



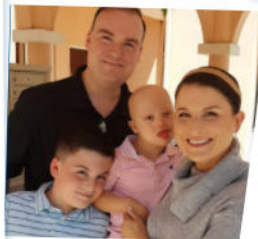
BUDDY WALK® CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



ABOUT MANASOTA BUDS

Manasota Bringing Up Down Syndrome (BUDS) is a volunteer led 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is headquartered in Sarasota, FL. In 2024, the organization celebrated its 22nd year of providing programs and services to the local Down syndrome community.

Through the hard work of its parents and with the help and support of many donors, volunteers, and community partners, Manasota BUDS has grown from a small parent movement to a tenured non-profit organization that serves and supports more than 250 families.



Our Mission

To provide families with a neutral and supportive forum for sharing and networking, and to promote understanding and acceptance of Down syndrome.

Our Vision

To improve the lives of individuals with Down syndrome across the Florida Gulf Coast. To champion inclusion, awareness, and the well-being of the Down syndrome community.

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ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME

Q. What is trisomy 21?

A. Down syndrome is a genetic condition. Generally, children receive 23 chromosomes from their mother and 23 from their father. A baby with Down syndrome will have three copies of the 21st chromosome instead of two. This is why Down syndrome is also referred to as Trisomy 21. Each cell will have 47 chromosomes as opposed to the typical 46 chromosomes.

Q. How common is Down syndrome?

A. Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition, affecting approximately 1 out of every 700 births among people of all ages, races, and economic levels. There are over 350,000 individuals living with Down syndrome in the United States who are vibrant and enthusiastic members of their families and communities, and 6,000 babies with Down syndrome are born in the United States every year. Almost 40% of Americans know someone with Down syndrome!

Q. How does Down syndrome affect families?

A. A 2011 Harvard survey entitled "Self- Perceptions from People with Down Syndrome," found that 88 percent of siblings of children with Down syndrome feel that they are better people for having had their brothers and sisters; and other studies have found that children with Down syndrome have strong adaptive skills and that their parents tend to divorce less than the parents of children without Down syndrome. Every family is unique. Since a range of cognitive delays are common in Down syndrome, developmental intervention and community support is important. Providing accommodations and a creating a supportive and stimulating environment will help maximize children's innate strengths and talents.

ABOUT THE BUDDY WALK®

Buddy Walk Details

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Location: Bayside Community Church - 15800 FL-64, Bradenton, FL 34212

Check-In & Activities: 9AM

Buddy Walk: 11AM

Festival Concludes: 1PM

All proceeds help support the local Down syndrome community.

The Buddy Walk was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society. Each October, the Buddy Walk serves as the primary fundraiser and Down syndrome awareness event for Manasota BUDS. All donations received from this event help to support our programs, services and scholarships offered each year. Through generous donors and sponsors like you, we serve over 250 families across the Florida Gulf Coast.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

BUDDY WALK®

Inspiration \$5K

- Acknowledgement on BUDS website as premier sponsor
- Placement on main sign at Buddy walk entrance
- Opportunity to speak at Buddy Walk
- Logo on Buddy Walk t-shirt
- Website Badge
- Social Media Recognition
- Buddy Walk video acknowledgement
- Exclusive recognition signage a BUDS headquarters
- **20 Free** event registrations

Empowering Families \$2.5K

- Acknowledgement on BUDS website
- Prominant signage at Buddy Walk
- Opportunity to speak at Buddy Walk
- Logo on Buddy Walk t-shirt
- Website Badge
- Buddy Walk video acknowledgement
- Thank You Plaque
- **15 Free** event registrations

Best Buddies \$1K

- Acknowledgement on BUDS website
- Prominant signage at Buddy Walk
- Logo on Buddy Walk t-shirt
- Website Badge
- Sponsorship mention at Buddy Walk
- Thank You Plaque
- **10 Free** event registrations

Adventure \$500

- Acknowledgement on BUDS website
- Prominant signage at Buddy Walk
- Sponsorship mention at Buddy Walk
- Website Badge
- Thank You Plaque

Butterfly \$250

- Acknowledgement on BUDS website
- Prominant signage at Buddy Walk
- Thank You Plaque

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SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

SPONSOR NAME (FOR RECOGNITION): _____

IN SUPPORT OF TEAM (IF APPLICABLE): _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

_____ ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO "MANASOTA BUDS"

_____ PLEASE CHARGE MY _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER _____ AMEX

CARD #: _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

BUDDY WALK® COMMITMENT LEVEL:

_____ INSPIRATION SPONSOR (\$5,000)

_____ ADVENTURE SPONSOR (\$500)

_____ EMPOWERING FAMILIES SPONSOR (\$2,500)

_____ BUTTERFLY SPONSOR (\$250)

_____ BEST BUDDIES SPONSOR (\$1,000)

Sponsorship commitment forms and logos must be received no later than **Friday, September 27, 2024**, to be included on printed materials and commemorative event t-shirts. For additional information, please contact 941-907-0499 or email info@manasotabuds.org.

