



10th Annual Houston Buddy Walk Down Syndrome Awareness Event



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WHAT: The Buddy Walk® was developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to bring together a wide range of concerned individuals to reach out to friends, family and co-workers to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down syndrome. It has grown from 17 walks in 1995 to more than 270 in 49 states and 7 countries in 2010. Hundreds of thousands of people walk from coast to coast and around the world each year. The Buddy Walk is a heart-warming, wonderful event that celebrates the abilities of people with Down syndrome!

WHEN: Saturday, November 6, 2010 ~1pm – 5pm -rain or shine! Donation and registration begins at 11:00 am, and the one-mile Walk kicks off at 2:00 pm. Following the Walk, participants will enjoy an afternoon of fun and celebration with live music, arts & crafts, games, clowns, refreshments and more.

WHERE: The 10th Annual Houston Buddy Walk will go along the Buffalo Bayou trails behind Wortham Center and end up at Jones Plaza about 1 mile where the Buddy Bash will begin!

WHO: About 4,000 people are expected to attend. Participants include people with Down syndrome from the Houston area and across the country, their families, friends, teachers, co-workers and other supporters.

Celebrity guests will include:

- Fox News anchor Greg Grogan with a motivational Speech.
- Radio On-air Personality Cesar Augusto with the Spanish Invocation
- DJ Fuzion and his music mix
- *Chirivizko Power* performing Tropical Spanish hits
- Kids favorite TV characters
- The Acoustic Rhythms of Step Routines from local High School Groups

WHY: About our Organization

The Down Syndrome Association of Houston is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization. Our mission is to build a brighter future for children and adults with Down syndrome. The funds raised by the Houston Buddy Walk will allow us to continue our programs, as well as develop new ones. Here are a few of our services:

- Provide information and support to new parents via the New Baby Basket Program
- Provides social and educational gatherings for our Down Syndrome Community
- Networking for Dads and Moms via specific support gatherings
- Support the Down Syndrome Clinic in Texas Children's Hospital
- Partner with other disability groups to sponsor conferences
- Publish a beautiful monthly newsletter, *DSA-H Today!*
- Provides our Down Syndrome Community a place they can call "Home" in our Resource Center!
- More information can be found at www.dsah.org .

To Sign up a new team, join a team, or simply donate, go to: www.houstonbuddywalk.org

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