

October is

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

Spotlight on: **Kay McGee**



Why we're proud of this individual:

- ◆ Kathryn E. "Kay" McGee, 91, who founded the National Association for Down Syndrome after her daughter was born with the condition in 1960, died on Feb. 16, 2012. Her work did help educators learn that children with Down Syndrome could go public schools. Also, her work helped people with other disabilities as well, according to Sheila Hebein, a former executive director of the organization of 30 years. It raised the issue of inequality and offered parents hope at a time when they got mostly negative information.

<https://www.oakpark.com/News/Articles/2-23-2012/Kay-McGee,-91,-Founded-Down-Syndrome-organization/>

Other Observances in Month:

October 16, 1701– Yale University was founded in Killingworth, Connecticut.

October 1, 1908– Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 24, 1945– The United Nations was founded.

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