

Charity Corner - October, 2008



A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the Buddies for Life walk to help raise awareness for Down Syndrome. The day was a huge success; hundreds came out to participate in the walk, to play, eat and shop, but more importantly to promote awareness, acceptance, support and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. In lieu of participating in the walk, SFN also made a monetary donation of \$200 to Siouxland Buddies for Life.

I am extremely excited to inform you that our charitable contribution for October will be a \$200 donation to Siouxland Autism. Autism hits close to home for many of us, including myself. Autism affects 1 in 150 people; 3-6 children in 1000 will have autism. It is the fastest growing developmental disability at a rate of 10-17% annually. Males are four times more likely to have autism than females. There is no cure for autism.

At our annual holiday party we are planning to collect items/supplies needed at the Ronald McDonald House of Siouxland. Most of us have a few of these items around the house. Please plan to bring an item or two with you to the Holiday party so we can support our local Ronald McDonald House and the families who are in need of using the facility. A partial list of the items are below, an updated list will be in the November newsletter.

Elizabeth Miller ~ Charity Chair

