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## Denim and Diamonds Gala to Benefit Rio Grande Down Syndrome Network

ALBUQUERQUE, NM -- Tickets are now on sale for the Rio Grande Down Syndrome Network's inaugural Denim and Diamonds Gala from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, at the Sheraton Uptown.

The event will include dinner, drinks, live music by local band Gonzalo, dancing and a live and silent auction benefitting the nonprofit. During the month of February, RGDSN is offering early bird pricing for individual Gala tickets.

"We are excited to host our first Denim & Diamonds Gala! We are raising funds to support our programs, resources, and scholarships for families throughout all stages of life, including diagnosis to adult years," said Gala Chair Jeannine Miller Barreras. "We hope the community will join us in empowering individuals with Down syndrome and the lucky few who get to love them."

Funds from the Gala will go directly towards RGDSN's work serving more than 300 families in central and northern New Mexico. In 2022, the organization plans to increase its impact in connecting families to resources and other families, provide one-of-a-kind programs for all ages, essential support services for individuals and their families, create opportunities for empowerment and growth through education and develop strategic alliances with education, medical and mental health communities.

The Gala is a 21 and over event. Tickets and tables can be purchased online at <a href="www.rgdsn.org">www.rgdsn.org</a> or <a href="https://downsyndrome.home.qtego.net/">https://downsyndrome.home.qtego.net/</a>. For information on sponsorship opportunities for Denim and Diamonds. contact Jeannine Miller Barreras at <a href="mailto:fundraising@rgdsn.org">fundraising@rgdsn.org</a>.

## **About RGDSN**

The Rio Grande Down Syndrome Network is a collaborative network which seeks to create awareness, assure inclusion, and promote independence in individuals with Down syndrome. Through events, activities and programming throughout the year, RGDSN brings families and members of the community together for fun, networking and connecting its members to essential resources.

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