

About Down Syndrome...

A person with Down Syndrome/Trisomy 21 has one extra chromosome in each of the child's millions of cells. Instead of 46 chromosomes, he/she has 47. The incidence is as high as one in every 800 children born in the United States, and it affects about 350 thousand families. It is one of the most common birth defects, occurring in all races, ethnic groups, socio-economic classes, and nationalities. It can happen to anyone!

Because chromosomes and the genetic material they carry play a large part in determining the child's characteristics, this extra chromosome will effect the child's life. His/her appearance may be a bit different from other children, he or she may have some unique medical problems and he/she will likely have some degree of cognitive impairment. The severity of any of these problems vary tremendously from child to child. Each child with Down Syndrome is unique with his/her own personality, talents and thoughts. There are few absolutes governing the baby's destiny; like other children, the child is an individual and will grow to become a distinct personality.

Just remember:

- Accept the child or adult for who they are.
- Be a friend.
- Talk to the person as you would any other person.
- Let them try to do their best.
- Don't feel sorry for them.
- Be patient if they mess up, everyone is human.
- And finally, **friends don't count chromosomes!**

About the "Walk For Our Kids"

Join us for food, fun, and entertainment. This is a great chance for individuals, families, and the community to get together to help make a tremendous difference in the lives of those with Down Syndrome.

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Helping to Make a Difference Our 2009 Sponsors

Join us in thanking the corporations and families who have become Sponsors of the "Walk For Our Kids"
A Special Thanks to:

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A special "Thank You" to all of our DSIG families and friends who helped to make the 2009 "Walk For Our Kids" such a huge success!

Our Ongoing goals for the DSIG include:

1. Providing resource books, literature, and support to all the new families entering our group in 2010.
2. Providing scholarship funding to the parents and children with Down Syndrome so they may attend conferences and seminars or (1) group sponsored conference.
3. Providing social events for people with Down Syndrome & their families.
4. Providing family support to families when their children need to be hospitalized due to illness.
5. Providing monthly meetings to continue to help families to become more aware of ways that they can help their child reach their full potential.
6. Spreading positive awareness of the gifts and talents that people with Down Syndrome have to offer to society!
7. Hosting a "Professional Appreciation Dinner" to honor professionals who influence the lives of our children through the year.

In the event of a weather related emergency on 3/13/10, please call the DSIG Voicemail at 610-544-4025 or check the website at www.delcodsig.org for cancellation information.

Contribution Form

Walker's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

Email _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Delaware County Down Syndrome
Interest Group (DSIG)**

P.O. Box 5367, Springfield, PA 19064

Any questions - 610-544-4025

Walkers with \$20 in pledges will guarantee you a T-shirt!

Sponsor's Name & Address Contribution

1. My own contribution _____

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Pledges should be brought the day of the walk or mailed no later than 2 weeks after the walk.

Registration

Please return this pre-registration form by February 28, 2010. A \$20 pledge will guarantee you a t-shirt.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. First: _____

Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

Have you walked in previous walks? Yes No

T-shirt size:

Adult : S M L XL XXL

Child : 2/4 6/8 10/12

Volunteers

I am unable to walk but enclosed is my tax deductible contribution.

WAIVER

In consideration of and as a strict condition to my participation in the DS Walk, I, the undersigned (for myself, my heirs, and personal representative and assigns), intending to be legally bound, do hereby waive and release all rights, claims, demands, and/or causes of action against the Delaware County Down Syndrome Interest Group, their representative officers, board members, agents, and all other organizers, sponsors, and operators of this walk-a-thon, immediately known to me or hereafter discovered, and for any and all damages and losses which may occur now, or in the future, arising from or out of my participation in this event and my travel to and from this event. I verify that I am physically fit. Permission is granted to use photos and names for any and all purposes.

Date _____ Signature _____

Parent /Guardian signature (if under 18 years of age)

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Delaware County Down Syndrome Interest Group

c/o Walk-A-Thon

P.O. Box 5367

Springfield, PA 19064

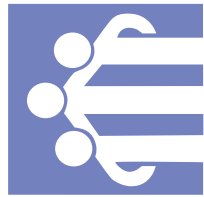
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DSIG's 1st "Walk For Our Kids" in 1991



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A Walk For Down Syndrome



Saturday
March 13, 2010
8:00am - 10:00am
Springfield Mall

Please enter through the Lower Level,
2nd Rear Entrance off Sproul Rd.
(Post Office entrance near Macy's)