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### NC Down Syndrome Training Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

*NCDSA Announces Ribbon Cutting, Reception, and Open House of New Down Syndrome Training Center on World Down Syndrome Day.*

**Raleigh, NC** —The North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance announces a ribbon cutting, reception, and open house of our New Down Syndrome Training Center on World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2022. The ribbon cutting is at 3:21 pm and the open house will follow the ribbon cutting and last until 7:00pm. The public is invited to attend.

The event will take place at the new NCDSA Down Syndrome Training Center located at 2621-102 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC.

"This is a day of celebration for the Down Syndrome Community. The new Down Syndrome Training Center will allow for consistent and expanded programming for the entire Down syndrome community. The NCDSA has been providing training and also advocating for individuals with Down syndrome for over 30 years. NCDSA has had a tremendous impact on the community, but there is still much work to be done. Individuals with Down syndrome are ready for training that will help them reach the next step towards independence and we now have a facility to help them get there," says Christina Reaves, Executive Director of the North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance.

The Down Syndrome Training Center will provide training to all skill and age levels of individuals with Down syndrome, in addition to educators, parents, and community members. It's important to note that connecting families early, providing resources, and educating on best practices gives the NCDSA the ability to train a generation of individuals with Down syndrome whose potential is limitless. By providing these programs, people with Down syndrome are learning to read, interacting with others, driving cars, graduating high school, and working in meaningful employment. This was not the case just 20 years ago.

A major piece of the NCDSA's evolution is to expand the reach of our programs throughout North Carolina. The new Training center will be the hub to connect families across the state and offer virtual and in-person programming.

NCDSA welcomes everyone on World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2022.

#### About North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance

The North Carolina Down Alliance is a nonprofit support, resource and advocacy organization serving individuals, families, and professionals. Our Mission is to empower, connect, and support the lifespan of individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community through outreach, advocacy, and education in North Carolina. The vision of the NCDSA is to be an effective, compassionate, and comprehensive resource on Down syndrome throughout North Carolina. NCDSA envisions a culture in which all people with Down syndrome are empowered to achieve their full potential and live healthy, productive lives as valued citizens within the fabric of society. The goal is to promote a community where all people with Down syndrome can achieve their full potential, and where individuals with Down syndrome and their families are welcomed with fairness, enthusiasm, and encouragement in the community. The NCDSA is funded primarily through donations and small grants and rely on the help of volunteers to carry out activities throughout the year. For more information, visit <https://www.ncdsalliance.org/>.

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