

# Buddy Walk at the Beach registration and contest opens

SEASIDE — While most people are excited when they approached high school graduation and look toward the future as full of possibility, young people with disabilities “age out of the system” and suddenly find themselves without the support, programming and services they received during their school years.

The Buddy Walk at the Beach is a Down syndrome and special needs awareness walk representing Tillamook and Clatsop counties. This year’s 11th annual walk is set for Sept. 19 at Quatat Park. Buddy walkers will be dressed in bright colors, promoting community awareness and will introduce an additional vision: To create a living, working, respite community for people with special needs and those who share their journey, a place where everyone can learn, grow and thrive on the North Coast.

Sammy’s Place, an Oregon 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has agreed to sponsor this year’s Buddy Walk at



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The Buddy Walk, set for Sept. 19, will promote awareness about developmental disabilities and the vision Sammy’s Place has for those with special needs.

the Beach. Sammy’s Place values the uniqueness of each individual and will strive to create opportunities for everyone to discover and realize their full potential.

The current Sammy’s Place board of directors have been diligent over the last 18 months, completing the work involved to broaden its mission from respite

to include living and work resources. Other immediate tasks for the board members will be strategic planning, including the goal of reaching long-term financial sustainability.

This group envisions to obtain North Coast acreage and to eventually build facilities where everyone is invited to contribute, regardless of their abilities. Sammy’s Place imagines opportunities that lead to community integration through ideas, such as organic farming, farmers market vending, animal husbandry,

farmstead cheese production and artisan crafts.

The goal for this year’s Buddy Walk at the Beach is to raise \$30,000 to support Sammy’s Place’s vision of establishing a living and working community for adults with special needs on the North Coast.

Walkers can build teams to collect donations for the Buddy Walk and strive for big prizes. If you cannot make the Buddy Walk at the Beach, organizers encourage you to enter the contest by becoming a fundraiser; ask friends to donate to your page for Sammy’s Place and qualify to win one of five prizes. First Place includes a \$1,000 Visa gift card. To register or become a fundraiser for prizes, visit [www.sammysplace.info](http://www.sammysplace.info). For more information, contact Julie Chick at [chickj@charter.net](mailto:chickj@charter.net), or call 503-368-5193.

The majority of the donations will go toward building capacity in order to obtain the goal of a down payment for land and facilities for Sammy’s Place, and seven percent will go to the National Down Syndrome Society for its continuous efforts in promoting national awareness and research.



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“X” by Roger Hayes at KALA.

## Examine the line between advertising, erotica at KALA Roger Hayes opens ‘Art as Pornography’

ASTORIA — KALA presents “Art as Pornography,” a body of work culminating from over a two-year period by Astoria artist Roger Hayes. Through paintings and collage Hayes explores pornographic imagery, traveling the borders between pop art and erotica.

The themes are glamor, gender and the lines between advertising and pornography. The glamor captures the sex appeal and allure of the wanted and plays with its various levels of salience.

In the artist’s mind this ties together threads of similarity between fashion, horror, porn, definitions of gender, and definitions of dominance and passivity, that glamor alludes to.

Astoria multi-media artist Jessica Schleif created the window treatment. A selection of images was also contributed

by Stephen Stefanov.

Some strong imagery will be included in the opening reception, set from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 10 at KALA, 1017 Marine Drive. The reception will include a no-host bar, complimentary appetizers and live performance.

The show is for a mature audience of 21 and over. For more information, call 503-338-4878.

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