

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A TEAM CAPTAIN!

The walk will take place at the Mcniel Jr High track field, also known as Garnett Field at 4712 Barnett Rd. Gates will open at 10am and the walk will begin at 12:00. Make sure you save this flyer as we are changing things up and want everyone to take advantage of the perks of being a team captain!

This year, every team will have the opportunity to set up a team "headquarters" at the walk. This is NOT required, but a fun option! Keep in mind there is little to no shade at Garnett Field. Feel free to bring a 10x10 or smaller canopy cover, tables, lawn chairs, picnic blankets, etc. There will be designated spots on the field to set these up and they will be first come first serve. Have fun with it and decorate your area! Make personalized banners with your team's name to hang from your canopy, decorate your table with fun items, make signs celebrating your loved one with Down Syndrome, etc.! The possibilities are endless.

The day of the event we will have bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, music, food trucks, contests, games, awards and an all-new raffle drawing! We will have trophies for largest team, most money raised, and most spirited team. Plan ahead and make posters, photos, signs and fun props for your team to carry along the walkway!

We are starting a raffle system for 2022. For every \$100 your team raises, your team gets 1 raffle ticket. The day of the walk, we will have a table set up near the stage with some AMAZING team captain prizes! Place some or all of your raffle tickets in the bowl next to the prize you wish to enter to win, and we will draw 1 ticket for each prize at the award ceremony after the walk. Each team will only be eligible for one raffle item. We will also have a second table of raffle items set up for friends and family who wish to purchase raffle tickets in advance or the day of the event. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the registration table the day of the walk to give everyone a chance to win.

Another fun thing we have added this year is a day-of fundraising competition! At the registration table we will have a jar with your team captains' photo on it. As people enter the walk, the volunteers at the registration table will encourage our guests to drop a donation, big or small, into the jar of their choice. Whichever team receives the most donations by the award ceremony at 12:30 will win a special prize!

For 2022, our goal is to vamp up fundraising. Get your schools involved! Ask your child's classmates to support their friend by signing up or donating. Talk to your coworkers! Have your company start their own team. Host a car wash or ask a local restaurant to host a give-back night to help you raise funds. If you know a business who would be interested in sponsoring, point them to our sponsorship packet on our website. If they pay online, they can attribute their sponsorship to your team! So, if you get a business to sponsor \$1,000, the business gets sponsorship perks, and your team has now raised \$1,000! There are tons of creative ways to raise funds. If you would like us to promote your fundraiser, email us at wfbuddywalk@gmail.com and we will post it to our Facebook page.

Just like in years past, EVERY walker with Down Syndrome will receive a medal at the award ceremony. In order to receive a medal, you HAVE to be signed up as a team captain. We want every person with Down Syndrome in our area honored at this event! The **only** way to take advantage of the team captain perks, including getting a medal, is to create a team. As a reminder, there is no minimum team member sign ups or required amount of funds raised per team.

Please remind your friends and family that this event is open to the public! We want EVERYONE to come and enjoy all of the amazing activities we have planned. Our ultimate goal is for this event to grow every year so we can celebrate our loved ones with Down Syndrome in the biggest way possible

As the walk gets closer, we will be sending out more details such as a timeline of events, list of attractions etc. Please keep an eye out for these emails! We will also be posting updates to our Facebook page, so be sure you're following us on there as well.

Thank you again for becoming a Team Captain, we can't wait to see you all on October 8th!

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