

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. & THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO THE

7TH F.R.I.E.N.D.S BUDDY WALK

LET'S CELEBRATE, EDUCATE, & ADVOCATE!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Thank you for supporting our Down syndrome & Special Needs Community!



FOOD, AWARDS, VENDORS, FACEPAINTING, BOUNCY HOUSES, & GAMES!

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TAMPA BAY!

REGISTER TODAY!

www.funfriendsevents/7thBuddyWalk

Your donations provide these free programs to our special needs community:

- Family/New Parent support, Baby Friends Playgroup (0-5yrs), and After School Specials playgroup/support (6-14yrs).
- New and Expectant Parent Packets, Hospital NICU packets, telephone support.
- Education provided in our Parent Packets, Social Media outlets, and Newsletters.
- Activities - Monthly Adult Special Needs Dances
- Zoom Programs - Exercise, Yoga, & Music.
- Fun events to bring our community together - Annual World Down Syndrome Day Picnic, July Disability Awareness Pool Party, Halloween Parties, Christmas Party, & Breakfast with Santa.

AL LOPEZ PARK 4802 N. HIMES TAMPA FL

10AM-2PM SAT OCTOBER 21, 2023

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- **Support Groups-** Family Support, New Parents, Baby Friends Playgroup (0-5yrs), and After School Specials playgroups, Largo FRIENDS (6-14yrs).
- **Services -** New and Expectant Parent Packets and Hospital NICU packets & presentations.
- **Resources -** Provided in our Packets and posted on our Social Media outlets, Newsletters, & Emails.
- **Activities -** Monthly Adult Special Need Dances and Zoom Programs - Exercise, Yoga, & Music.
- **Annual World Down Syndrome Day Picnic, July Disability Awareness Pool Party, Halloween Parties, Christmas Party, & Breakfast with Santa.**

We serve Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Pasco Counties.

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Dear Sponsor,

The National Buddy Walk was developed in 1995 to raise awareness, promote acceptance, and celebrate our loved ones with Down Syndrome. F.R.I.E.N.D.S. and the National Down Syndrome Society are hosting their 7th F.R.I.E.N.D.S. BUDDY WALK Saturday, October 21, 2023! We expect over 3,000 guests to help us raise awareness. Join us at Al Lopez Park, 4810 N. Himes, in Tampa, FL, between 10 am-2 pm.

The Buddy Walk is also F.R.I.E.N.D.S.'s largest fundraiser, and the funds raised dictate what F.R.I.E.N.D.S. programs, support, and activities we can provide for 2024. We are looking for sponsor contributions to help us fuel all of FRIENDS programs and initiatives that benefit individuals with Down syndrome, Special needs, and their families here in the Tampa Bay area.

In appreciation of your kindness, generous donation, and support, we will highlight your company by:

- Adding your company logo to our Buddy Walk T-shirts.
- Publish your good deed in our Buddy Walk Newsletters, News media coverage, and all social media outlets (Linkedin, Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram).
- Feature your logo on our F.R.I.E.N.D.S. website www.friendssupport.org.

Thank you so much for supporting our Down Syndrome & Special Needs community. Your donations help us continue providing accessible programs, services, and activities. Please help us reach our goal of \$80,000!

Deadline for sponsorships is October 1st. Please submit your donation online with your registration via our Buddy Walk website www.friendsbuddywalk.org. and send your logo via email to info@friendssupport.org in a jpg format.

With warmest regards,

Ann Foyt, R.N.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Executive Director

(813)245-2782, info@friendssupport.org

F.R.I.E.N.D.S



West Florida

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

Mission:

- To provide vital special needs information, education, and resources to expectant and new families.
- To offer essential support, understanding, and advice to families and individuals with disabilities.
- To provide fun activities in a safe and accepting atmosphere where our families and individuals can connect. We have proudly served Hillsborough and Pinellas counties since 2007.

Sponsorship Levels



\$10,000 BEST FRIENDS SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Largest Print)
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque.
- Sponsor Logo on Buddy Walk Banner
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Posts
- Free Vendors Table



\$5,000 FRIENDS CENTER SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Larger Print)
- Sponsor Recognition Plaque.
- Sponsor Logo on Buddy Walk Banner
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Posts
- Free Vendor's Table



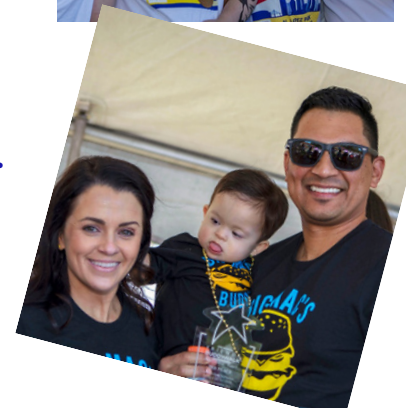
\$2,500 PARENT PACKET SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Large Print)
- Sponsor Logo on Buddy Walk Banner
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Posts
- Free Vendors Table



