



Dear Sir or Madam,

On October 23rd, 2021 the **Down Syndrome Network of Greater Greensboro** will hold its **18th Annual Buddy Walk**. The Buddy Walk is a special event, which is held at hundreds of sites throughout the country during the month of October in honor of Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Ours will be held locally at Keeley Park, in an effort to increase awareness, inclusion, and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome in our community.

By contributing to this event, you have the opportunity to champion for local families of children with Down syndrome. DSNGG is a volunteer-run organization and uses Buddy Walk funds to provide new and expectant family resources and support, family events throughout the year, and therapeutic and recreational opportunities, tutoring, and more at our center, The STAR (Supported Therapies and Recreation). We also provide scholarships for kids to attend camps and extra therapies and for parents to attend conferences and continuing education classes, while helping our families to engage in local, state, and national advocacy in conjunction with the National Down Syndrome Society and in collaboration with statewide Down syndrome networks and coalitions.

If you choose to donate, you will receive the following:

*Good Buddy Sponsors (\$500 or more): feature your logo on nearly 1,000 T-shirts that will be worn throughout our community, recognition at the walk and on signage, optional placement of items in 1000 walk bags, thank you video from our self-advocates, 2 free registrations, and an appreciation gift

*Best Buddy Sponsors (\$1000 or more): all of the Good Buddy Sponsor benefits as well as recognition on our dsngg.org website and a sign with your company's logo exclusively

*Super Buddy Sponsors (\$2500 or more): all of the above as well as a banner at the walk for your company, recognition at a photo stop along the walk route, 5 additional registrations and a hospitality tent for you and your families

We thank you for your consideration of this request and assure you that ***your support will make a difference in the lives of those with Down syndrome in the Greensboro area.*** *Your donation is tax deductible, and a receipt will be mailed to you.* Should you wish to become a sponsor, please send your donation and logo by September 30 to ensure your logo can be added to our walk T-shirts. You may sponsor/donate online at <http://www.ds-stride.org/dsnggbuddywalk> under the SPONSORS tab, either as a general donation or toward a specific team, or you may donate with a check made payable to: **DSNGG** and mailed to: DSNGG, 3304 Nathanael Rd, Greensboro, NC 27408. If you have any questions about donations or our organization, please contact me at (252) 230-6163 or dsngginfo@gmail.com. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

With many thanks,
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