



DCSN MAGAZINE

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“We are living proof that when human beings have the courage and commitment to transform a dream into reality, there is nothing that can stop them”

*HH Sheikh Mohammed
Bin Rashed Al Maktoum*

“Lighting the path
towards a brighter future”



DUBAI CENTER for
SPECIAL NEEDS

Director's Message...

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, a year full of remarkable events, great achievements and memorable days. We would love to share with you our wonderful events and days that have left a mark not only in the students' lives but also will forever be remembered as great achievements.

Our notable annual concert celebrating our 40th Anniversary was once again a huge success; The Secret Diary of DCSN gave everyone a great insight into the history and successes of the Center's past and future through beautiful dancing, singing and drama. We were honored with the presence of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) and Member of the Dubai Council at the Center to witness the achievements of the center over the years.

This year on National Day we honored the UAE, not only by celebrating the local culture but by also recognizing that a wonderful array of cultures make the UAE such a special place. The staff and students loved sharing their various cultures with us through the song and dance of their respective countries.

Our Sports Day welcomed the wonderful world of fairytale and fantasy, Shrek, Fiona, Woody and Rumpelstiltskin were amongst the characters that made for a fun and lively day.

We rounded our year out with a great Winter Fair, always one of our highlights where families across the UAE come to celebrate the festive season with a day full of games, Santa and delicious food.

DCSN is not just about ideas, it's about making things happen and without the ever growing help and support from our sponsors, volunteers and our community, we wouldn't be able to make these ideas a reality. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mahid Salhi

51st National Day & Flag Day

Homage to a revered Flag representing a remarkable Nation



On Thursday, November 28, the Dubai Center for Special Needs joyfully commemorated the fifty-first anniversary of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates in an atmosphere filled with the spirit of brotherhood and unwavering loyalty among people from all corners of the globe, wishing it lasting glory, upliftment, stability and prosperity under its wise leadership.

The festivities commenced with a mesmerizing performance of the UAE national anthem by the talented choir of DCSN. This was followed by an immensely imaginative performance unfolded, showcasing the vibrant traditional dances and attire from various countries, exemplifying the rich diversity within the UAE, a nation that embraces and unifies individuals of all nationalities.



DCSN's ANNUAL CONCERT, 2022

“The Secret Diary of DCSN”



Once again, DCSN students surprised the audience with a magical performance, marking yet another eagerly awaited Annual Concert! On April 29, DCSN hosted its Annual Concert, titled “the Secret Diary of DCSN,” with the presence of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) and Member of the Dubai Council.

