

# FACTS ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME

- ❖ Down syndrome is a genetic condition that causes delays in physical and intellectual development.
- ❖ Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder.
- ❖ Down syndrome is not related to race, nationality, religion or socioeconomic status.
- ❖ Down syndrome is usually caused by an error in cell division. It is not related to anything the parents did.
- ❖ Many individuals with Down syndrome have health complications, but with appropriate medical care, most can lead healthy lives.
- ❖ Most children with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, but they also have many talents and gifts.
- ❖ People with Down syndrome have become professional painters, actors, musicians, models, and entrepreneurs.
- ❖ Most individuals with Down syndrome live full lives as valued members of their families and communities.