



The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte (DSAGC) works to ensure that all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to achieve their full potential through social and educational programs for families locally, and contributions to research and advocacy programs nationally.

EDUCATION & FAMILY SUPPORT

DSAGC funds independent living weekend retreats for adults with Down syndrome, provides information and support to families who receive a pre-natal or post-natal diagnosis of Down syndrome, provides educational support to families through trainings and one-on-one assistance, supports two summer camps for kids with Down syndrome, Camp Horizon (a summer overnight camp, ages 10-17) and Camp Holiday (a summer day camp, ages 5-21), provides educational symposia for families and educators, supports schools through an educational partnership program, and holds general Information Sessions where guest speakers present topics related to Down syndrome.

DSAGC holds several social and family support functions throughout the year including the new parent brunch, summer picnic, and holiday party. All family support, social, and educational materials are provided free of charge.

DSAGC is an affiliate of the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) and contributes a percentage of the Buddy Walk proceeds to NDSS for National Research and Advocacy Programs.

RESEARCH

NDSS sponsors internationally renowned scientific symposia and conferences for parents and professionals.

NDSS supports researchers seeking the causes of and answers to many of the medical, genetic, behavioral and learning issues associated with Down syndrome.

ADVOCACY

NDSS advocates for public policy and government research funding to benefit individuals with Down syndrome and their families.



Highlights for 2018

Enjoy a day of fun for the whole family!

- Arts & Crafts
- DJ Dance Party
- Queens Music
- Carnival Games
- Ballon Animals
- Moon Bounces
- Face Painting
- Resource Fair
- and much more!



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2018 Greater Charlotte
Buddy Walk®



Jerry Richardson Stadium
UNC Charlotte
Oct. 20 2018
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Register Online Today!
bit.ly/CharlotteBuddyWalk



The Buddy Walk was developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to celebrate October, National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, and provide an annual public platform for advocacy. It brings together people with Down syndrome and their invited “buddies” — everyone from friends and family to teachers, politicians and co-workers — to promote acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to raise funds for education, research and advocacy programs.



The Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk in which anyone can participate without special training. Hundreds of thousands of people walk from coast to coast and around the world each year. The goal of the Buddy Walk is three-fold: to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome; to raise the funds necessary to develop innovative and effective programs; and to enhance the position of the Down syndrome community, enabling us to positively influence local and national policy and practice.

What Does a Buddy Walker Do?

STEP 1: Register Today!

Let us know you want to Walk! You may register online at bit.ly/CharlotteBuddyWalk - OR - fill out the registration agreement on the right. (All Walkers must register either online or mail in the registration agreement). Register by October 6th to get your free Buddy Walk t-shirt

STEP 2: Raise Donations and Pledges

Use the Buddy Walk Pledge Form, on the right, to list the sponsors and donations you collect. Or, collect donations on-line. (Sponsors of pledges do not have to register — unless they want to be a Walker)

STEP 3: Spread the Word!

Invite others to walk with you. Collect the sponsor’s name, phone number and pledge money as you go! Give them their own Buddy Walk® brochure, and encourage them to raise their own pledges. By registering on-line you can send out personal emails soliciting donations or walkers.

STEP 4: Turn In Your Donations

Mailed in pledges are due by Thursday, October 18 and online donations are due by Friday, October 19 at 9:00am to qualify for the various team appreciation prizes. See details of the appreciation packages online. Monies turned in after October 19 will still be counted toward team totals but not toward team appreciation prizes. The “top fundraising team” will get to lead the Buddy Walk. There will also be a prize for the “top newborn team” You do not need to be present to win.

STEP 5: Have a fun-filled day at the stadium!

2018 Buddy Walk

Jerry Richardson Stadium at UNC Charlotte • Sat. Oct. 20, 2018 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 a.m.	Registration opens
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m	Entertainment, games, and fun for all ages
10:30 a.m.	Walk begins
11:00 a.m.	Games on the Field
11:30 a.m.	DJ, dance party, and activities

Contact info for any questions relating to the Buddy Walk:
hzipperer@dsa-gc.org
 Buddy Walk website:
bit.ly/CharlotteBuddyWalk

Location: Jerry Richardson Stadium is located on the campus of UNC Charlotte. Free parking available in CRI parking deck near North Tryon St. entrance. Follow signage. **Please note:** Stadium is a Zero Waste facility. Waste from concessions and food products is either compostable or recyclable. Please follow all recycling signs at the event.

Pledge Form

Name _____
 LAST FIRST
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Walking for Team _____
 Total Collected _____

Please make checks payable to **DSAGC**.

All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

SPONSOR NAME	PHONE #	DONATION
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I cannot participate in the walk, but please accept my donation in the amount of:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Registration

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Registration forms will be accepted on the day of the event.

For Online Registration, go to bit.ly/CharlotteBuddyWalk (If you register online, DO NOT complete this form.)

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Walking for Team _____

Available T-shirt sizes:

Toddler: 2T, 3T, 4T Youth: YS, YM, YL
 Adult: AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL, AXXXL

Please list all Walkers below; if more space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

NAME	SHIRT SIZE
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My company has matching funds. Attached is a matching gift form.

Waiver: In consideration of me and/or my minor child being permitted to participate in the Buddy Walk, I hereby—for myself, my heirs and personal representatives—assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte, its officers, employees, sponsors, organizers, volunteers or other representatives or their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by myself and/or my minor child as a result of taking part in the events and any related activities. I also authorize the use by DSAGC of any photo, film or videotape taken of me or my minor child at the event for any purpose.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian must sign below if participant is under age 18:

Please Photocopy This Form As Needed

This Registration Is Not Valid Unless Signed