



DSSRI

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WALK

Sponsorship Opportunities



October 12, 2025
Warwick - Belmont Park

Federal Tax ID 05-0397084



Who are we?

The Down Syndrome Society of RI (DSSRI) provides support to hundreds of families and individuals living with Down syndrome in Rhode Island and surrounding communities, across all ages and stages.

We are here to:

Educate

Advocate

Celebrate

How do we educate, advocate and celebrate?

We *Educate* by sharing resources with our community and families, to bring awareness and promote acceptance throughout Rhode Island and surrounding areas.

We *Advocate* for the future of individuals with Down syndrome and are invested in giving individuals with Down syndrome a better quality of life than yesterday.

We *Celebrate* individuals with Down syndrome, their families and caregivers, by hosting numerous activities to allow families to connect and build lifelong friendships.

Why do we fundraise?

We fundraise to enrich the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and to support families right here in our local community. We are there for the milestones, the celebrations, the tough days, and the great ones! We provide the tools, resources, information, and support our families need.

Event Info

The DSSRI Awareness Walk is a community event to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October. It is one of hundreds of walks held around the world annually to celebrate Down syndrome, and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

Sponsor Benefits

SUPER BUDDY - \$2,500

- Presenting sponsor
- Recognition on social media outlets
- Promotional items distributed in team captain bags
- Logo and link on event website
- Business logo on event shirt
- Event day signage

BIG BUDDY - \$500

- Recognition on social media outlets
- Promotional items distributed in team captain bags
- Logo and link on event website
- Business name on event shirt

LOYAL BUDDY - \$1,000

- Recognition on social media outlets
- Promotional items distributed in team captain bags
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- Business name on event shirt
- Event day signage

LIL' BUDDY - \$250

- Recognition on social media outlets
- Promotional items distributed in team captain bags
- Logo and link on event website



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Sponsor Acknowledgement Form

Corporate Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Walk Team/Individual You Are Supporting (if applicable): _____

*Sponsorship payments must be made by September 20th to be included on event shirts.
*If you are a new partner, or if your logo has changed, please email logo to sponsor@dssri.org.

Sponsorship Levels

☐ *Super* Buddy \$2,500

☐ *Loyal* Buddy \$1,000

☐ *Big* Buddy \$500

☐ *Lil'* Buddy \$250

☐ In-Kind Donation

Please return sponsorship form by September 20, 2025 to:
Down Syndrome Society of RI
100 Washington St Unit 325
West Warwick, RI 02893

Sponsorships also payable online at:
www.givesignup.org/dssri



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Dear Supporter,

The Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island (DSSRI) is committed to supporting hundreds of families and individuals living with Down syndrome throughout Rhode Island and surrounding communities. Our mission is to educate, advocate, and celebrate, ensuring that every individual with Down syndrome has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life.

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, we will host our annual Down Syndrome Awareness Walk & Family Fun Festival at Belmont Park in Warwick, RI. This significant event brings together approximately 1,500 participants for a day of celebration, community, and support. It serves as a vital opportunity for families, caregivers, and community members to connect, share resources, and build lifelong friendships.

To ensure the success of this event and to continue our work, DSSRI is seeking donations from generous supporters like you. Contributions will directly support the local Down syndrome community by funding critical resources, educational programs, and events that enrich lives.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all donations to DSSRI are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 05-0397084. Your support will make a meaningful difference, allowing us to continue providing essential tools, resources, and advocacy for those we serve.

We invite you to join us in making this event a success and in supporting our ongoing mission. If you would like to discuss this opportunity further or require additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to contact us at sponsor@dssri.org.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals with Down syndrome.

Warm regards,

Melissa Hansen
President
Down Syndrome Society of RI
Melissa@dssri.org
401-391-8901



What happens with your donation?

Our fundraising efforts support local programs and services that benefit all individuals with Down syndrome, including:

Family Support Services

Offering emotional support, respite care, and direct support to families undergoing difficult times while navigating the challenges of raising a child with Down syndrome.

Educational Advocacy Grants

Offering grants to families seeking support in navigating special education, securing appropriate services, and understanding their legal rights.

Educational Programs

Offering workshops, classes, and resources for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and educators to promote learning and development.

New Parent Support Groups

Facilitating support groups for parents, siblings, and caregivers to share experiences, resources, and emotional support.

Book Donation Program

Providing books about inclusion and Down syndrome to local schools and libraries to promote understanding and acceptance from an early age.

Advancement Scholarships

Providing scholarships for educational opportunities or specialized programs for individuals with Down syndrome.

Camp Program

Fund a camp program tailored for individuals with Down syndrome, offering opportunities for socialization, skill-building, and recreational activities in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Inclusion Support Grants

Provide grants to schools, organizations, and individuals, to fund tools and technology that aid in communication, learning, and daily living of people with Down syndrome.

Leadership Development

Funding for the leadership team to attend professional trainings and conferences to enhance their skills and stay informed about best practices and Down syndrome.

Social Activities

Organizing events, clubs, and activities that encourage social interaction, community involvement, and physical well-being.

Awareness Campaigns

Running public awareness campaigns to educate the community about Down syndrome and advocate for inclusion and acceptance.

Community Outreach

Engaging with local communities to build inclusive environments and promote understanding of Down syndrome.