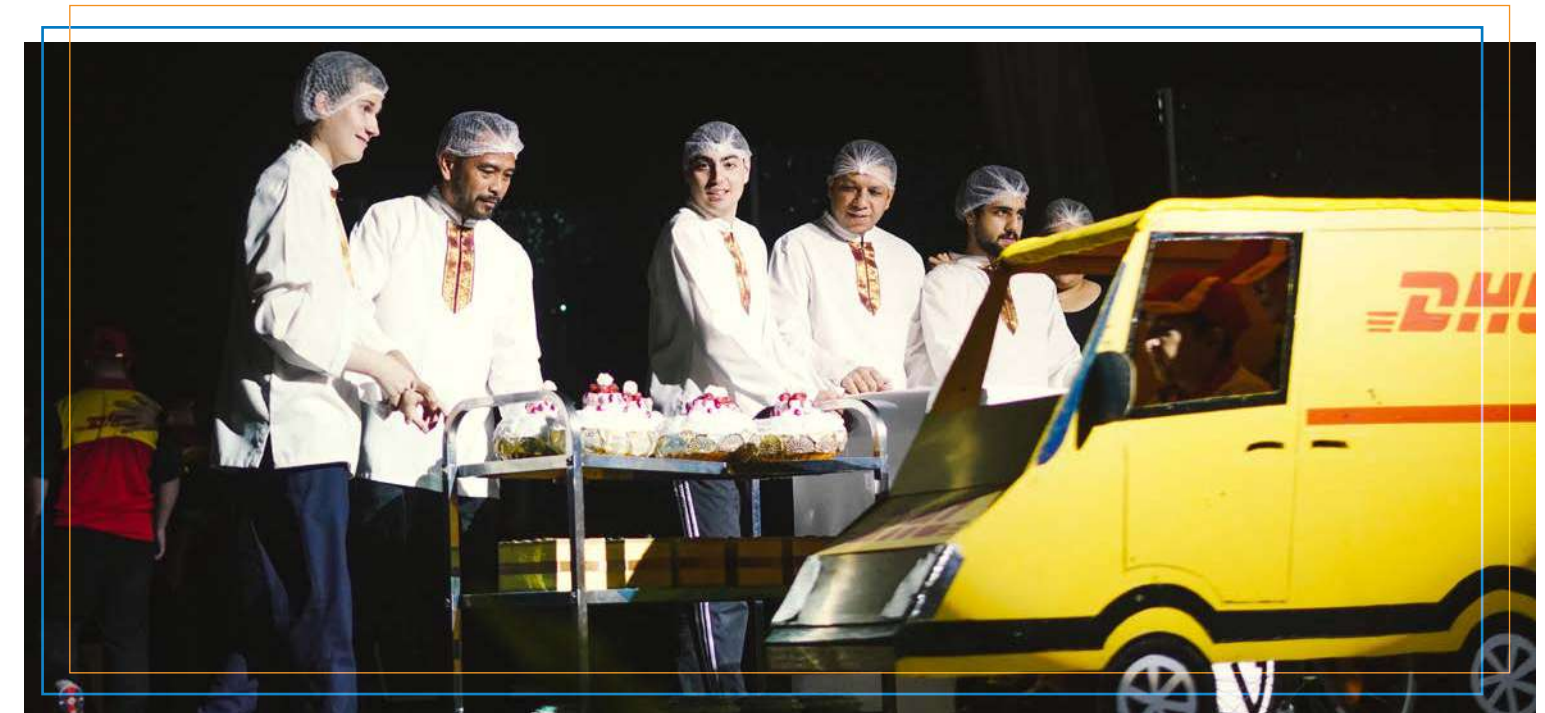
This Concert showcased the students’ multiple talents and their stories of challenges & success. The musical & theatrical performance depicts the center’s 40 year journey of giving, offering services that cater to the academic, physical, social & emotional needs of People of Determination, enhancing their role in shaping a brighter future. DCSN welcomed 500 esteemed guests, including VIPs, sponsors, friends of DCSN, and proud parents.

Witnessing the guests leave the concert, deeply moved yet overwhelmed with joy, is truly an unparalleled reward. Their speechless awe and teary-eyed emotions bear testament to the extraordinary performance delivered by the students of the Dubai Center for Special Needs.

To each and every one of the volunteers, sponsors and supporters, we extend an enormous THANK YOU for being by our side and for making of this special event an unforgettable one.

The true stars of the show were undoubtedly our exceptional and determined students, whose excitement radiated as they took the stage. Their diverse talents left the audience speechless, craving for more.

As we eagerly anticipate the future, let us remember that there’s always another year to look forward to!





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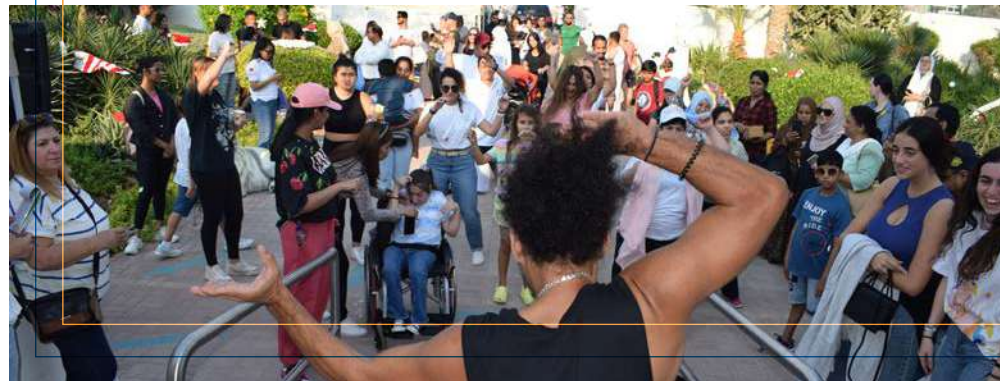
On the 26th of November 2023, in the enchanting winter garden of DCSN, a tale unfolded. Amidst a myriad of exciting rides and slides, culinary delights, creative arts and crafts, special works of art, and captivating performances, a wondrous Family Winter Fair came to life. Within its magical ambiance, joy, laughter, excitement, and entertainment accompanied by an abundance of blessings.

