

DOWN SYNDROME

A Senior Project Presentation by Connor Copp

- My little sister Elizabeth Michelle Copp has Down syndrome, and having her in my family has taught me so much, so I figured this was the least I could do to repay her for being so awesome!

MY INSPIRATION



WHAT IS DOWN SYNDROME?

- Down syndrome, by definition, is a congenital disorder arising from a chromosome defect, causing intellectual impairment and physical abnormalities including short stature and a broad facial profile. It arises from a defect involving chromosome 21, usually an extra copy (trisomy-21).
- The condition was named after John L. H. Down (1828–96), the English physician who first described it.

WHAT IS THE DOWN SYNDROME NETWORK?

- The Mission of the DSNetwork is to educate, support and advocate for those in our community impacted by Down syndrome. DSNetwork will achieve this goal through an open, supportive and collaborative network that will connect individuals and families with needed resources and information.
- Essentially they help support individuals with Down syndrome and their families through a network that connects them with the resources they need in order to realize their fullest potential and live fruitful lives despite their disability.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl_6S1k-LVU

MY PROJECT



STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME

- Every year at the ASU homecoming parade the Down syndrome Network hosts an event called the Step Up for Down Syndrome Buddy Walk. The event consists of wearing matching t shirts and walking in the parade with other Down syndrome activists, enjoying a catered meal and fundraising to donate to the Down syndrome cause. I've attended a few times and I thought it would be fun to lead a group on the walk and see how much money we could raise for down Syndrome! We made it our goal to raise 500 dollars for the organization.



THE WALK

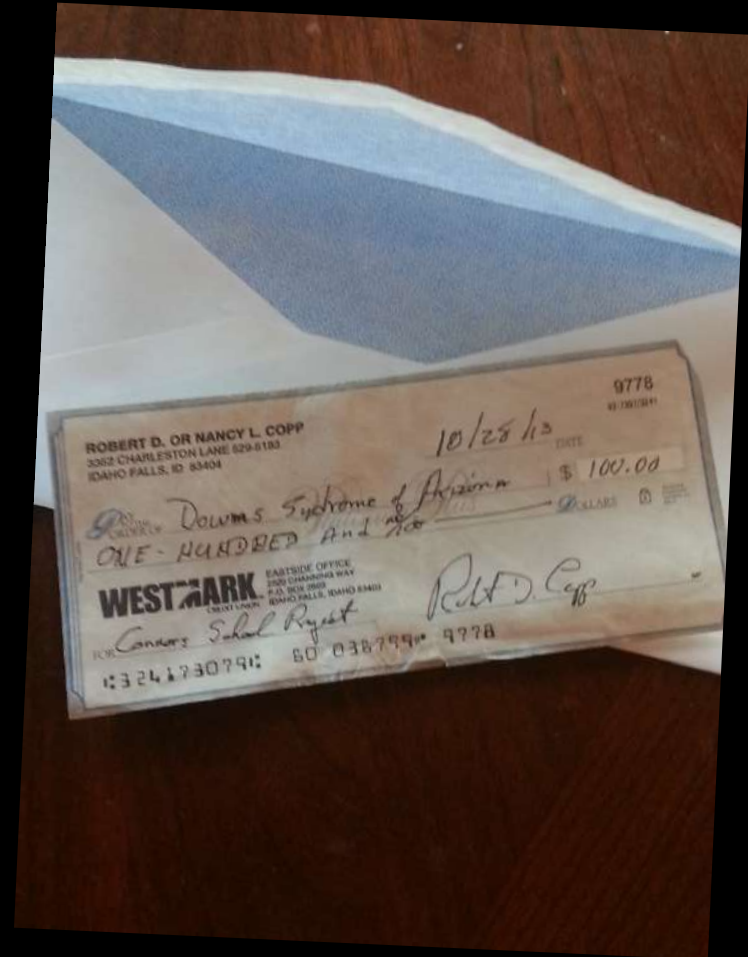






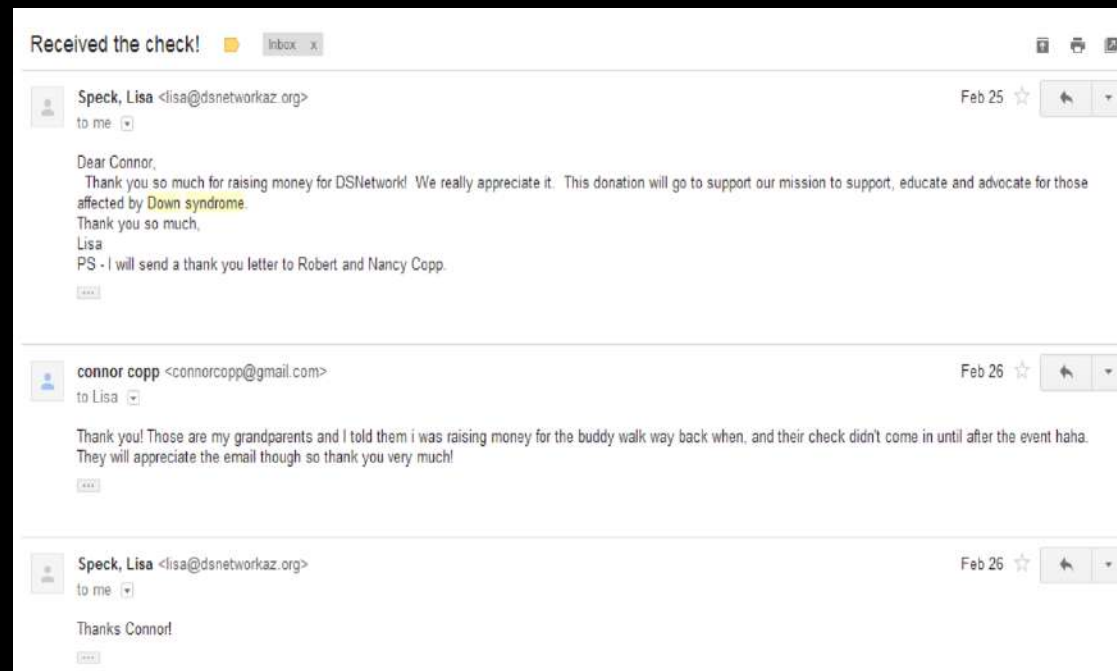


THE OUTCOME



HOW MUCH DID WE RAISE?

- We raised a total of \$415, \$315 of which we donated directly at the walk and \$100 of which was mailed in at a later date. Although we didn't quite reach our goal of 500 dollars, we came very close and I'm overall pleased with the outcome!



THE MISSION STATEMENT

- Benevolence: We performed a kindhearted, benevolent act by working to support those disabled by Down syndrome, and our money will go towards helping Individuals with Down syndrome achieve great things.
- Honor: The Down syndrome network is and incredibly honorable organization supporting a noble cause, and by supporting them we honored our school, and our community.
- Scholarship: The walk and the preparation I did opened my eyes to a lot of the work done behind the scenes by wonderful individuals who devote so much of their time and effort to furthering the Down syndrome cause. This experience helped teach me love and compassion, and Although you cant learn those traits in a book, they are just as important, if not more, than the math science and English we learn here every day.

THANKS

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