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### **19th Annual Buddy Walk of South Texas Presented by Whataburger**

The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas (DSASTX) will host its 19th Annual Buddy Walk presented by Whataburger LLC., Saturday, October 19th, 2019 at River City Community Church (16765 Lookout Rd) in Selma, TX. The Buddy Walk will begin at 9 am and the Program and Walk will start at 10:30 am. The event will conclude at 1 pm.

The DSASTX is honored to announce, for the first time ever - Whataburger as this year's presenting sponsor of the Buddy Walk of South Texas.

"We're so proud to support the Down Syndrome Association of South Texas and all the fantastic work they do to empower and support those with Down syndrome and their families," said Don Hurrell, Whataburger Regional Director of Operations. "The Buddy Walk is the perfect way to celebrate all members of our South Texas community, and we encourage everyone to register for this family-friendly event this October."

In 2018, the Buddy Walk of South Texas had over 4,500 participants take part in our walk – for 2019, we expect even more! "The Buddy Walk of South Texas is an event like none other. Come join us as we celebrate Down syndrome and promote inclusion in our community. We truly believe South Texas can be a leader as an inclusive community, and this event provides us the platform we need to share our mission," said Brooke Kearney, DSASTX Executive Director.

This one-mile walk is a family event that celebrates individuals with Down Syndrome while increasing awareness and inclusion. The event will include onsite activities such as music, face painting, inflatables, a train, exhibitor booths, and food trucks.

**About Down Syndrome Association of South Texas:**

The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas is to empower and support individuals with Down syndrome and their families in order to help them find access to resources, be engaged in their community, and progress toward self-actualization. The Down Syndrome Association of South Texas provides lifelong services and support to children and adults with Down syndrome and their families in South Texas in order to optimize well-being, develop rewarding relationships, and foster inclusion in the community. For additional information, please visit [www.dsastx.org](http://www.dsastx.org). Follow @DownSynSTX on Facebook, Twitter and follow @DSASTX on Instagram.

**About the Buddy Walk of South Texas:**

The Buddy Walk of South Texas is our largest fundraising event and is responsible for raising 40% of the funds needed to operate each year. 95% of the money raised through Buddy Walk of South Texas directly supports local programming while 5% supports the National Down Syndrome Society who works to ensure members of the Down syndrome community have a voice at the national level.

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