



**DOWN SYNDROME  
ORGANIZATION OF  
SOUTHERN NEVADA**

## An Open Letter From The DSOSN Board Chair

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### DOWN SYNDROME ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (DSOSN)

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To: Donors, DSOSN Buddy Walk-2023;

The DSOSN was founded in 1987 by a group of parents of children diagnosed with Down syndrome. Over the years, the organization has grown to become the leading voice of advocacy for persons with Down syndrome in Southern Nevada. We also advocate for the needs of persons with other intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD), including autism, and our services/programs are extended to hundreds of persons with IDD throughout Southern Nevada. We are affiliated with the National Down Syndrome Congress, National Down Syndrome Society, and Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action. We are a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, and we collaborate with other local service-providers, agencies, and organizations that provide services to members of the broader disability communities here in Southern Nevada.

The programs we provide to our members are entirely supported by donations and funds raised during our annual fund-raising events. One of our signature fund-raising events is the annual Buddy Walk, which is the coming together of families, friends, and supporters to promote and advocate for the interest of persons with Down syndrome/IDD. **This year, members of various organizations from all over Southern Nevada will assemble in Town Square; and while they will all march behind their own banners, they will also walk "Hand-in-Hand" in support of inclusion for all.** This year is our 23rd annual Buddy Walk event, and it will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 (see attached post card save-the-date flyer for details).

In addition to introducing DSOSN to you, this letter also serves as an invitation for you/your company to partner with us as a sponsor for our Buddy Walk-2023 event, and/or some of the impactful programs that we provide for our members. We would prefer that your sponsorship comes in the form of a financial contribution, but you may also choose to make an in-kind donation. Please see the attached list of sponsorship options, suggestions for in-kind donations, and ways in which we will recognize/acknowledge your company. For your information, I have also attached our 501(c)(3) and the State of Nevada tax exemption certificates. If you elect to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to DSOSN, or you may use our online donation portal on our website, [dsosn.org](http://dsosn.org). To facilitate our budget-planning process, I would appreciate your response on/or before August 31, 2023.

I sincerely hope you will give favorable consideration to our request for your support. Should you require additional information to assist in making your decision, please contact me at (626) 780-5976, or by email at [pwhittingham@dsosn.org](mailto:pwhittingham@dsosn.org). To learn more about the DSOSN, I also invite you to visit our website at [www.dsosn.org](http://www.dsosn.org).

Thanks again for your consideration, and I look forward to partnering with you/your company to support our service-population in the special-needs communities of Southern Nevada.

Sincerely,

PETER WHITTINGHAM, Chair  
DSOSN Board of Directors

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