The resounding success of DCSN's Family Winter Fair stands as a testament to the unwavering support of our cherished supporters. On behalf of the dedicated employees and talented students of DCSN, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters and volunteers. Your immense contributions played an integral role in making our event an extraordinary triumph!



Family Winter Fair

A magical day to remember!



DCSN-DCAA MoU signing

An agreement serving special talents and art!

DCSN's chairman Dr. Abdullah Khayat, director, Dr. Mahshid Salehi, board members and all students and staff, had the honor to receive Dubai Culture represented by its Director General H.E Hala Badri along with other members of the senior management team on the occasion of the MoU signing ceremony at the Center. This milestone represents a significant step towards empowering and enriching people of determination by opening new opportunities for creativity, self-expression and familiarization of the UAE heritage. This partnership aims to provide inclusive cultural and artistic programs that cater for people of determination. Always with the same vision "lighting the path towards a brighter future". DCSN is looking forward for many success stories and events together with Dubai Culture & Art Authority.

French Consul General Visit to DCSN

A visit filled with emotions and beneficial future plans

Dubai Center for Special Needs was privileged to welcome esteemed guests from the French Consulate, Mrs. Nathalie Kennedy, the Consul General, and Mrs. Marie-Laure Charrier, the Deputy General Consul of France. Throughout their visit, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Charrier engaged in a heartwarming interaction with the students, expressing their wholehearted support for the center. The discussions held during this visit also explored numerous possibilities for future collaborations between the center and the consulate.



DCSN's Sports Day

The real representation of being energetic, active and fun

At DCSN, Sports Day is a day tailor made for its students to express individually their abilities. Our Sports Day is an inclusive and empowering event that celebrates the unique abilities of our students. The atmosphere is filled with enthusiasm as participants showcase their talents and skills. From wheelchair challenges to adaptive sports, every activity is tailored to accommodate diverse abilities, ensuring everyone can participate and excel. Coaches and volunteers provide unwavering support, encouraging participants to push their boundaries and achieve personal milestones. The joy and determination on the faces of the students are contagious, inspiring spectators and fostering a sense of unity and acceptance. Sports Day for people with special needs exemplifies the transformative power of sports, promoting inclusivity, equality, and a sense of achievement for all involved.



DCSN's Special Assemblies

When the outside world gets to discover the world of people of determination

Understanding the intricacies of the lives of individuals with special needs often remains unfamiliar to many. That's why, at DCSN, we recognize the utmost importance of inviting our dedicated supporters and volunteers into our center. By organizing special assemblies, we create an opportunity for our guests to witness firsthand the remarkable abilities and talents of our students. These assemblies provide a platform for interaction, enabling our supporters to engage with our students and empower them to overcome their unique challenges. We firmly believe that by shedding light on the daily experiences of our students, we foster understanding, empathy, and a shared commitment to their growth and well-being.

To all the sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who have played an invaluable role at our center. Thank you for your dedication and generosity as it has a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. Your contributions, whether financial, material, or through your time and effort, have allowed us to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where individuals with special needs can thrive and reach their full potential. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and for being champions of inclusivity and acceptance. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these exceptional individuals, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your invaluable role in this journey.

We are thrilled to share a collection of captivating photos from our exclusive assemblies. These images reflect the range of emotions and exceptional experiences we shared together.





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As the year comes to an end, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter filled with captivating stories, exciting events, and remarkable achievements. Stay tuned and join us in the upcoming academic year for even more memorable experiences!