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A Zoo for All: Woodland Park Zoo partners with Down Syndrome Community of Puget Sound to host Buddy Walk **Today is Giving Day! Help support Zoo for All and other causes at givingday.zoo.org**

SEATTLE— Woodland Park Zoo is proud to team up with Down Syndrome Community of Puget Sound to host the 23rd Annual Puget Sound Buddy Walk this Sunday, October 6 at the zoo. It's a day of celebration to promote acceptance, inclusion and respect for people with Down syndrome, and everyone is welcome to attend and show their support.



Today is Woodland Park Zoo's first-ever **All for Animals Giving Day**, where the community can support causes like Zoo for All, which allows the zoo to host events like Buddy Walk at no cost to the community.

As of 1:00 p.m. today, October 2, our community has contributed more than half of the \$60,000 Giving Day Goal! Help us meet our goal before midnight -- visit givingday.zoo.org to make your gift and make a difference. Thanks to generous partners, each cause has a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$5,000 on donations made before midnight.

"Zoo for All is an extension of the zoo's commitment to access and inclusion, so that people of all backgrounds and abilities can experience the zoo, connect to nature and be inspired to save wildlife," said Alejandro Grajal, President and CEO of Woodland Park Zoo. "By inviting all voices to join us in designing the future of conservation, we are empowering communities across King County and beyond."

For more information on the Puget Sound Buddy Walk, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/psbw2019/>. Join over 1,500 friends and supporters at Woodland Park Zoo on Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., for an afternoon of fun including activities for the family, resource booths, artists with Down syndrome, food trucks, team photos, and of course, a walk around the zoo!

For anyone who wants to donate after Giving Day, contributions will remain open through the month of October at givingday.zoo.org.

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