Buddy Walk Schedule

8AM-8:30AM VOLUNTEERS CHECK IN
8AM - 10AM FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS SET UP
9AM PROJECT FREE BAND
10AM RUNGO DANCE TWINKLERS & STARS
11AM DYNASTY STARS DANCE TEAM

10AM EVENT DAY REGISTRATION IS $20/WALKER
Bring your tents and chairs, it is going to be a beautiful day. Don’t forget your sunscreen.
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

10:00AM - 11:00PM ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES!
Our favorite DJ, Mark Girdwood will be playing the tunes. The Awesome Mark Oliver is our MCEE! The kids will enjoy the playground, bouncy houses, games, and meeting the fun guys from GhostBusters & The Star Wars 501st Legion, plus free face painting & balloons!

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE VENDORS will be on hand to give you information and answer questions.

11:30-12:00pm MEET MAYOR JANE CASTOR!

12:00PM THE TOP 5 TEAMS & THE LARGEST TEAM AWARDS
- Receive a recognition Plaque, a tent during the event,
  and a cooler full of goodies to enjoy!

12:15PM BUDDY WALK MEDAL AWARDS
We celebrate and honor all Special Needs individuals, please come up and receive your Buddy Walk medal, cowbells & noisemakers!

12:30PM ADVOCACY WALK
The incredible Ericka Iglesias sings the National Anthem. The Top Five Teams, the Largest Team will lead off the Advocacy walk. LET’S MAKE SOME NOISE!!!

1:30PM RAFFLE TICKETS
Don’t forget to get your raffle tickets! You don’t need to be present to win. Don’t forget to get a delicious treat from the FRIENDS Bake Sale Tent!

2:00PM THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DOWN SYNDROME & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY!

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Your donations fund our Mission in so many ways!

Ninety-five percent of the money raised during Buddy Walk goes right back into our F.R.I.E.N.D.S. year-round programs, essential support groups, and fun activities. 2.5% is donated back to the National Down Syndrome Society to help with their national efforts.

Your donations provide:

- F.R.I.E.N.D.S. PARENT PACKETS to families who received a diagnosis of Down syndrome or other special needs. We assemble and donate our Parent Packets to nine Tampa Bay NICU’s who in turn distribute them to expectant/new parents.

- BABY FRIENDS support & playgroup hosted in Brandon, Tampa, and Largo. For our older kids and tweens we have AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS in Brandon.

- Your donations provide for our popular ADULT SPECIAL NEEDS DANCES held each month in Brandon and Clearwater.

- Your donations provide FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to families in need.

- Donations cover the cost of our WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY PICNIC, DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS POOL PARTY, and HOLIDAY PARTY.

- Donations cover the cost of printing our brochures, flyers, resource guides, and parent packet materials.

- Donations cover the cost of our yearly event insurance, 990 Taxes and other required state fees.

- Most importantly a portion of the money raised is put in a savings account for THE FRIENDS CENTER - A special needs facility we hope to open soon. The center will provide all of our programs, a Day program, Clinic, and much more.

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