

Volunteer Opportunities

The Volunteer Voice is a bi-monthly newsletter published for our dedicated volunteers who give so much. Your time spent volunteering makes a difference in the lives of people who have Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who serve them.

Please review the upcoming opportunities available and contact the Guild office at **913-384-4848** if you have any questions or want to sign up to volunteer! We hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Babysitters

Quarterly support breakfasts are provided by the DSG for new parents, parents of toddlers, and extended family members.

Babysitters will be needed to help with this event on **September 6, 2008** from **8:30am-11:30am** at the DSG Center 10200 W 75th St. Suite 281, Shawnee, KS.

Toys, activities for the children, and a light breakfast will be provided.

Contact the DSG Center at **913-384-4848** for more information.

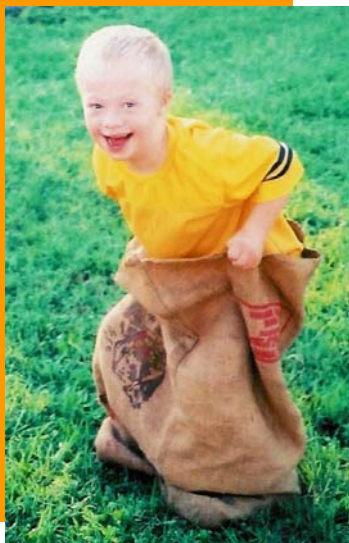


Red Barn Farm

The DSG will be hosting a family day at Red Barn Farm. Volunteers will help serve food, run games, paint faces, and help with other fun activities.

20-30 volunteers are needed Saturday, **September 14, 2008** from **12:00-4:30pm**. Red Barn Farm is located at 16300 Wilkerson Rd., Weston, MO 64098. Dress is casual and food and drinks will be provided.

For more information or to sign up contact the DSG center at **913-384-4848**.





Buddy Walk

Buddy Walk is First Downs for Down Syndrome's largest fundraiser of the year benefiting the DSG. This event will welcome over 5000 people to Arrowhead Stadium on **Saturday, October 18** to celebrate Down syndrome!

Want to get involved?!

Join or form your own Buddy Walk Team

This is an easy way to promote Down syndrome in the community, while helping to raise funds that the DSG uses to facilitate all of our programs and services throughout the year. Visit www.kcbuddywalk.org for more information!

Volunteering

Helping out before, during, or after the event is another way you can help make the Buddy Walk a success. For more information or to sign up contact Amy Stoll at stoll@fdfds.org or **913-722-2499** by **September 19**.

Halloween Dance

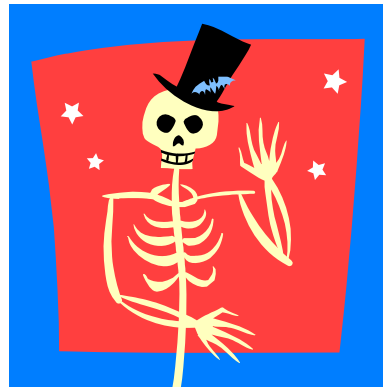
Are you ready for a howling good time? The DSG is hosting a dance for teens and adults with Down syndrome on **Friday, October 24th**.

The dance will be held at the DSG Center, 10200 W 75th St. Suite 281, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204.

20-30 volunteers are needed from **5:30pm-9:30pm** to decorate, check in guests, help with refreshments, and of course make sure everyone has a dance partner!

Appropriate costumes are encouraged! Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to sign up contact the DSG center at **913-384-4848**.



Down Syndrome Awareness Month

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month and here are some simple ways you can help the DSG raise awareness in our community!

1. **Host a Dress Down Day** at your school or workplace. Participants can donate money or items for new parent baskets in order to be able to "dress down" for the day.
2. **Have DSG come to speak for your organization.** We are always eager for opportunities to educate others in the community about Down syndrome!
3. **Join a Buddy Walk Team!** This event on October 18 is one of the largest celebrations of Down syndrome in the country, what better way to show your support for individuals with Down syndrome.

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