



Dear business owner,

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the future has never felt so unpredictable. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you're in good spirits and good health!

The Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society serves hundreds of individuals with Down Syndrome across central Mississippi. Our programs include information for new parents, educational seminars, peer social gatherings, family networking opportunities, and teacher grants. These programs are made available by funds raised by our annual Buddy Walk.

While there is a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. We are excited to announce that this year, our **Buddy Walk will be a virtual event**. The event will include programming from people with Down syndrome, special guests and both team and sponsor recognition. All teams will be encouraged to safely celebrate in their own way! Like past years, participants will still form teams in honor of their Buddy with Down syndrome. The event will include a virtual community, as well as a **live streamed program on Saturday, October 10, 2020**.

We are asking for your help in making our online silent auction a success. Please consider donating an item or items for the auction. We will recognize each donor at the auction and offer the attendees information in our goody bags about your business or organization.

Please know that all gifts are tax-deductible according to IRS regulations. Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society is a 501©3 organization. The tax identification number is 81-0623352.

There is currently **NO COST** to register for the 2020 CMDSS Buddy Walk and I encourage folks to register early! Please visit cmdssbuddywalk.com to register. Please share this link with your employees and encourage them to take advantage of this offer!

CMDSS also offers multiple sponsorship opportunities, starting as low as \$250. Please let us know if you would like more information on how to sponsor this amazing event.

In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being part of our community. Without you, none of it is possible.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact

Thank you,

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