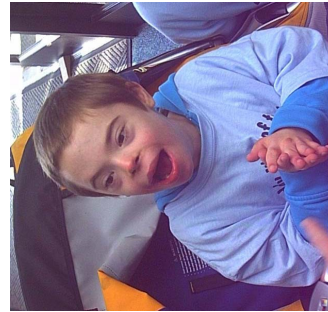


What is a Buddy Walk®?

The Buddy Walk® was developed in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to promote acceptance and awareness of people with Down syndrome. Hundreds of walks take place around the United States each year.

People with Down syndrome and their friends, family, and fellow members of the community are encouraged to participate in the Buddy Walk® of the Berkshires. Look inside to find out more about this exciting event!



Volunteers

The Buddy Walk® is a great opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to contribute to the local community. All are welcome! Interested? Please contact Jessica Dennis at the information below:

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2011



of the Berkshires

Dalton, MA October 1, 2011

10:00 a.m.— Registration at Craneville
Elementary School
11:00 a.m.— Walk begins
(approximately 1.5 miles)

After Walk Party at Pinegrove Park!

Free registration!

Available online at www.bcarc.org/dsfg

Berkshire County Arc Down Syndrome Family Group

The BCARC Down Syndrome Family Group was founded in 2006, and aims to support people with Down syndrome by fundraising, educating, building natural supports, and having fun! To reach these goals, the group meets on a monthly basis and holds awareness events such as the Buddy Walk® of the Berkshires and Sprout Film Festival. The group also sponsors speakers to educate the community about topics related to Down syndrome.

The group's strongest asset to the community is the natural supports and bonds that are created between families who have a child or an adult with Down syndrome. Social opportunities give families a chance to include siblings and extended family members in their support network. Family events include everything from pizza picnics to bowling parties!

The BCARC Down Syndrome Family Group is always looking for new members. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please call:

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Sponsors

A goal of the Buddy Walk® of the Berkshires, along with public awareness and acceptance of people with Down syndrome, is to help raise money. Funds from the event will directly benefit people living in Berkshire County by providing social opportunities for individuals and families, special therapies not covered by other insurance, community activities for children with disabilities, Down syndrome awareness events, conference sponsorships and scholarships, and ongoing research in the area of Down syndrome.

Businesses, organizations, walk teams, and members of the community can sponsor the Buddy Walk® of the Berkshires. Contributing (\$500+) and Supporting (\$250+) sponsors will be added to the Buddy Walk® t-shirt! (Walkers will be sent a sponsor sheet with additional information. Any team raising a minimum will be considered a Supporting Sponsor). Contributing and supporting sponsors will also have banners displayed the day of the event, and will be included in all press releases and publicity.

Monetary donations, no matter how large or small, are appreciated. In kind donations are also encouraged! These donations can be in the form of raffle prizes, services needed for the event, food, etc. In kind donations will have the same benefits as sponsors, based on the value of the donation.

If you or your business are interested in contributing to the 2011 Buddy Walk® of the Berkshires, please fill out the registration form to the right on this brochure, and mail, fax or email to:

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Online donations are also accepted at:
www.bcarc.org/dsfg

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In Kind Donations: _____

_____ Please send us information to register and walk in the Buddy Walk®.

