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Dear Friends,

In October, we will celebrate eightyears of coordinating BuddyWalksin the CSRA. This year we are kicking off the 8th annual CSRA Buddy Walk™ in Aiken, SC. The CSRA Buddy Walk™ will be held on October 3rd at the University of South Carolina Aiken in Aiken, South Carolina. Last year our Buddy Walk™ had over 400 attendees and 42 individuals with Down syndrome were team captains.

The goal of the Buddy Walk™ is to **promote understanding and acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome and to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October.** In addition, we raise funds to support families of individuals with Down syndrome, local support programs, and help research efforts by the National Down Syndrome Society.

The Buddy Walk™ was established by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) in 1995. It has evolved into the single largest awareness vehicle for Down syndrome in the world. It is a major platform for inclusion in communities nationwide. The Buddy Walk® had another record breaking year in 2014 with more than 315,000 participants raising nearly $13 million dollars in more than 250 events across the country and around the world.

**We hope you will join in this important effort by supporting this year’s events.** Your tax-deductible donation will help all people with Down syndrome step towards a brighter tomorrow. We are asking for any help with entertainment donations.

Thank you for your generosity and support. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Our non-profit tax ID is 27-3358281. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Jenny Hall (803) 648-1652.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Jenny C Hall

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2015 Buddy Walk Committee