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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jan 1, 2014, and ending Dec 31, 2014	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization DS Support, Inc. Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2328 E Lincoln Hwy 210 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code New Lenox, IL 60451
D Employer identification number 20-4510976	
E Telephone number 815-272-1068	
F Group Exemption Number ▶	
G Accounting Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶	
H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
I Website: ▶ dssupport.net	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)() (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
K Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	129237.73
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	40.75
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	123278.48	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	71125
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	9172
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1026
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	491
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	20668
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	102482	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	20796.48
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	82352.29
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	103148

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

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		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	82352.29	103148
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		
25	Total assets	82352.29	103148
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	82352.29	103148

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>	Expenses
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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐ Expenses

Expenses
(Required for section
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
organizations, optional for
others.)

28	During our yearly awareness / fundraiser walk we are able to give 3200 + people a way to interact and show society how much potential individuals with Down syndrome have.			
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(Grants \$ **71125**) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **28a**

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 29a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 30a

31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐ 31a

32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32
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Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Illinois		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Jennifer Paganessi Telephone no. ▶ 815-462-2065 Located at ▶ 22600 S Farm View Rd ZIP + 4 ▶ 60451		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		<input type="checkbox"/>
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
none				

- f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

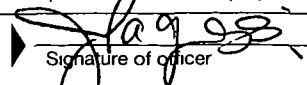
- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
none		

- d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  **Signature of officer** Date April 12, 2015
Jennifer Paganessi, Chair
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

DS Support, Inc.

Employer identification number

20-4510976

Schedule 1 (part I line 10 Grants and similar amount paid)

\$24,830 - National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), 666 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10012

\$18,070 - National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS), PR Box 206, Wilmette, IL 60091

\$17,300 - GiGi's Playhouse, 1069 West Golf Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

\$5000 - Elmhurst Life Skills Academy 190 Prospect Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126

\$4000 - Special Gifts Theatre P O BOX 2231 NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS 60065

\$1995 - Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action, 5010 Fountainblue Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503

SCHEDULE 2 - Part I Line 16 Other Expenses

Supplies -

Other Costs -

Equipment Rental & Maintenance

Insurance

Business Reg Fees

SCHEDULE 3 - Part III Statement of Program Services Accomplishments

Primary Purpose: To support individuals with Down syndrome and their families through education, social activities and advocacy

Schedule 1 (Part I line 10 Grants and similar amounts paid)

Class of Activity	Name and Address of Grantee	Amount Given	Relationship of the Grantee
Monetary Donation to support families and individuals with Down Syndrome; NDSS advocates for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome	National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) Point of Contact: Rebecca Switalski 666 Broadway, 8 th Floor New York, NY 10012 www.ndss.org	\$28,830	DS Support is a member of NDSS
Monetary Donation to support families and individuals with Down Syndrome; NADS offers information, support, and advocacy.	National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS) Point of Contact: Diane Urhausen Post Office Box 206 Wilmette, IL 60091 www.nads.org	\$18,070.00	
Monetary Donation to support families and individuals with Down Syndrome; GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Awareness Centers provide Down Syndrome educational and support programs	GiGi's Playhouse Point of Contact: Nancy Gianni 1069 West Golf Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 www.gigisplayhouse.org	\$17,300.00	
Monetary Donation to support families and individuals with Down Syndrome	ELSA Point of Contact: Judith Kolar 190 Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, Illinois 60126	\$5,000.00	
Monetary Donation to Parent Support organization for families and individuals with Down Syndrome	Special Gifts Theatre Point of contact: Jenni Von Tobel P.O.BOX 2231 NORTHBROOK ILLINOIS 60065 http://specialgiftstheatre.org	\$4,000.00	
Monetary Donation to support families and individuals with Down Syndrome; NADS offers information, support, and advocacy.	Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action 5010 Fountainblue Drive Bismarck, ND 58503	\$1995.00	