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# **MEDIA ALERT**

## **10TH ANNUAL WORTHINGTON BUDDY WALK® SLATED FOR SATURDAY**

**(WORTHINGTON, OH)** - The Down Syndrome Coalition of Worthington (DSCW) will hold its 10th Annual Worthington Buddy Walk® on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Wilson Bridge Park. **Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. and the walk will kick-off at 10:00 a.m.**

The Worthington Buddy Walk® is a community walk to celebrate Down syndrome awareness and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, with activities for all ages. Participants will enjoy a 1-mile walk route through the scenic Wilson Bridge Park, along with carnival games, a photo booth, face painting and bounce houses. Lunch will be provided. The Salty Carmels, a local alternative band, will also play live music throughout the day for kids and adults alike to enjoy.

**WHAT:** 10th Annual Worthington Buddy Walk®  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 18, 2015  
Registration: 9:00 a.m. / Walk kick-off: 10:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Wilson Bridge Park  
445 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235  
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This year, DSCW hopes to raise \$15,000 through the Worthington Buddy Walk®. Funds raised will be used to support the organization's New Parent Outreach program, quarterly educational conferences for the Down syndrome community, and a new literacy program that aims at a holistic approach of supporting students with Down syndrome and their families.

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Major sponsors of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Worthington Buddy Walk® include: Wendy's, Chipotle, Easton Town Center, The Columbus Zoo and Nationwide Insurance.

For more information on DSCW, please visit [www.dscw.org](http://www.dscw.org), Like us on Facebook at /dscworthington or Follow us on Twitter at @dscworthington.

***About DSCW***

The Down Syndrome Coalition of Worthington (DSCW) was founded by Worthington families and friends of persons with Down Syndrome. Our mission is to honor and nurture the extraordinary lives of people with Down syndrome by advocating for them as well as providing educational, financial, social, and emotional support. To learn more about DSCW and our work, please visit [dscw.org](http://dscw.org), call 614-123-4567, Like us on Facebook at /dscworthington or Follow us on Twitter at @dscworthington.

***About the National Buddy Walk® Program***

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) just celebrated the 20th anniversary of the National Buddy Walk® Program, which was established in 1995, to promote the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome locally. It has grown to be the world's largest and most recognizable Down syndrome awareness program.

***About Down syndrome***

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition and is caused by a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. People with Down syndrome are living longer, happier and healthier lives than ever before; they are attending school, working and contributing to society in many wonderful ways.

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