

**YES**, I/we want to help!

\$250

\$100

\$ 50

\$ 25

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, please send me/us additional information on upcoming events and the annual Buddy Walk®!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group**

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Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and acknowledges that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your contribution. A letter will be sent acknowledging your gift. Please keep that letter for tax purposes.

## About the Buddy Walk®

The Buddy Walk® was developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. The Buddy Walk® has grown from 17 walks in 1995 to nearly 300 Walks planned for 2017 worldwide. In 2016, nearly \$14.2 million was raised nationwide to benefit local programs and services, as well as the national advocacy and public awareness initiatives of NDSS that benefit all individuals with Down syndrome.

The National Buddy Walk® Program welcomes participants of all ages and abilities. The goals of the program are to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome and to positively influence local and national policy and practice.



***NO pets please!***

The official registration and financial information of the Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group** was founded in 2008. Current board members are:

- Brian Guillaume
- Heather Fox-Kauffman
- Cori Guillaume
- Andy Smarr
- Wendy Corcoran
- Diane Isham

**Special THANKS to:**



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Carlisle Area Buddy Walk®

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**10:00a.m. – Registration**  
**11:00am - Walk**

**Carlisle Area High School**  
**Carlisle, PA**

*\*Proceeds benefit Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group*



**Check out our website!**  
[www.cpadsag.org](http://www.cpadsag.org)



## Celebrating 10 years of Buddy Walks® in Carlisle!

*Can you believe it has been 10 years since we had this crazy idea to do a Buddy Walk® in Carlisle?*

**Neither can we!**

### Look how far we have come!

- 2008 - 274 attendees/\$12,778 raised
- 2009 - 317 attendees/\$13,300 raised
- 2010 - 390 attendees/\$17,121 raised
- 2011 - 349 attendees/\$16,132 raised
- 2012 - 377 attendees/\$15,678 raised
- 2013 - 368 attendees/\$18,458 raised
- 2014 – 394 attendees/\$18,219 raised
- 2015 - 500 attendees/\$20,000 raised
- 2016 - 500 attendees/\$22,354 raised

**2017 – Can we break our record?**

**GOAL: \$25,000**



## Mission Statement

Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group is committed to the success of individuals with Down syndrome. By promoting acceptance and awareness in our community we can empower individuals with Down syndrome to meet and exceed their dreams.



**Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group** promotes acceptance and awareness in the community through:

### Community Social Events:

Provide a social environment where families of individuals with Down syndrome can come together to socialize and support one another.

### Education/Family Focus Night:

Provide families with the information they need to ensure they are maximizing the resources available to individuals with Down syndrome (seminars related to government assistance, financial planning, Special Needs Trust, etc.)

### Family grants/funding:

Provide funds to families that aid in promoting personal development of individuals with Down syndrome (these funds will be granted on an individual request basis for camps, horseback riding, assistive equipment and/or devices for educational purposes, etc.)

Grant requests are available through our website at [www.cpadsag.org](http://www.cpadsag.org), emailing [info@cpadsag.org](mailto:info@cpadsag.org) or by phoning 717-218-0242.

**Three Families!  
Three Sons!  
One Purpose!**



Our lives were changed with the birth of our sons. They were forever changed with the diagnosis of Down syndrome. We were adjusting to life with a newborn, dealing with a diagnosis, possible medical issues and questions of the future. We didn't know where to turn, who to talk to, we didn't know where to start. With the support of friends and family we were able to move forward through that difficult adjustment period.

Today, the grief and confusion we felt are a faint memory. We have learned so much and have gone through so many emotions. We, and others, have discovered the true definitions of *determination* and *unconditional love*.