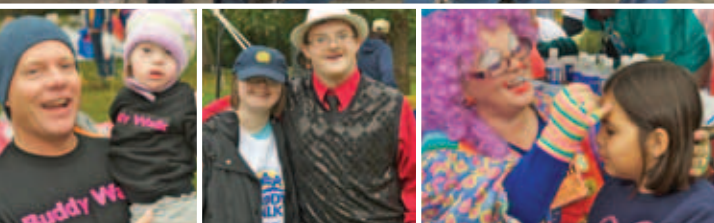


WHO WE ARE

The Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana (DSANI) is a 501c3 organization with the mission to enhance the lives of people affected by Down syndrome, advocate on their behalf, provide information and support to families and professionals, and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in northeast Indiana.

DSANI represents individuals with Down syndrome and their families in 11 counties in northeast Indiana and provides educational and social programs, outreach efforts, a week-long day camp for children and teens with Down syndrome, and a comprehensive library of Down syndrome related materials.



2011 BUDDY WALK® GRAND MARSHAL, ASHLEY ELY

As the recipient of the 2011 DSANI Star Award for Self-Advocacy, we are proud to have Ashley participate as the 2011 Grand Marshal. Ashley is a self-advocate who fills

her days helping others. Ashley volunteers at her hometown elementary school and at Parkview Home Health & Hospice. She is also an avid collector of celebrity autographs. Her warm heart, loving spirit, and friendly personality are admired by all the people whose lives she enriches every day. Helping others comes naturally to Ashley – it's just who she is. Ashley gives back to her community with such energy and pride, modeling to others the true joy to be found in the acts of kindness to others.

BUDDY WALK® HISTORY

The Buddy Walk was developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to raise funds for education, research and advocacy programs.

More than 252 Walks were held worldwide in 2010. Approximately \$11,200,000 was raised nation-wide through the NDSS Buddy Walk. These funds were distributed among sponsoring Buddy Walk Organization and the National Down Syndrome Society. Last year alone, more than 285,000 individuals participated in a Buddy Walk. Since the Buddy Walk was created, more than 3,000,000 people have participated in a Buddy Walk worldwide.

The Buddy Walk is a trademarked program of the National Down Syndrome Society. In 2011, the goal is to hold nearly 300 Walks across the country and abroad. www.buddywalk.org.

Locally, the first Buddy Walk in Fort Wayne was in 1999.

ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. Individuals with Down syndrome have an extra, critical portion of the number 21 chromosome present in all or some of their cells. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.

It is estimated that one in every 691 live births will result in a child with Down syndrome and there are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States today.

Each individual with Down syndrome has their own unique personality, capabilities and talents. In adulthood, many people with Down syndrome hold jobs, live independently, enjoy recreational opportunities in their communities and lead fulfilling and productive lives.

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