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# "People With Down Syndrome Need Us" - Volunteer

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An American Down Syndrome volunteer Arthur Richardson, says a person living with the sickness need normal people for care and love. Down Syndrome is a disease that creates mental and physical deficiencies in human beings. Victims are seen behaving funny while some with twisted mouths and necks as well as weak in the body.

Richardson made the statement on Friday at the celebration of World Down Syndrome Day held at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium in Monrovia. "People with Down Syndrome need us," he indicated.

According to him, people with Down Syndrome may have health issues throughout their lives, just like everyone else and they should have access to healthcare on an equal basis with others. The Down Syndrome volunteer noted there are no specific health issues which may affect people with down syndrome for which accurate, evidence based information is available.

Richardson said: "There is a need for health professionals to be aware not to discriminate against people with the sickness."

Also speaking at the occasion, founder of My Heart's Appeal, Lovetie Major buttressed Richardson's call, adding that "We are trying everything humanly



to provide the needs of those living with Down syndrome in Liberia by working with local and international organizations."

According to her, the organization also has school for people living with Down syndrome, provide basic education for children living with Down Syndrome. Madam Major used the opportunity to call on local and international NGOs to help in the process, by providing some

support to the My Heart's Appeal Care Center.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) is observed on 21 March every year, to highlight activities of Down syndrome and those who live and work with it, as well as raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights of inclusion and well being of people with down syndrome.