



## **We're moving!**

The Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM) is excited to announce that in 2021 our office is moving to the new Special Olympics Michigan Unified Sports and Inclusion Center at 160 68<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.

As DSAWM has grown, specifically over the last few years, we have an increased need for expansion. We are serving more members than ever before and all our programs are running at capacity, including many with waiting lists.

In 2019 alone, we welcomed 49 new member families and saw nearly 2,500 people attend or participate in at least one of our programs or events. Our service area includes twelve counties, yet we have the resources to create life-changing programs in only three. We know that we could serve more individuals and families if we had more staff, financial resources for programs and supplies, and the capacity to serve.

Moving the DSAWM office to the Special Olympics Center will:

- Give us opportunities to reach more children, teens, and adults throughout our twelve-county service area.
- Allow us to partner with other existing agencies that serve those with physical or cognitive challenges by sharing space on the Special Olympic campus.
- Significantly raise our profile and visibility throughout the community.

Our operational and programming space will both increase, and we will have access to onsite gymnasiums, a fitness center, 700-person auditorium, outdoor recreational facilities—providing a permanent home for our bi-annual iCan Bike Camp—and so much more!

The DSAWM and DSAWM Foundation staff and boards have dedicated significant time, effort, and thought towards this move and we could not be more excited for the sustainable growth that it ensures for our organization and the endless possibilities it will create for our community!

*Staff will begin operating at our new office on Monday, January 11, 2021. Our current office space at 233 Fulton Street E will be closed the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> as we move. While our new office will remain closed to the public for an indefinite period of time due to covid-19, we look forward to celebrating a grand opening with an open house and tours for our community when safe to do so next year.*

# Special Olympics Michigan Unified Sports and Inclusion Center



# Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan's Office

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