

July 26, 2017

The Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County (DSNMC) will be holding a **Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk** (formerly the Buddy Walk) on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Hadley Park in Potomac, MD.

The goal of the walk is to promote awareness and acceptance of people with Down syndrome in Montgomery County and beyond. DSNMC relies on the funds raised at our annual to provide services and programs supporting those whose lives have been touched by Down syndrome.

Each year the walk attracts over 700 participants, from families and friends to corporate and community support.

Please accept this invitation to participate as a corporate sponsor of our Step Up Walk. Your company can reach a large community audience in a fun and celebratory atmosphere while supporting the Down syndrome community.

Enclosed you will find further details concerning the levels and benefits of sponsorship available. If you would like to sponsor the event, participate in the walk, and/or make a donation, please complete the attached form and return it via email or mail. To take full advantage of your sponsorship, we request that you complete the sponsorship form as soon as possible. You will receive a formal tax letter after the event.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Piper at 202-465-5289 or by email: **dawn@dsnmc.org**.

Sincerely,

Dawn Piper Executive Director, DSNMC www.dsnmc.org



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## With Your Support, DSNMC Provides:

- <u>New Parent Resources</u>: Available in English and Spanish to all parents who contact us and who have received a
  pre-natal or post-natal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The packet is valued at approximately \$100 and is provided
  to new parents free of charge.
- <u>Award Winning Annual Educational Conference</u>: Techniques for Success (TFS), which brings in national speakers and self-advocates to teach educators practical tips and strategies for educating students with Down syndrome and those with other special needs. Educators and parents are able to attend for only a nominal fee and receive continuing education credit and a wealth of resources that they bring back to their schools.
- <u>Advocacy</u>: By paying the registrations for our members to attend the annual Buddy Walk on Washington ® where members of the Down syndrome community from all over the country come together as one to meet with their respective representatives on Capitol Hill to advocate on issues.
- <u>Networking opportunities</u>: Including monthly playdates and coffees. These opportunities give parents the chance to ask each other questions, share resources and offer support to each other.
- <u>Tools for School Workshops</u>: DSNMC works with the ARC Montgomery County and the Autism Society to sponsor these workshops on topics such as IEPs, Transition, and other special education related topics which parents and educators attend free of charge.
- <u>Award Winning Communication Workshops</u>: To participate in a series of workshops with ArtStream, an organization that creates artistic and communication opportunities for people with disabilities. These workshops are provided free-of-charge to our self-advocates to help them to build confidence and learn how to present themselves in public and social situations.
- **DSNMC e-newsletter:** To keep members and the community informed about our sponsors, activities and programs, and in-depth information about DSNMC events and topics of interest.
- <u>Social events</u>: We host various events throughout the year for our familieis including an annual membership meeting, winter dance, spring egg hunt, summer picnic, and a summer pool party.



## Sponsorship Form



## Please complete entire form (Print or Type)

Company:					
Contact Name:					
Address:					
City:	State:		Zip:		
Phone:		Fax:			
E-Mail:					
Web site:					

Please return sponsorship form and logos to:

Dawn Piper dawn@dsnmc.org

If paying by check, please make checks payable to:

Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County, Inc. PO Box 10416 Rockville, Maryland 20849

Please include "2017 Step Up Walk" and the Sponsorship Level on the memo line of the check. Please indicate your sponsorship choice:

## Sponsorship Opportunities:

All sponsors will be provided with an exhibitor table at the Step Up Walk

0	Presenting	\$5,000
0	Platinum	\$3,500
0	Gold	\$2,000
0	Silver	\$1,000
0	Bronze	\$ 500

\$100

Exhibitor: Includes a 6 foot table and 2 chairs

We THANK YOU for your generous support!!



If you have questions or for more information, contact Dawn Piper at 301-979-1112 or dawn@dsnmc.org, 301-979-1112

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