



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Where does the money raised at the Buddy Walk go?

The proceeds from the Buddy Walk are used to support the many programs sponsored by the Down Syndrome Society of Wichita. The majority of the funds stays with DSSW and is used for new parent resource packets, educational and resource materials on Down syndrome for doctors' offices, hosting valuable conferences, an annual picnic for our members, DSSW brochures, and numerous other activities of DSSW. In addition, a portion goes to the National Down Syndrome Society to support the national advocacy initiatives of the NDSS National Policy Center that benefit all individuals with Down syndrome.

Do I need to know someone with Down syndrome to participate in the Buddy Walk?

Definitely not...the Down Syndrome Society of Wichita gladly welcomes anyone who is willing to support our program! The goal of the Buddy Walk is to promote understanding and acceptance of people with Down syndrome. Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, *come and join us at the Buddy Walk!*

How do I register for the Buddy Walk?

Prior to the walk, you can register online by selecting "Register" at the top of the page or by submitting a registration form by mail. To print a form, please select the appropriate registration form in the right-hand section of the Buddy Walk website. If you prefer to have a form mailed to you, contact Michelle at 316-617-9102 or treasurer@dsswichita.org. Registration is also available on the day of the walk beginning at 10:45 a.m.

However, early registration is recommended!

What is a Buddy Walk team and how do I form one?

It is simple! You can create a team to support an individual with Down syndrome by selecting "Register" on the Buddy Walk website and then "Create New Team". You will be able to name your team and then recruit family, friends, co-workers, and others to be on your team. Your team members can register to walk with your team at the Buddy Walk and/or donate to the team by selecting your team name on the website. It is a fun way to garner support for your family and a great cause!

What if I can't attend the walk? Can I make a donation?

Yes, all donations are greatly appreciated. You can make a donation by selecting "Donate" at the top of the Buddy Walk website or by contacting Michelle Sanchez at 316-617-9102.

What is the registration fee and any costs associated with the Buddy Walk?

Great news! There is no registration fee to participate in the Buddy Walk. You can also enjoy FREE food, games, music, face painting, moonwalks, an obstacle course, clowns, a teen room, cheerleaders and a fire truck! The exciting basket raffle is back this year with fantastic prizes! Tickets can be purchased at the walk for \$1/each or 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing for the basket raffle will be at 1:30 p.m.

What about t-shirts? How can I get one?

If you register by September 1st, each walker will receive a free Buddy Walk t-shirt. On the day of the walk, there will be a limited amount of t-shirts available for a small donation. *Be sure to register by September 1st to be guaranteed your awesome Buddy Walk t-shirt!*

Where is Heartspring located?

Heartspring is conveniently located in northeast Wichita on 29th Street between Rock Road and Webb Road. Heartspring is on the north side of 29th Street. For additional directions, please visit MapQuest.com.

Not everyone in my family is able to walk a mile. Are they still able to participate in the Buddy Walk?

Absolutely! Buddy Walks are open to participants of all ages and abilities. If you can't walk, you can be a member of the cheering section and cheer on the walkers.

What if I have additional question?

Please contact Michelle Sanchez at treasurer@dsswichita.org or 316-617-9102.