



# Changing Perceptions, Changing Lives



## Walk With A Mission

Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (DSAOC) and National Down Syndrome Society strive to promote acceptance of people with Down syndrome in all aspects of community life. DSAOC works hard to provide the means necessary to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Please join us on our mission to change perceptions so we can change lives.

## Walk With A Team

Add some FUN to your FUNdraising! Organizing a team is a great opportunity to increase awareness, have fun, and raise funds at the same time! Organize a group of your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to walk with you and your child.

Give your team a creative name, carry banners or signs, wear hats or buttons. You can even arrange to pick up your team's T-shirts from the DSAOC Center after October 19 so you can add your child's picture or team name to them.

Ask members of your team to help you achieve your fundraising goal. They can qualify for individual prizes while also helping you win team prizes.

Register and create your own team page at our On-line Walk Center at [www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc](http://www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc).

## Prize Eligibility Deadlines

Registered walkers will receive a 2011 Buddy Walk T-shirt (t-shirts and sizes are only available while supplies last) and have access to a wide variety of activities and entertainment on the Angel Stadium field. Prizes will be awarded to the Captains of the TOP 3 teams with the most registered walkers and the TOP 3 teams that raise the most funds. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to Individuals and Team Captains who raise \$500 or more. Specific prizes and incentive levels can be viewed by visiting the 'Event Information' link on the Buddy Walk website. **Please Note:** The deadline to qualify for the TOP team awards is Sunday, October 30. The deadline to qualify for all other prizes is Thursday, November 3.



## Raise Funds

The Orange County Buddy Walk is a major fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County; helping to fund many of DSAOC's annual programs and services. A portion of the Buddy Walk proceeds go directly to the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) to help fund national research and advocacy programs. Registration fees are kept low, making participation affordable for as many as possible. However, registration fees barely cover the costs of this unifying event. Please consider asking those you know to make a donation toward your team or individual goal. Thank you!

## Buddy Walk Sponsorship Opportunities

Monetary and in-kind donation sponsorships are available and provide wonderful recognition and marketing opportunities. All sponsorship levels include Exhibitor space on the field during the event. For more information, view the sponsorship details at [www.dsaoc.org](http://www.dsaoc.org) or call the DSAOC Center at (714) 540-5794.

## Register Teams by October 30

**On-site registration increases by \$5 each level, so register early!** The deadline to start a new team or register online is Sunday, October 30. After this date, all new registrations must go through the DSAOC Center at (714) 540-5794 or you can register on-site the day of the event (until 10 a.m.) at the increased price. **You can still post donations to your online page through January 2012.**

## Event Day Schedule

### Sunday, November 6, 2011

#### On-site Registration/Check-in: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Buddy Walk event entrance is located on the west side of the stadium at Gate 1. All participants must enter through this gate. Families that have already registered and received their entry bracelets can access the stadium through Gate 1 or Tunnel B.

#### Exhibitors: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Exhibitors will have games and fun giveaways, and others will have great information you won't want to miss. **Be sure to bring some extra cash with you for cotton candy, shaved ice, desserts, and delicious lunch from Cafe Rio and Bella's Kitchen.** A portion of the proceeds from several exhibitors will benefit DSAOC.



#### Walk: 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Walkers will be led by Grand Marshall **Rex Hudler**, from "The Rex Hudler Wonder Dog Show" on the Angel's radio station AM 830, and co-founder of Team Up for Down Syndrome. The **DSAOC All-Stars** (teens/adults with Down syndrome) will also be leading the walk. The walk path exits the field from Tunnel A and returns to the field through Tunnel B. The entire route is wheelchair and stroller accessible.



#### Fun On the Field: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fun for all ages! Come and play on a well known baseball field. Bat from home plate, run to first base, throw and catch-just like the Angels! Visit the dugouts and the bull pens. Dance to terrific music by **DJ WillPower**, challenge yourself on the rock climb wall, play in bounce houses and an obstacle course, enjoy clowns, balloons, face painting and great company! Live entertainment on stage includes a reptile presentation from our friends at **SCHRA**, dance performance by the **Buena Park Hi-Tops**, and live music by the **Vince, Bob & Buddy Band**.

# Register or Donate On-line

<http://www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc>

When you register as a participant in the 2011 Orange County Buddy Walk, you are provided your own personal web page to personalize in the following ways:

- Create a personal message
- Upload Photos
- E-mail potential supporters and team members
- Track Your Progress

When you make a donation to a team or individual participant, you are provided the opportunity to place a note of support that will scroll on the team or individual's donation page.



## Facts About Down Syndrome

• Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. One in every 691 babies is born with Down syndrome, representing more than 400,000 people in the United States.

• Down syndrome is a chromosomal condition which usually causes delays in physical and intellectual development. Individuals with Down syndrome can also have certain health conditions; many are easily correctable once diagnosed.

• Life expectancy for individuals with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent years due to early intervention, updated healthcare guidelines and increased awareness of medical conditions common in individuals with Down syndrome. It can also be attributed to loving homes, a more positive public image and acceptance in community life.

• Individuals with Down syndrome hold jobs, go to school, and make positive contributions to their communities. They carry more traits of their birth family than traits attributed to Down syndrome.

## Down Syndrome Association of Orange County Services

DSAOC serves more than 2,000 families in Orange County and surrounding areas. We also assist educators, health care professionals, researchers and therapists with information, training and support materials. Services are provided in English and Spanish. We put an emphasis on health care education because we believe that children with Down syndrome that grow up healthy are better able to confidently take on educational and vocational opportunities, and actively participate in their communities.

## New Parent Outreach & Support Groups Information and Professional Referrals

### Prenatal Support

### Multi-media Resource Library

### Healthcare Series Seminars

### CHOC Children's Down Syndrome Program

### Community Awareness Programs

### Social Events and Activities

### Interactive Website, Blog & Social Media

### Teen/Adult Activities

### The Optimist Newsletter



## Directions to Angel Stadium

From I-5: take the CA-57 North; exit Orangewood Avenue. Follow signs to Angel Stadium. From CA-22: Exit City Drive (stay left at the fork on the ramp); left on City Drive (which becomes State College). Turn right onto East Gene Autry Way.

*2000 Gene Autry Way  
Anaheim, CA 92806*

Park on the west side of the stadium near Gate 1, on the State College side. Parking is free of charge. **Please note: No pets allowed in stadium.**

Sign Up Today [www.dsaoc.org](http://www.dsaoc.org)  
or [www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc](http://www.buddywalk.kintera.org/dsaoc)