



Empowering Down Syndrome Communities

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## **DSCW SEEKS WALKERS FOR 10TH ANNUAL WORTHINGTON BUDDY WALK®**

**(WORTHINGTON, OH)** - The Down Syndrome Coalition of Worthington (DSCW) is seeking walk teams and participants for its 10th Annual Worthington Buddy Walk® on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Wilson Bridge Park. **Pre-registration can be completed online at [www.dscw.org](http://www.dscw.org).**

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

**Register online in advance: [www.dscw.org](http://www.dscw.org)**

Day of - Registration: 9:00 a.m. / Walk kick-off: 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Wilson Bridge Park

445 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235

“The Worthington Buddy Walk® is a day of celebration as we highlight those individuals who bring a little something extra to the community,” says event coordinator Emily Denholm. “Even if you don’t know someone personally with Down syndrome, this walk is the perfect opportunity for you to spend time with these individuals, learn how we’re more alike than different, and in the process, help us raise money for important programs that support inclusion. This event is one you won’t want to miss!”

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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.

Major sponsors of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Worthington Buddy Walk® include: Wendy's, Chipotle, and Easton Town Center. DSCW is seeking additional sponsors for the event. For more information on sponsorship of the walk, please contact event coordinator Emily Denholm at 330-123-4567 or edenholm@dscw.org.

For more information on DSCW and the Worthington Buddy Walk®, 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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