

**Celebrate.
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BUDDYWALK®

Columbia, SC

November 1, 2026

2026 Columbia Buddy Walk

Sunday, November 1

Saluda Shoals Park Athletic Fields

Buddy Walk honors individuals with Down syndrome. Teams compete to raise funds in support of our work with families in South Carolina.

Join us for fall festivities, family-fun, a mini-walk, and awards presentation to honoring each participating Buddy and top fundraisers!

**Donate or
Start a Team Today!**

FamilyConnectionSC.org/buddywalk



What is Buddy Walk?

Buddy Walk in Columbia is a fundraising event hosted by Family Connection of South Carolina and endorsed by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). It is held in honor of individuals with Down syndrome.

Why is Buddy Walk important?

Funds raised for Buddy Walk support Family Connection's work. We offer parent-to-parent support and assistance with navigating the complex healthcare and education systems. Collectively, Buddy Walks across the country help support the work of NDSS, which empowers individuals with Down syndrome and their families by driving policy change, providing resources, engaging local communities, and shifting public perceptions.

When is Buddy Walk?

Sunday, November 1
Saluda Shoals Park Athletic Fields.
Registration is now open!

How can I participate?

Register

Register and start fundraising online. You can participate as an individual or start a fundraising team. Need help registering? [Watch this quick video](#) or call us at 803-995-1413.

Donate

Support an individual or team fundraising goal of any registered individual or team.

Sponsor

Become an event sponsor. Sponsors receive marketing and promotional benefits throughout the Buddy Walk campaign season (September – November 2nd).

Vendor

Set up a vendor table at the event. Promote your business or organization and provide an activity or swag for kids and families.

What can I expect on Buddy Walk day?

The day's event includes music, food, a raffle and more!

11:00 AM	Tailgaters and Specialty Vehicles Arrive
12:00 – 2:00 PM	Family Fun Activities
2:00 PM	Walk around the Field
2:15 PM	Celebration Ceremony honoring Buddies and Teams

See you there!