

2020 Buddy Walk Knoxville Day of information -

While we are busy planning our upcoming Buddy Walk, the safety of our DSAG families and supporters is our top priority. Please know that we will continue to carefully follow health and safety guidelines regarding COVID-19 as well as keep everyone informed should we need to make any changes to our event.

World's Fair Park Drive will be closed to thru traffic. Parking maps are available [here](#).

Only DSAG tents are allowed on the Festival Lawn. Individuals are NOT allowed to have tents or canopies at World's Fair Park. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, wagons, strollers, etc. to help enjoy your time at the park. For the safety of all participants, pets, inline skates, bikes, skateboards, or motorized scooters are not allowed on the Festival Lawn at Buddy Walk. Of course, manual and powered wheelchairs are always welcome.

Registration is from 1-2 pm. This is where you will turn in any cash or check donations and pick up your t-shirts you have registered for. If you registered online and raised money online and do not have any donations to turn in that day, you still must go thru registration to get your shirts. There will be a current printout of everyone's online totals as of midnight October 30, 2020 to determine DSAG dollar amounts. You can continue to collect funds and take online donations until November 15, 2020. This date will be the cutoff for top fundraising totals.

DSAG Dollars- continue as the fundraising incentive program in place. DSAG Dollars can be redeemed for merchandise at Marketplace. DSAG Dollars are awarded as listed: \$10 for each \$250 raised by October 30, 2020 at midnight (example: \$500 raised would earn \$20 in DSAG Dollars). You will also receive a route sign at no charge by raising \$500 by October 1, 2020. DSAG dues for the upcoming year will be waived if your team raises \$1,000 or more. The top 3 fundraisers for Buddy Walk 2020 will be announced in the December DSAG newsletter and presented on stage at Buddy Walk 2021. Also, first place will receive a \$100 retail gift card, second place will receive a \$50 retail gift card and third place will receive a \$25 retail gift card. The winners will also be featured in the 2021 BW materials and have a designated tent on the Festival Lawn at Buddy Walk 2021! Remember, you have until November 15, 2020 to continue fundraising.

Opening ceremony will begin at 1:45, walk will begin after. Immediately following the walk, the medal ceremony will take place on stage. Each of our friends with Ds need to line up to the side of the stage for the ceremony. They will receive a medal and a goody bag and get their moment on stage to be recognized. Be sure to have the individual's name written on a provided index card while in line for the ceremony.

Plan on having lunch at Buddy Walk! **Food Trucks** attending this year will be Gypsy Kitchen, Rocky Top Snoballs, Waffley Good and Captain Muchacho's.

Marketplace has some awesome new DSAG items this year! Buddy Walk t-shirts that have not been given out at registration will be on sale at after 2 pm.

DSAG drawing- Buy a chance to win several different exciting items.

If you are new to the DSAG family over the last year - thru birth of a baby, expecting a baby, adoption or moving to East Tennessee - be sure and stop by the **New Family Tent**. There will be DSAG families there to greet you and give you a new family goody bag. The New Family tent will be located along the side of the festival lawn opposite World's Fair Park Drive.

Credit/debit cards are accepted at registration, market place and food trucks.

Checks will only be accepted at Registration. Any money turned in at Buddy Walk will be assumed to be a Buddy Walk donation.

You will see a few people running around wearing tie dye shirts; this is the Buddy Walk committee. They have done a phenomenal job and worked very, very hard for many months to make Buddy Walk possible. Be sure and let them know you appreciate all their time and effort!

If you have any other questions, feel free to email me at angie.holbert@dsagtn.org

Thank you for helping make DSAG programs and events possible!