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To Whom It May Concern:

Families Exploring Down Syndrome is a local support group that provides education and support to parents and families with individual with Down syndrome. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that services families all over Southeastern Michigan. Our organization was established in 1989 and is **run on a completely volunteer basis** by dedicated parents, volunteers, and community leaders.

The activities and support provided by Families Exploring Down Syndrome are vital to families who have an individual with Down syndrome. We provide much needed **information to medical staff**, supply **support to families newly diagnosed** or giving birth to a baby with Down syndrome, have **monthly educational speakers**, and provide social opportunities like **play groups** for young children and a **dance club** for older teens and young adults.

Our major fundraising effort each year is our Down syndrome awareness walk. This year our theme is "Thumbs Up For Down Syndrome: Luau Walk." It is our hope to get local business and organizations involved in our effort to provide awareness about Down syndrome. Our event will be held on Saturday, September 15th at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township.

We hope that you will consider a **monetary donation**, providing a **goods donation**, or **volunteering** to help on the day of the event. Together we can raise awareness and continue to provide much needed support and activities to the Down syndrome community of Southeast Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

Donovan Myers
President of Families Exploring Down Syndrome