

2024 Houston Buddy Walk Vendor Opportunities

Dear Community Partner,

The Down Syndrome Association of Houston would like to invite your company to be a part of the 24th Annual Houston Buddy Walk[®], a celebration of the abilities and accomplishments of individuals with Down syndrome. Established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), the Buddy Walk is the premier advocacy event for Down syndrome in the United States and is the world's most widely recognized public awareness event for the Down syndrome community. Over 3,000 people attended the 2023 Houston Buddy Walk and we hope this year will be bigger and better than ever!

Ninety-seven and a half percent of the proceeds from the Houston Buddy Walk will benefit DSAH allowing us to continue providing much-needed services and programs to the families of individuals with Down syndrome in **Houston and the surrounding communities**. The NDSS receives 2.5% of the proceeds of the Buddy Walk to help support its National Policy Center, which advocates for federal, state, and local policies that positively impact people with Down syndrome across the country.

This year's Houston Buddy Walk is on Saturday, November 2, 2024. The Buddy Bash, a celebratory event that starts at 10am featuring music, food, vendor booths, arts & crafts, games, performances, and more, will precede the walk. At 12:30 pm, the participants will gather for the commemorative 1-mile walk within Sam Houston Race Park.

Enclosed please find a brief history of DSAH and the work we do as well as our vendor opportunities for the 2024 Houston Buddy Walk. Being a Buddy Walk vendor is an excellent opportunity for your company to get recognition for supporting a worthy cause. In addition to sponsoring this amazing event, you can also get involved by:

- Organizing a company team to participate and fundraise in the Houston Buddy Walk.
- Providing volunteers to help during the day's activities.
- Matching donations to your employees fundraising efforts.
- Making a tax-deductible "in-kind" donation of goods and/or services.

We hope you will choose to help promote the acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in our community. Your involvement will help make this year's Buddy Walk a truly memorable celebration.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Board of Directors

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About the Down Syndrome Association of Houston

At the Down Syndrome Association of Houston (DSAH), our mission is **to provide health, education and advocacy resources to individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and their communities.**

We envision a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations, and become accepted as a wonderfully normal part of a very diverse community. Each year, DSAH continues to promote awareness through community outreach programs, support meetings, educational conferences, and social events for the DS community. We have been a part of the Houston community for **50 years** and have assisted thousands of families by offering support to new parents of babies with DS, assisting parents with challenges related to medical, therapeutic and educational issues, and working with educators and medical professionals. DSAH is committed to improving the lives and opportunities afforded to all persons with Down syndrome.

DSAH reached significant milestones in 2007, when we partnered with Texas Children's Hospital to open The Down Syndrome Clinic, a facility aimed at ensuring that all children with DS are receiving the proper medical care and the necessary therapies. At about the same time, we also opened the Down Syndrome Resource Center with the goal of continuing to expand our programs and resources to our members and community.

DSAH currently serves over **3,500** families and we are proud to say our membership continues to grow. Of course, we couldn't celebrate the growth and inclusion without YOU! We hope you can support our Houston Buddy Walk so we can continue to make strides for people with DS!

Things Keep Looking Up!

2024 Houston Buddy Walk Vendor Commitment Form

PARTNER VENDOR - \$250

- 20X20 space in the pavilion or by the main stage area
- Three tables
- Six chairs

FRIEND VENDOR - \$150

- 10X10 space in the pavilion
- One table
- Two chairs

NON-PROFIT VENDOR - \$75

- 10X10 space in the pavilion
- One table
- Two chairs

FOOD TRUCK VENDOR - \$0

- 10X20 space in the truck lane area

THANK YOU for supporting the 2024 Houston Buddy Walk!

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Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company website address: _____

Vendor package: Partner \$250 Friend \$150 NP \$75 Food Truck \$0

Do you need access to electricity: Yes No

Please provide a short description of the items/services distributed:

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Saturday, November 2, 2024 * Sam Houston Race Park * 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ALL VENDOR COMMITMENT FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 25, 2024.

Payment options:

- 1 Check made payable to **DSAH** mailed to:
Down Syndrome Association of Houston -
4400 Harrisburg Blvd., Houston, Texas 77011.
- 2 By credit card by visiting www.houstonbuddywalk.org and visiting the vendor tab.