## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DOWN SYNDROME NETWORK 17TH ANNUAL BUDDY WALK ® Saturday, October 16, 2021 ~ Champaign County Fairgrounds~ ChampaignDSN.org/BuddyWalk

## Our continued success depends on sponsors like you!

The Buddy Walk<sup>®</sup> is our organization's main fundraiser and serves as an opportunity to celebrate and educate our communities about Down syndrome. Over ninety percent of all money raised directly benefits members of the **Champaign County Down Syndrome Network.** 



Photos from the 2020 Do-It-Yourself Buddy Walk®

Dear Friend,

The Champaign County Down Syndrome Network (DSN) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that serves as a support network for families and professionals touched by Down syndrome in East Central Illinois. Our mission is to raise awareness in our communities by supporting inclusion, advocacy, education, and activities that enrich the lives of people with Down syndrome.

The Buddy Walk<sup>®</sup> was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness. It is also the world's most widely recognized public awareness program for the Down syndrome community with over 250 events across the country and around the world. In the past year, 330,000 walkers collectively raised \$14.2 million dollars, which is used to support local programs and services as well as national advocacy initiatives.

As you plan your budget for the remainder of 2021, please consider the Down Syndrome Network for your charitable contributions. Our members with Down syndrome will be able to meet their goals with the generous support of companies like yours. We invite you to join us as a sponsor for our 17th Annual Buddy Walk<sup>®</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We sincerely hope you will support us this year. Your funding will help all people with Down syndrome step towards a brighter future.

Sincerely,

2021 Champaign County Down Syndrome Network Board

Connie Hilson (President), Cari Midkiff (Vice President), Michele Myerscough (Secretary), Jeanne Daly (Treasurer), Kim Woolridge, Paige Cisney, Cari Frederick, Chris Humer, Linda Kovell, and Nicki Kovell

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