\$1,000 BABY FRIENDS SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Medium Print)
- Sponsor Logo on Buddy Walk Banner
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Posts
- Free Vendors Table



\$500 SELF-ADVOCATE SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Small Print)
- Sponsor Logo on Buddy Walk Banner
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Posts



\$250 IN-KIND, FOOD, & WATER SPONSOR

- Logo on T-shirts (Small Print)
- Your logo on our FRIENDS website w/link to your page.
- Social Media Post



Since 1995, the National Buddy Walk has been the world's premier Down syndrome awareness, advocacy, and peer-to-peer fundraising program. The Buddy Walk was created by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) to promote education and advocacy and to celebrate our individuals with Down syndrome. The Buddy Walk is also a fundraiser. The funds raised are for local Down syndrome organizations and national incentives. Today, more than 200 Buddy Walk events occur in cities nationwide. To learn more and find a Buddy Walk near you, visit www.buddywalk.org.

In-Kind Donations, Vendor's ,& Volunteers Wanted!

IIN-KIND BUDDY WALK DONATIONS NEEDED

FRIENDS seeks In-Kind contributions of food and water, raffle prizes, gift baskets, and gift cards. In addition, we need a Breakfast and Lunch donation for our volunteers and a Lunch donation for our walkers. We feed approximately 2,000 people on the walk. A gift of all or partial food supplies will be greatly appreciated.

Your In-Kind donation will receive sponsor recognition equal to the value of your products or services when it meets the monetary amount of one of our sponsor levels. Thank you so much for supporting our Mission and our special needs community!

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES, CRAFT, MERCHANDISE, & FOOD VENDORS WANTED!

Do you serve the Special Needs community or have items our guests would want to buy? We invite you to set up a table to meet over 2,000 guests and show your support for our Down Syndrome and Special Needs community. Register on the 7th F.R.I.E.N.D.S. BUDDY WALK site, <https://www.ds-stride.org/friendsbuddywalk>. A small fee of \$50 provides you with a tent, table, two chairs, and lunch. Please bring your decorations, and remember your sunscreen.



SPONSOR REGISTRATION

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed to help at the Registration, Raffles, and T-shirts tables. We also need help setting up tents, hanging signs, serving food and water, selling raffles, and monitoring the kids on the Bouncy Houses. Volunteers receive a free Buddy Walk t-shirt and Buddy Walk wristband, along with a complimentary breakfast and lunch. If you would like to help, please register at <https://www.ds-stride.org/friendsbuddywalk>.

Thank you so much for helping to bring a truly wonderful event to our Down Syndrome and Special Needs community! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

With warmest regards,

Ann Foyt, R.N.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Executive Director

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SPONSOR REGISTRATION

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

FRIENDS DOWN SYNDROME SPECIAL NEEDS WEST FLORIDA

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

FRIENDS SUPPORT, INC

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☒ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ►

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

11612 MISS CHLOE COURT

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

RIVERVIEW, FL 33579

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

____ - ____ - ____

or

Employer identification number

6 5 - 1 2 6 1 6 4 6

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

[Signature]

Date ► **11/02/2022**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

State of Florida

Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that FRIENDS DOWN SYNDROME SPECIAL NEEDS WEST FLORIDA is a Fictitious Name registered with the Department of State on May 5, 2022.

The Registration Number of this Fictitious Name is G22000057169.

I further certify that said Fictitious Name Registration is active.

I further certify that this office began filing Fictitious Name Registrations on January 1, 1991, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of
Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Sixth
day of May, 2022*



Randy R. Lee

Secretary of State

SPONSOR REGISTRATION

<http://www.ds-stride.org/friendsbuddywalk>

Exemption Determination Letter from IRS EIN#65-1261646

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 250E
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JAN 11 2007

FRIENDS SUPPORT INC
PO BOX 677
BRANDON, FL 33509-0677

Employer Identification Number:
65-1261646
DLN:
17053243060036
Contact Person:
CHARLES M MANNIX ID# 31648
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Effective Date of Exemption:
September 22, 2005

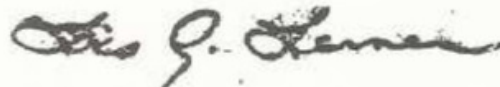
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Based on the information you submitted with your application, we have determined you are likely to qualify as a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) of the Code. Accordingly, you are treated as a private operating foundation for your first year. After that, you will be treated as a private operating foundation as long as you continue to meet the requirements of section 4942(j)(3). You are required to file Form 990-PF annually.

Please see enclosed Information for Private Foundations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure: Information for Private Foundations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)