

What does the DSAG Buddy Walk® Fund?

Funds will provide critically needed family support and services through DSAG East Tennessee including:

Support

HOSPITALity Packages

New & Expectant Parent Support

Recreational Scholarships

Down Comfort Gifts to area medical providers



Education

Conferences

E-Newsletter

Parent Education Programming

Spanish information available as needed

Advocacy

Affiliates of NDSS and NDSC

Buddy Walk

Community Awareness

Medical Outreach

Community

Mom's Night Out

D.A.D.S. Group

Littles and Lattes

Social Programming

2018 Highlights

- Hosted a parent workshop at ETCH to provide families with information learned at 2017 NDSC Convention
- DSAG board president and vice president attended the NDSC Convention on Ds in Dallas, TX
- Distributed on average 2-3 Down Comfort Gifts per month to new or expectant parents
- Hosted DSAG's 1st annual 3.21 Race (walk/run) to promote World Ds Day
- Overall growth as a group
- Funded 12 Recreational Scholarships
- 8-10 HOSPITALity packages delivered to local families

2019 What's Happening

- Parent workshop with more providers while sharing information from the 2018 NDSC Convention
- Continue to add social opportunities for all ages
- Provide informational material to additional medical offices and physicians
- Increase the number of New Parent Packets for families new to the area
- Continued growth as a group
- Engage in more community awareness opportunities

\$30 will pay for "Backpacks for Buddies" Packet and materials for brand new families to the Buddy Walk.

\$40 will pay for a HOSPITALity package for a family with an extended stay in a healthcare facility.

\$50 will pay for New Parent Packets of materials for families new to our area.

\$100 will pay for a Down Comfort Gift packet and materials for newborn babies.

\$200 will pay for a recreational scholarship for an individual with Down syndrome.

\$300 will pay for DSAG to provide a workshop for parents on critical topics such as current medical guidelines and IEP's.



A portion of funds raised go to the National Down Syndrome Society where they advocate for the value, acceptance, and inclusion of people with Down syndrome