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A response to 10- year-old migrant girl with Down syndrome separated from family

Calgary, Alta. – The Canadian Down Syndrome Society (CDSS) was deeply saddened to hear that a 10 –year old girl with Down syndrome was separated from her mother in Texas. CDSS fully promotes the abilities and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. When we heard of this disturbing news we were shocked to know that there was not special procedures in place to ensure the well being of this child in a situation such as this one. We advocate for the fair treatment of all people including those with a disability.

This letter is in response to both the actions of the separation of the family but also to the American groups who were able to assist and provide a prompt remedy to this situation.

We applaud both the Global Down Syndrome Foundation as well as the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) for their quick response and political action. Not only did both groups shed light on an important issue they were quick to act in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of this girl was the first priority.

CDSS is grateful to have great allies in the United States to work closely with in ensuring the rights of people with Down syndrome and their families are not overlooked in any situation.

If you have any questions regarding this statement or the Canadian Down Syndrome Society please feel free to reach out at info@cdss.ca or 1-800-883-5608

About Canadian Down Syndrome Society:

The Canadian Down Syndrome Society (CDSS) is a vital resource linking individuals, parents and professionals through advocacy, education, and providing information. CDSS is proud to be the voice of Canadians with Down syndrome and their families. CDSS wants all Canadians to ‘See the Ability’. Visit www.cdss.ca for more information.