

Down Syndrome *Information Network* of the Twin Tiers

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We did it!! The Buddy Walk was Terrific!

Many thanks to the Buddy Walk Committee, Marcelle Sadler and all our volunteers for their hard work. Other than a few sprinkles the rain held off as approximately 200 walkers stretched from Wisner Park to the Chemung Canal Fall Festival. Katie Knuth, our self-advocate speaker, told us about her active life as a member of the Elmira community and Mayor Steven Hughes made a proclamation declaring October 2nd "Buddy Walk Day" in Elmira. Geoffrey the Giraffe from Toys R Us made a guest appearance to have his picture taken with the kids. We arrived at the Fall Festival to a round of applause from the attendees, looking like we'd brought the sunshine with us in our yellow t-shirts. Most of the raffle winners have picked up their prizes and the rest will be notified. The fall festival provided live bands, great food for sale and free entertainment for the kids. Our events complimented each other very well. We have some funds to work with for the upcoming year. Please share with us any ideas you have about how those funds should be spent.

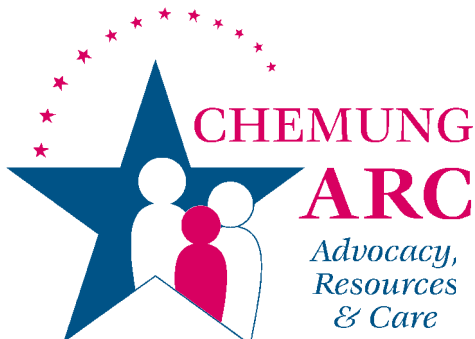
T-SHIRTS, There are plenty of T-shirts left from the Buddy Walk. We would be happy to sell them at a \$3.00 piece. A variety of sizes are left. Contact a committee member if interested. What doesn't sell will be donated to area group homes.

Speaker

DAVE BAILEY, Outreach Coordinator for AIM, Center for Independent Living will be our speaker for the October 27th meeting. The meeting will begin at 6, Dave will speak at 7pm. He will have handouts and will discuss programs and services offered by his organization. He will also discuss schools and transitioning from home to more independent living situations. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Thanks to Ruth Campbell for making these arrangements.

We're looking for ideas for upcoming speakers. We'd like to have Deb Henry, a nurse for ARC visit us again to speak about medical issues faced by individuals with Down Syndrome. Watch for a date. Any other ideas? Such as professionals (therapists, doctors, teachers, school administrators) who have an area of expertise that effects our loved ones or family

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Next Meeting: *6 p.m. October 27, 2004* **Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Speaker "Dave Bailey"
3. Open Forum
4. Buddy Walk

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Dates to Remember:

October 27

Monthly Meeting @ Chemung ARC. Dave Bailey will be speaking.

November 17

Monthly Meeting 6pm @ ARC **“Please Note Date Change Due to Thanksgiving”**

December 8

Annual Christmas Party. Watch for more details.

No Regular Monthly Meeting in December

Meetings of the Down Syndrome Information Network of the Twin Tiers are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise announced) at Chemung ARC, 711 Sullivan Street in Elmira. Child care is available.

Thanks to Chemung ARC for the generous gift of new brochures for the group. If you would like to distribute some to an appropriate site, you can pick them up at a monthly meeting.