



July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Dear Sponsor,

The 10th Annual Down Syndrome Association of the Mid-Columbia (DSAMC) Buddy Walk® Fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Following the success of our previous eight Buddy Walks, we expect Buddy Walk® 2016 to be an even bigger event and we want your organization to be part of it!

The Buddy Walk® was developed by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) in 1995 to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down Syndrome and to raise money for research and education programs. The NDSS has expanded from 17 walks the first year to more than 300 expected in 2015. Last year, over \$11 million was raised nation-wide for the Down syndrome community.

The DSAMC Buddy Walk® last attracted over 1800 participants from the area and raised over \$52,000. People with Down syndrome, families, friends, and professionals walked a one-mile course and then enjoyed local personalities, and other fun activities. The funds raised have gone to the following organizations and programs:

- Donation to National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)
- PIPS (Parent Informing Parents Supporting) Support Group
- Support to the Children's Developmental Center
- Lecture Series
- Women's Group
- New Parent Baskets
- Playgroups for kids with down syndrome and all other abilities
- Classroom support
- Scholarships for workshops and conferences
- Scholarships for community activities

Again, we would love to have your organization as a sponsor for the 2016 Buddy Walk®. In order to make the commercial and printed ads we would need a commitment no later than July 30th, 2016.

I can be contacted at (206) 300-3960 to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Kasey McComas  
Buddy Walk Organizer

