



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The DSOSN was founded in 1987 by a group of parents with children diagnosed with Down syndrome. Over the years, we have grown as an organization to become the leading voice of advocacy for all persons with Down syndrome in Southern Nevada. We also advocate for the needs of persons with other intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and our services and programs are extended to hundreds of affected persons throughout the communities of Southern Nevada. We are affiliated with the National Down Syndrome Congress, National Down Syndrome Society, and Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action. We are also a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and we collaborate with other agencies and organizations that serve the needs of the broader disability communities of Southern Nevada.

The programs we provide to our members are primarily supported by donations and funds raised during our yearly signature fund-raising events. One of these events is the annual Buddy Walk, which this year is billed as the "DSOSN-Town Square Buddy Walk-2022." The Buddy Walk is the coming together of families, friends, and supporters who walk to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of all persons diagnosed with Down syndrome and other IDD. This year is our 22nd Buddy Walk event, and it will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in Town Square (see enclosed postcard and other documents for details).

In addition to introducing DSOSN to members of the public, this letter also serves as an invitation for local companies, organizations, professional sports teams, and philanthropist to partner with us as sponsors for the Buddy Walk event. While we would prefer that sponsorships come in the form of financial contributions, companies and individual sponsors may also consider making an in-kind donation. To assist in this regard, we have enclosed in this package a list with sponsorship options, suggested in-kind donations, and reciprocal ways in which we will recognize the sponsors. For general information, we have also enclosed our 501(c)(3) and the State of Nevada tax exemption certificates.

In addition to the invitation extended to companies and organizations above, we are also inviting all disability service providers, community groups, and the general public to come out and join us in our efforts to advocate for persons with disability. While we may march behind banners representing our respective organizations at the Buddy Walk event, we will all walk together, "Hand in Hand," in support of the same cause, "Inclusion For All." Thanks in advance for your participation in, and support for, our DSOSN-Town Square Buddy Walk 2022 event.

Should anyone require additional information, please contact me at the number listed below. I also invite you to visit our website at [dsosn.org](http://dsosn.org) for updated details on the event.

Sincerely,

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