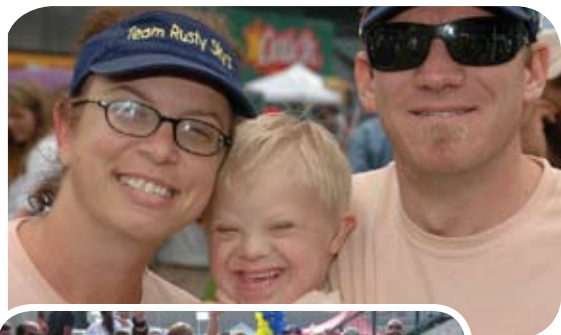


Changing Perceptions, Changing Lives



Walk With A Mission

Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (DSAOC) and National Down Syndrome Society strive to promote acceptance of people with Down syndrome in all aspects of community life. DSAOC works hard to provide the means necessary to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Please join us on our mission to change perceptions so we can change lives.

Walk With A Team

Add some FUN to your FUNdraising! Organizing a team is a great opportunity to increase awareness, have fun, and raise funds at the same time! Organize a group of your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to walk with you and your child.

Give your team a creative name, carry banners or signs, wear hats or buttons. You can even arrange to pick up your team's T-shirts from the DSAOC Center after October 19th, to allow time to add your team name or child's picture to your shirts prior to the Walk.

Make sure you register individual walkers as a member of your team and that the sponsorships and donations they raise are counted toward your team total.

Register and create your own team page at our On-line Walk Center at www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc.

Recognition

Registered walkers will receive a 2009 Buddy Walk T-shirt (while supplies last) and have access to a wide variety of activities and entertainment on the Angel Stadium field. Special prizes will be awarded to the Captains of the TOP 3 Teams with the most registered walkers and the TOP 3 Teams that raise the most funds. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to Individuals and Team Captains who raise \$500 and above. Specific prizes and incentive levels can be viewed on-line at <http://www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc> under the Event Information link. **Please note:** The deadline for Top Team and Top Individual recognition eligibility is Sunday, November 1st. You can still collect donations after this date for other incentive opportunities.



Raise Funds

The Orange County Buddy Walk is a major fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County; helping to fund many of DSAOC's annual programs and services. A portion of the Buddy Walk proceeds go directly to the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) to help fund national research and advocacy. Registration fees are kept low, making participation affordable for as many as possible. However, registration fees barely cover the costs of this unifying event. Please consider asking those you know to make a donation toward your team or a general donation to DSAOC. Thank you!

Buddy Walk Sponsorship Opportunities

Monetary and in-kind donation sponsorships are available and provide wonderful recognition and marketing opportunities. For more information, call 714-540-5794.

Register Teams By October 30th

On-site registration increases by \$5 each registration level, so register early! The last day to start a new team and to use the on-line walk center to register is Friday, October 30th. After this date, all new registrations must go through the DSAOC Center at (714) 540-5794 or you can register on-site the day of the event. Please note the price increase for all on-site registrations. You can still post donations to your walk team via the on-line center through January, 2010. **Due to processing time, T-shirts and T-shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed if you register after September 30th.**



Walk Day Sunday, November 8, 2009

Exhibitors: 9am – 2pm

During the event, be sure to stop by the variety of agency and sponsor booths that will be present. Some exhibitors will have games and fun giveaways, and others will have great information you won't want to miss. **Be sure to bring some extra cash with you for cotton candy, kettle corn, sno-cones, Claim Jumper desserts and other treats! Proceeds benefit DSAOC.**

Walk: 11am – 11:30am

Walkers will be led by our DSAOC All-Stars. The entire 1/2 mile route is wheelchair and stroller accessible. **Be sure to bring your cameras with you!** We will have some special guests and entertainment along the walk route!

Reminder: the stadium will be allowing outside food/beverage this year so lunch will be on your own - plan accordingly. There will be bottled water available on the field.

Fun on the Field: 9am – 2pm

Fun for all ages! Come and play on a well known baseball field. Bat from home plate, run to first base, throw and catch-just like the Angels! Visit the dugouts and the bull pens. Dance to terrific music by DJ Willpower, challenge yourself on the rock climb wall, play in bounce houses, enjoy clowns, face painting and great company! PLUS, we are excited to have 2 live bands on the field this year - with our headliner - **The English Beat!**



Register At Our On-line Walk Center

www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc

Think of the Walk Center as your online Buddy Walk Headquarters. When you register as a participant in the 2009 Orange County Buddy Walk, you are given your own personal web page which you can personalize in the following ways:

- Create a personal message
- Upload Photos
- E-mail potential supporters and team members
- Track Your Progress



Facts About Down Syndrome

- Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. One in every 733 live births is a child with Down syndrome, representing approximately 5,000 births per year in the United States alone. Today, more than 400,000 people in the United States have Down syndrome.
- Individuals with Down syndrome can have certain health conditions; many are easily correctable once diagnosed. Researchers are making great strides in identifying the genes on chromosome 21 that cause some of these characteristics of Down syndrome and feel strongly that it will be possible to improve, correct or prevent many of these conditions in the future.
- Life expectancy for individuals with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent years, with the average life expectancy approaching that of peers without Down syndrome. This can be attributed to medical research on Down syndrome and appropriate medical care, as well as loving homes, early intervention and a more positive public attitude.
- People with Down syndrome hold jobs, go to school and make positive contributions to their communities. People with Down syndrome carry more traits of their birth family than traits attributed to Down syndrome.

Down Syndrome Association of Orange County Services

DSAOC serves more than 2,000 families in Orange County and surrounding areas. We also assist educators, health care professionals, researchers and therapists with information, training and support materials. Services are provided in English and Spanish.

- New Parent Outreach
- Information and Referrals
- Prenatal Support
- Meetings with Experts
- Parent Support Groups
- Resource Center
- Community Awareness
- Professional Resources
- Social Events and Activities
- New Interactive Website
- Teen/Adult activities
- The Optimist Newsletter



Directions to Angel Stadium

From I-5: take the CA-57 North; exit Orangewood Avenue. Follow signs to Angel Stadium. From CA-22: Exit City Drive (stay left at the fork on the ramp); left on City Drive (which becomes State College). Turn right onto East Gene Autry Way.

2000 Gene Autry Way
Anaheim, CA 92806

Plan to park on the west side of the stadium near gate #1, on the third base side, to the left of the big red hats entrance. Parking is free of charge.

Sign Up Today www.dsaoc.org
or www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc