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D.A.D.S (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome) OF KENTUCKIANA

During a recent meeting with a distributor and manufacturer, the D.A.D.S of Kentuckiana was mentioned as being an organization that was fairly new to charitable gaming yet had found great success in their endeavor.

After the meeting, I decided to contact Bart Adkins, founder and public relations and promotions correspondent for the D.A.D.S of Kentuckiana. Mr. Adkins stated that in January 2009, D.A.D.S of Kentuckiana was incorporated and subsequently applied for their 501(c)(3) with the IRS. There are D.A.D.S groups in other areas of Indiana that had been serving the fathers of children with Down Syndrome. Mr. Adkins felt there should be a group serving both the Louisville and Southern Indiana area thus the name Kentuckiana was used in the title of the organization. After the group was named, the following mission statement was formed: "To support through fellowship and action the fathers and families of individuals with Down Syndrome."

Having formed the organization, it became apparent that a source of funding was necessary to maintain it. After contacting the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming for information, it was decided that charitable gaming was the vehicle to use to achieve the needed funding. A license to conduct charitable gaming, Org0002243, was issued by the Department of Charitable Gaming on Feb. 2, 2012. Mary Ann Adkins, CFO and treasurer for D.A.D.S of Kentuckiana, stated that from the beginning the organization wanted to "treat the customers with the respect they deserve." Ms. Adkins advised they inform their bingo patrons on what is going on within their organization and how the gaming funds are being used. This has provided great feedback from the bingo players attending the sessions and has helped them to promote their mission statement within the community.

In September 2012, the organization ordered a 2013 Ford E-350 series passenger van. The organization has received grants for these purchases. However, they first must pay for the vehicle and then will be reimbursed out of the pending grant. Mr. Adkins stated if not for charitable gaming the purchase of the passenger van would not have happened. According to Mary Ann Adkins, the specially ordered vehicle will help the organization become more independent by allowing them to transport some of the older Down Syndrome individuals to other functions such as dances, trips to movies and to medical care facilities both in state and out.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins advised they now have set their goals for the organization a little higher. Through the funds generated through charitable gaming, there is a "real possibility" these goals can be reached. Mr. Adkins stated one future goal is acquiring a piece of property. The ultimate goal is to build a gymnasium to accommodate not only individuals with Down Syndrome but also those individuals with other disabilities. This facility would be geared to accommodate those needs within the community.

Mr. Adkins would also like to thank some other sponsors of their organization: Lucas Oil Products, Bass Pro Shops and Wal-Mart. These businesses, along with charitable gaming, help support the activities of the organization which would otherwise be non-existent.

The Department of Charitable Gaming would like to thank the D.A.D.S of Kentuckiana not only for their efforts in meeting their mission but for operating the gaming sessions in compliance within the guidelines set forth in the statutes and regulations.

Bryant W. Smith, Investigator Manager

Welcome Tonya Neal to the Licensing Branch

Tonya Neal started with the Department of Charitable Gaming, as the receptionist through a temporary agency, in December 2004. She was then hired full time in the accounting section in July 2005. During that time, she served in several capacities including the review of financial reports and issuance of caution letters. Ms. Neal has also assisted the legal section of the Department of Charitable Gaming for a period of time.

In May 2012, Ms. Neal's position was moved permanently to the licensing branch, which brought our reviewers up to a total of four to process all new and renewal applications, make revisions to licenses, etc. With her extensive knowledge in several areas of our department, it had made her a valuable asset to the licensing branch.

When Ms. Neal came over to the licensing branch, there were changes made so that the load of work would be shifted as evenly as possible. Therefore, your organization may have a different reviewer than in years past. With the addition of Ms. Neal to the licensing branch, mail is being processed much faster. However, the timeframes for when applications, changes, etc. are due have not changed.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has."
-Margaret Mead**

"Queen of Hearts" Raffle w/Raffle Board

A really cool way to conduct a raffle! The game is played with 52 face poker cards and two Jokers. These cards are placed on a licensed manufacturer's board so that the face of the poker cards are not revealed. Your organization will sell raffle tickets (theater style) for \$1 or

less and then a draw will take place weekly. The winner will then choose which card to pull from the raffle board. If the "Queen of Hearts" is picked then the winner wins a predetermined amount of the jackpot. If the winner doesn't pick the "Queen of Hearts," then an alternative

prize is awarded. Prizes awarded are structured by the organization and posted with the Raffle's Rules of Play. For more information contact the department or speak with your assigned compliance officer. This is a great money maker for your organization.



Holiday Office Closings

Nov. 12, 2012 - Veteran's Day

Nov. 22-23, 2012 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 24-25, 2012 - Christmas

Dec. 31, 2012 - Jan. 1, 2013 - New Year's

Gaming Days/Times/Locations - Repeat Information!

All organizations are required to be day and time specific on **all charitable gaming activities** for their license. When completing your application, please fill in all areas that require this information. If your organization does not know when they will conduct their gaming activities (except bingo), please note that they will be required to apply for a temporary license before they can conduct their activity. Each temporary license fee is \$25.

For instance, if your organization will be selling pull tabs once per month, please include the day (ex. First Saturday), with the times the pull tabs will be sold. If an organization only wishes to conduct a raffle one time per year, they would list the date the raffle drawing will take place. Otherwise, the license will state "Raffle(s) - Annually (Requires Special License)" and the organization would not be permitted to conduct the raffle without the special license,

costing the organization an additional \$25.

Only gaming information (types, days, times and locations) will be listed on the license. The organization is held to the gaming types, days, times and locations listed on the license. No other gaming activity can occur without an additional license in their possession.

This information was first released in the June 2011 newsletter.

**Please help
avoid violations
and the
possibility of an
administrative
action taken
against your
license!**

Repetitive Errors on Financial Reports

In an effort to avoid violations issued to organizations, we are listing common errors that have been seen in the past quarter when filing financial reports.

- Organizations are not filing **reports & fees by the due date.**
- **Organizations not filing the fee due at all.**
- Organizations not submitting all Attachments A-J
- Organizations failing to list returned checks, returned checks collected and deposits in the body of the Attachment A with description.
- Submitting the wrong financial report.
- Transfers and/or donations should be listed on both Attachments A and G and MUST equal.

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Important Items!

**Financial Report Postmark
Schedule:**

4th Quarter 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013

2012 Annual - Jan. 31, 2013

1st Quarter 2013 - April 31, 2013

2nd Quarter 2012 - July 31, 2013

Fees are due at the same time!

Your assistance is appreciated!!

Please do not:

Staple documents together.

Staple checks to or put them in the middle of the documents.

Submit double-sided documents.

Put multiple documents for different branches in the same envelope (for example, licensing documents with accounting documents).

Please do:

Provide (file) license number on all documents submitted to our office.

Keep your email address updated and check it frequently.