
Saturday, November 14, 2015 • Minute Maid Park – Diamond Lot • 10am – 2pm

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Down Syndrome Association of Houston is proud to host the 15th Annual Houston Buddy Walk on November 14, 2015 in the Diamond Lot at Minute Maid Park in Downtown Houston. 99% of the proceeds will benefit the Down Syndrome Association of Houston, a non profit 501(c)3 organization that provides much-needed services and programs to the families of people with Down syndrome, in Houston, and many surrounding communities. The National Down Syndrome Society will receive 1% of the proceeds, in order to continue their incredible work on creating national policies, designed to protect people with Down syndrome.

The Buddy Walk is DSAH's main fundraiser and it allows us to continue to grow the programs and services provided to our families. The DSAH's programs and services to our families have grown immensely over the past years including new community groups, educational and medical outreach programs, adult skills classes, more conferences to educate families and larger advocacy programs.

Today, I am asking you to please consider supporting the DSAH with a prize donation. As a leader in the Houston community, I urge you to support this very worthy cause directly benefitting thousands of people. Please use the attached prize donation form when submitting your donation and do keep in mind that sponsorship opportunities for this event are also available.

The Houston Buddy Walk attracts over 12,000 participants, who walk the 1-mile course, near and around the Minute Maid park in Downtown. The *Buddy Bash*, held at Minute Maid Park's Diamond Lot, prior to the walk, provides food, activities, and LIVE music entertainment for the entire family.

The Buddy Walk was developed by NDSS, in 1995, to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down syndrome, and to raise money for research and education programs. Over the past sixteen years, the Buddy Walk program has grown from 17 walks to nearly 300 expected in 2014 across the country and around the world. Last year alone, 285,000 people participated in a Buddy Walk! They raised more than \$11.2 million to benefit local programs and services as well as the national advocacy initiatives that benefit all individuals with Down syndrome.

On behalf of the Buddy Walk committee, the DSAH Board of Directors, members and children with Down syndrome, we thank you very much for your time and your generosity.

Things Keep Looking Up!

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2015 Buddy Walk Item Donation form

I / we wish to support the 15th Annual Houston Buddy Walk and the Down Syndrome Association of Houston by donating the following item(s) to the Buddy Walk.

Donor/Organization name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(This is where the thanks you and tax donation letter will be sent)

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Please describe the Item you are donating (be as descriptive as possible):

Does the item need to be picked up (Yes/No): _____

- If yes, please list contact name/number/email to arrange pick up:

- If no, please mail or deliver item to this address by October 23, 2015:

Down Syndrome Association of Houston

Attn: Buddy Walk Prizes

7115 W. Tidwell; Bldg. K Suite 106, Houston, Texas 77092

Approximate Retail Value: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Thank you for your support!

You can also fax this completed form to the Down Syndrome Resource Center 713-996-9290

For more information, e-mail buddywalk@dsah.org or call 713-682-7237 x201

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