan. Knowing that we can now expand our capacity to get that information into the hands of people who may not otherwise have access to it, is phenomenal!" said NDSC Programs & Partnerships Director Tamara Pursley.

To learn more about the NDSC Center for Outreach & Education, visit

<https://www.ndscenter.org/outreach-education/>.

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The National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to an improved world for individuals with Down syndrome. Founded in 1973, the NDSC is a leading national resource of support and information for anyone touched by or seeking to learn about Down syndrome, from the moment of a prenatal diagnosis through adulthood. The purpose of the NDSC is to promote the interests of people with Down syndrome and their families through advocacy, public awareness, and information. Empowering individuals and families from all demographic backgrounds, and reshaping the way people understand and experience Down syndrome. The National Down Syndrome Congress is dedicated to an improved world for individuals with Down syndrome.