

## Dear Friend,

We are excited to announce that our Tulsa Buddy Walk will be held on **Sunday**, **October 1st.** What a great way to start off #downsyndromeawareness month!

Our annual Tulsa Buddy Walk, held each fall, raises awareness and promotes acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. It's also our biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope you will consider supporting us in 2023.

Please know that all contributions you make will positively impact DSAT and individuals with Down syndrome. 93% of all money raised stays in our local community and is used to provide scholarships for families and self-advocates to attend the National Down Syndrome Congress Convention, to provide new parent packets to doctors and hospitals, provide new education and inclusion programs and to support families and individuals with Down syndrome. The remaining 7% is used on the national level to support advocacy initiatives. DSAT is a 501(c)3 organization.

In addition to sponsorships, we are also looking for great items for our contest giveaways and team fundraising incentives as well as raffle items.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request. Please fill out the sponsorship form with your contribution. If you have questions, please email me at info@dsat.org.

Warmly,

**Lindsay Nozak** 

**Executive Director** 

**Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa** 



The **Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa** (DSAT) is asking for your support for our **Annual "Buddy Walk" Fundraiser on Sunday, October 1st, 2023.** 

## THE BUDDY WALK AT A GLANCE

**What:** The Buddy Walk is a multi-city advocacy walk in which people with Down syndrome invite "buddies" to walk with them. Buddies can be anyone from family, friends, teachers or coworkers to politicians. The Buddy Walk will include entertainment, raffle items, food, and fun activities for the whole family.

**Why:** The goal of the Buddy Walk is to celebrate October as National Down Syndrome Awareness month and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. For more information, visit the National Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk website at <a href="https://www.buddywalk.org">www.buddywalk.org</a>. Every year the DSAT Buddy Walk raises thousands of dollars to support local individuals and their families.

**How:** Funds are raised through individual and corporate sponsorships, t-shirt sales and donations.

When: Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Where: Holland Hall located at 5666 East 81st Street, Tulsa, OK 74137.

**Sponsorship:** If you are interested in becoming a Buddy Walk sponsor or know anyone that might be interested in sponsoring, please complete the attached packet and return it to DSAT by *August 25, 2023*.

**Audience:** An estimated 4,000 people will participate in the Tulsa Buddy Walk, including children, young adults and adults with Down syndrome, family members, friends, politicians, health care professionals, business leaders and other community members.

**Pledges and Donations:** All individuals are encouraged to register and obtain pledges. However, it is not required to attend the Buddy Walk. Visit <a href="https://www.ds-stride.org/tulsabuddywalk">www.ds-stride.org/tulsabuddywalk</a> for more information.

**Information:** For additional information contact Lindsay Nozak at 918-804-DSAT. You can also email info@dsat.org.