



Dear Friends,

The Brighterside of Down Syndrome (TBODS) will be hosting its **Annual Buddy Walk on October 6th, 2018**. The Buddy Walk was started by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) in New York City back in 1995, and has grown to more than 180 walks in 49 states and 4 countries.

The one-mile walk, in which anyone can participate, promotes understanding and acceptance of people with Down syndrome. In addition, it raises funds to help TBODS and NDSS's efforts to further research and promote awareness of humanity's most common genetic disorder. *We invite you to join in our celebration by becoming a sponsor of our 2018 Buddy Walk.*

MISSION

Founded in 2006, TBODS' mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families through educational, social, and support programs. We want to promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of Down syndrome in San Joaquin County.

PROGRAMS

Support Meetings - Throughout the year, TBODS offers support and connection groups to educate parents on topics related to Down syndrome.

Social Events - Social gatherings for families are held several times through the year. Just as important as inclusion, it is also beneficial for our families to socialize with others who share something uniquely in common.

New Parent Outreach - A personal contact is made to extend support, and to give a bag of information about Down syndrome to all new parents who have been referred or made a personal contact with our group.

Lending Library – We are developing a library of books and information for families to borrow.

Scholarship Fund – Graduating seniors going on to college who have a sibling with Down syndrome may apply (we prefer students who have been active volunteers in our group).

Your sponsorship and investment will help all people with Down syndrome step towards a Brighter tomorrow. ***We would appreciate sponsorships, monetary donations, and/or raffle prize items.*** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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