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Dear Grandparents:

Welcome to the Grandparent Connection! We hope you will find information here that will be of help to you as you travel on this unexpected journey with your family.

Your relationship with your grandchild is unique - like no other! All children need their family for nurturing, guidance, and, most importantly, love and acceptance - your grandchild with Down syndrome is no different.

The birth of a child with Down syndrome takes the entire family on a new journey - a journey that often feels confusing and filled with fear at first. The information and resources we have available for you here at the Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota will, I hope, ease those fears and uncertainty. We hope that through information and support you will gain an understanding of this baby's special needs and of the love this child has to offer to everyone in his or her life.

We encourage you to learn as much about Down syndrome as you can at this time.

But remember a baby with Down syndrome is a baby first. Treat him or her as you would any other baby.

Please feel free to contact us here at the Association if we can provide other resources to you or if you would like to make a "grandparent connection" with another grandparent!

Sincerely,

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