

POSITIVE PLACES

DESIGNER GENES NEWSLETTER

BUILDING AWARENESS
& BRIGHT FUTURES FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH
DOWN SYNDROME
& THEIR FAMILIES

PRE-BUDDY WALK 2008

GROWING OUR WEB SITE

Designer Genes has now created a positive place online. Check out DesignerGenesND.com for support and information about Down syndrome.

The site is growing and changing as we learn what you like and could do without, so please share your feedback using the contact us email on the site. We'd love to know more about what you would like to see in the future.

FRIEND-RAISING

Designer Genes is proud to support our Buddy Walk sponsors – will you too? View our 2008 sponsors at DesignerGenesND.com!

BETTING ON OUR BUDDIES WALKING

We hope to see you at the 5th Annual Designer Genes Buddy Walk.

- Date: Saturday, September 27, 2008
- Location: Bismarck - State Capitol Grounds
- Time: Registration 10 a.m., Walk 11 a.m.



The Buddy Walk strives to raise awareness of the potential of individuals with Down syndrome to live, learn, work and contribute to our community. The walk is approximately 1-mile, and makes three loops around the Capitol Mall symbolizing the “tri-” in Trisomy - the chromosomal abnormality that causes Down syndrome. Adventurous families are encouraged to “Team-Up” and show their spirit through a family theme. Check out www.designergenesnd.com for Buddy Walk information and answers to frequently asked questions you can share with your “Buddies.”

GIVING BACK AT THE PATCH

Designer Genes strives to give back to its community partners who give so much to support the Buddy Walk. Designer Genes will be working the gate at Papa's Pumpkin Patch October 11-12 (Saturday & Sunday) and is looking for willing volunteers to cover a number of 2-hour shifts. Duties at the Patch include greeting visitors, taking admission, having a great time and promoting Down syndrome awareness. Papa's Pumpkin Patch is generous in giving back to all those who support their efforts, so would your family spare a few moments to support theirs? If you are interested in working a shift, please contact Roxane at 701-258-7421 or Sandy at 701-255-2949. Supporting those who support us and individuals with Down syndrome makes huge impacts!

DS AWARENESS MONTH IN OCTOBER

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

October is Down syndrome awareness month and Designer Genes will be building awareness at the Bismarck Barnes & Noble. Check out our display of Down syndrome related books and information throughout the month of October. Bring the family out on Friday, October 17 as we host Story Time and feature positive messages about how we all are more alike than different.

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