



BUDDY WALK 2008

Goodwill Ambassadors Charity Loudon and Scott Cissna led the Buddy Walk on October 4. More than 1,000 people joined together to celebrate the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Thanks to your generosity, over \$50,000 was raised to support the mission of GRADSA!



Charity Louden entertained the crowd with a song.



The 2008 Goodwill Ambassadors, Scott Cissna and Charity Louden, wave to the crowd as they arrive in a white limo.



Scott Cissna gives a thumbs up during his introduction.



Shannon Mahoney, pictured with Miss Daviess County, was the Top Fundraiser with a total of \$4,440! Great job Shannon!

- TOP 10 FUNDRAISERS**
- Shannon Mahoney - \$4,440
 - Levi Wright - \$4,030
 - Ben Pace - \$3,000
 - Mitchell Hensley - \$2,504
 - Ethan Smith - \$2,276
 - Landon Ashby - \$1,640
 - Mason Clark - \$1,320
 - Blake Lamb - \$741
 - Paxton Hocker - \$671
 - Elizabeth Stickler - \$623



Levi Wright poses with his team who helped him raise \$4,030. Thanks TEAM LEVI!



Ben Pace held on to his award for raising \$3,000 for this year's Buddy Walk! Way to go Ben!

In addition to the Top Fundraisers, the following individuals with Down syndrome raised money for GRADSA:

Scott Cissna
 Erin Clark
 Joseph Clements
 Andrew Conway
 Matthew Cook
 Isaiah Cruz
 Alan Dunn
 Jonah Edge
 Tatum Edge
 Sam Fenwick
 Adrienne Free
 Ashley Hagan
 Chris Hagan

Judy Haggard
 Dana Hamilton
 Hannah Hardesty
 Sam Hart
 Ruby Hidalgo
 Matthew Huston
 Leland Isbill
 Jay Johnston
 Merek Justice
 Clay Lankford
 David Leonard
 Barry Lester
 Linda Murphy

Taylor Palmer
 Raven Paulson
 Colin Powers
 Shawn Riney
 Paige Roberts
 Eli Rose
 Samuel Rutland
 Aaron Shoemaker
 Alec Skipworth
 Michael Smith
 Luke Stone
 Neal Sweeney
 Ann Switzer

Kaleb Warman
 Zeb Wells
 Makenzie White
 Laura Whitfill
 Jonathan Whittaker
 Elliott Williams
 Beth Wilson
 Sam Winstead
 Alan Wood
 Tasha Worman

BEST BUDDY AWARDS



Ethan Smith waves to his team of 102 buddies who walked with him!



Aaron Shoemaker brought 90 buddies, while Leland Isbill and Tatum Edge tied at 41.



Caleb Lancaster waits in line to get his face painted.



Barry Lester tries out one of the tractors at the park.



Ann Switzer gets a hug from her big sister Mayme.



Alan Wood gets a high-five from Miss Daviess County.



Amie and Lance Morris enjoyed a picnic lunch before the walk began.



Linda Murphy crosses the stage to pick up her gifts.



David Leonard enjoyed his pizza!



Dana Hamilton didn't waste a chance to do a little dancin'.



Joseph Clements is greeted by the Goodwill Ambassadors.



Jonah Edge enjoyed being in the driver's seat of the Masonville fire truck.



Lukas Mahoney enjoyed the day with his family.



Ruby Hidalgo is pretty in pink.



Ashley Hagan flashed a bright smile for the crowd.



Hannah Hardesty looks for mom and dad as she exits the stage.



Isaiah Cruz takes a moment to pose for a picture.



Landon Ashby enjoyed the festivities.



It is never a dull moment with best buddies Leland Isbill, Matthew Huston, and Sam Winstead.



Adrienne Free is greeted by Goodwill Ambassador Scott Cissna.



Tatum Edge shows her enthusiasm!



Seth Johnson enjoyed the playground.



Tasha Worman picks up her goodies on stage.



Matthew Cook flashes a bright smile for the camera.



Makenzie White relaxes in her stroller.



Mitchell Hensley checks out the petting zoo.



Mason Clark enjoyed his 1st Buddy Walk!



Neil Sweeney gets a pat on the back from board member Deanna Isbill.



Paige Roberts shows her delight with the goodies she received.



Paxton Hocker poses with one of her buddies.



Sam Fenwick relishes in the attention!

In preparation for the 2009 Buddy Walk, the committee would like to receive your input for ideas, suggestions, and comments. Please take a moment to complete the survey below and return to P.O. Box 2031, Owensboro, KY 42302.

Do you like having the walk at Moreland Park? _____

Would you like to see the walk held at another location? If so, what locations would you like to see considered?

What children's activities would you like to see offered? _____

Did you like the online fundraising and registration? _____

Was the early T-shirt pick up and pledge drop-off helpful? _____

Do you have any theme ideas you would like to have considered? _____

Additional ideas, suggestions, or comments: _____

Being part of the Buddy Walk committee is fun and rewarding! It takes many committed, team-oriented, self-motivated and energetic individuals to plan this community event. Would you or someone you know be interested in joining the 2009 Buddy Walk Committee? Please provide name and contact information:

**Thank you to
the 2008
Buddy Walk
Committee!**



**Special
thanks to
Tonya
Murphy, 2008
Buddy Walk
Coordinator!**

Left to right: Cindy Huston, Lisa Shoemaker, Tony Hamilton, Melissa Jackson, Tonya Murphy, April Smith, Jay Mahoney, and Lori Marksberry. Not pictured: Sara Kamuf, Brenda Walker, and Carolyn Williams

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