

# **NOW ACCEPTING 2024 BUDDY WALK SPONSORS!**

The Down Syndrome Association of the Mid-Columbia (DSAMC) is gearing up for our 18th annual Buddy Walk Fundraiser event!

***Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Howard Amon Park in Richland!***

People from our community and beyond gather for fun activities, local entertainment, raffle and a spirited one-mile walk around Howard Amon Park to bring awareness, empower achievement, and inspire inclusion and acceptance of those with Down syndrome!

The Buddy Walk is DSAMC's largest annual fundraising event. Funds are raised through corporate sponsorships, donations collected by participating teams and walkers, and by participant registration fees. Thank you for considering a sponsorship, any contribution is sure to make a difference right here in our community!

We would love to have you as a sponsor for the 2024 DSAMC Buddy Walk. In addition to the perks listed by level on the attached sheet, as a sponsor we invite you to have a booth at the event for no charge, but we do ask that you provide a fun family friendly activity and prize at your booth.

***To secure one of the limited sponsor levels (only 1 Stage sponsor, and only 2 Grand Title Sponsors) contact us now!***

For Title sponsor level and below we need a commitment no later than August 5th 2024 and receive your company name and/or logo and payment shortly after.

We can be contacted at 509-440-1889 to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,  
Your 2024 DSAMC Buddy Walk Committee!

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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES



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### GROUPS

• **Tiny Tots Group:** This group is great for new parents who are looking to meet other parents in a smaller, low-key atmosphere. This is a great time to bring your new little one, as well as siblings & friends. If you are new to the area and just looking for an easy place to start, this is a great option.

• **Young Adults Group:** This group is for individuals ages 15-25+ to gather for anything from fun social activities around the community, to unique work experience activities with local businesses and anything in between.

• **Spanish Speaking Women's Resource Group:** One of our most popular groups! The purpose of the DSAMC Spanish Speaking Women's Resource group is to educate, provide support, information and resource and friendship to individuals with Down syndrome and their families as well as members of the community.

• **Women's Group:** This is a program for women who want to promote awareness and advocacy for people with Down syndrome within the Mid-Columbia area and create meaningful relationships with other women who share this vision. The goals for the DSAMC women's group are to educate, provide support, and information to individuals with Down syndrome and their families as well as members of the community. DSAMC Women's group will also be a place where women can relax and network with others.

• **Play Date Group:** The purpose of this playgroup is to provide a positive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities. Friends who are "uniquely-abled" can build relationships with "typically developing" friends, as well as cultivate lifelong relationships with friends like themselves. Anyone who is a friend or a family member of someone with special needs is encouraged to join.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

- Family BBQ each September
- Fall Festival each October
- Buddy Walk® each October
- Holiday Party and other Holiday events each December

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Sponsorship of two, local cheer-ability cheerleading teams.
- Sponsorship and donations to local support service entities in the community.

### "SCHOLARSHIPS"

- Funding for/of recreational opportunities throughout the year, to encourage and support extracurricular activity of those with Down syndrome within our community.
- Classroom Enrichment. Communication between home and school is important for a student's success in the classroom. This opportunity can fund curriculum, aids, resources, etc. that the teachers, students, and families collectively want to implement in an effort to support the student's optimal success.

### AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

- New Parent Packages. These are lovingly assembled and humbly delivered to any family of those just born with Down syndrome.
- Funds donated to assist and support individuals with urgent, or unexpected health, medical and catastrophic event needs.
- DSAMC website, E-blasts sharing DSAMC activities and other community happenings and activity on Facebook & Instagram.
- World Down Syndrome Day activities on (and around) March 21st and Down Syndrome Awareness Month activities in October.
- Workshops and lecture series by local physicians, attorneys, specialists, and more.
- Sponsorship of conferences geared toward individuals, families, educators, healthcare professionals, case managers etc.

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