

# POSITIVE PLACES

DESIGNER GENES NEWSLETTER

BUILDING AWARENESS  
& BRIGHT FUTURES FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DOWN SYNDROME  
& THEIR FAMILIES

WINTER 2009

## IN NEED OF A STORAGE BUDDY

Designer Genes is wondering if anyone would like to split the cost of a small cold-storage space in Bismarck. With our growing Buddy Walk supplies and materials, we're running out of room in attics and closets in homes across town. If you are looking for more space too and are interested in possibly sharing a space and splitting the cost, please give Roxane a call at 258-7421 for more details.

## GO POLAR

Check out our buddies at Papa's Polar Patch ([www.papaspolarpatch.com](http://www.papaspolarpatch.com)) for some winter family fun. Open from 12 - 5 p.m. on Jan. 16 - 19, 2009 and Feb. 13 - 17, 2009.

## BOWLING FUN FOR EVERYONE

Join Designer Genes families this coming Sunday for bowling fun!

- Date: Sunday, January 11
- Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Location: Mandan - Midway Lanes

The cold has us all wanting for a little time out of the house, so why not come out for family fun at the lanes. We're planning an afternoon of bowling for Designer Genes families and friends at Midway Lanes from 2 - 5 p.m. on January 11, 2009. The cost to attend is \$5 per person or \$10 per family to help defray the costs of one game, rent-a-shoes and eats.



## THANKS TO ALL OUR BUDDIES



Designer Genes is amazed at how many buddies joined us for the 2008 Buddy Walk. With over 700 people in attendance, the message that we are more alike than different is being well spread. Watch for more photos from the event in the spring newsletter.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Designer Genes will be hosting a social on Thursday, April 16 during the Pathfinder's Conference in Bismarck to give families a chance to visit with two prominent authors in the Down syndrome community. Michael Bailey, author of *Special Education: A Parent's Guide to Success*, and his daughter Eleanor who has Down and Jennifer Gray Groenberg, author of *Road Map to Holland* will both be speaking at the conference. Watch for more information in our spring newsletter.

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