



Go21 - Halton Walk for Down Syndrome - Silent Auction

Halton Down Syndrome Association is a volunteer organization working to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome. Our mission is to see all people with Down syndrome become responsible, self-sufficient, fully integrated members of the community, who are accepted by their peers, and who are able to lead happy, productive lives.

This year, HDSA is organizing its Fourth Annual Go21 - Halton Walk for Down Syndrome. The Canadian Down Syndrome Society (CDSS) launched Go21 in 2014 - "Go" in celebration of advancement and strength in the Down syndrome community and "21" to represent the tripling of the 21st chromosome that determines a Down syndrome diagnosis. The event will take place Saturday, June 16th, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Milton Fairgrounds. Families, friends and community partners will walk together through the streets of Milton to raise money and awareness.

Last year, Go21 - Halton Walk for Down Syndrome was a huge success, involving approximately 1,500 participants, as well as media coverage, and community participation. The event raised almost \$130,000, which has enabled HDSA to create opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome to develop skills and make connections with each other and the community. For example, your support has allowed us to develop and execute a Handwriting Without Tears Workshop for parents and educators; an ongoing Developmental Reading Program for children of all ages; a World Down Syndrome Day School Education Project and Contest; Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Sign Language Classes, Sportball and Yoga; and Social Skills Programming and Cooking Classes for some of our teens and adults with Down syndrome. These fundraising initiatives would not have been as successful without the proud support of our sponsors and donors.

Halton Down Syndrome Association is requesting your support to help make this year's event an even greater success. We are currently looking for donated items for our Silent Auction, which will be located in the Agricultural Building at the Milton Fairgrounds, during the events of the Go21 Walk. We hope that you will consider donating to this worthy cause.

We look forward to building a relationship with you and thank you for considering supporting Halton Down Syndrome Association and its members.

Sincerely,

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