



Dear Community Member,

We would like to invite you to participate in our 16th Annual Buddy Walk® on October 6th, 2019 at Depot Market Square. The Whatcom County Buddy Walk® is an annual event for people with Down syndrome, families and friends where we walk a one-mile course around downtown Bellingham, and then enjoy a picnic lunch, activities and live entertainment at the Depot Market Square. In 2018 we had over 450 attendees.

Down syndrome is a genetic condition that occurs in one in every 691 live births, affecting over 400,000 people in the United States alone. Down syndrome Outreach is the only organization in Whatcom County dedicated to supporting families and individuals with Down syndrome.

With the growth of Buddy Walk there also comes an increase in expenses. We want to continue to provide this community awareness event, however we can't do it without the help of businesses like yours. Money raised at this walk helps to cover the costs of the event and support important programs which provide the opportunity to support education, inclusion and awareness in our community that benefits all people with Down syndrome.

BE A SPONSOR!

Sponsor the Down syndrome Outreach Buddy Walk® (See attached Sponsorship Levels.)

DONATE & ORGANIZE A TEAM

Register as an individual, join a team, and donate! Ask your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to join in the fun and donate to help support our local program. Ask your company if they have a matching gift program. Organize a group from your workplace, school or community and support people with Down syndrome while building team spirit. Get involved and start today: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/2019-whatcom-county-buddy-walk/c226445>

Questions? Contact Melissa Abraham at (360) 715-0170 ext. 301 or email BuddyWalk@arcwhatcom.org.

Thank you in advance for your generous support to promote appreciation and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Down syndrome Outreach Committee

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