



BE BEAUTIFUL BE YOURSELF FASHION SHOW®

THANK YOU! For...

- ❖ Believing in GLOBAL's Transformative Research, Medical Care, Education, and Advocacy!
- ❖ Supporting GLOBAL's *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show!*
- ❖ Believing in a brighter future for our loved ones with Down syndrome!

SUMMARY OF RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

- ❖ **Research:** Research at our Crnic Institute has allowed us to categorize Down syndrome as an immune system disorder and embark on three clinical trials treating autoimmune disorders and Regression Disorder with promising results. In the history of NIH, there were only two clinical trials for people with Down syndrome. To date, we hold 4 of the 14 NIH INCLUDE clinical trials and have made significant breakthroughs in liver dysfunction, oxygen levels, metabolism, growth hormone and more.
- ❖ **Medical Care:** Our Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado provides excellent medical care for 2,700+ children with Down syndrome from 40 states, Puerto Rico, and 10 countries. Our Adult Clinic at Denver Health is seeing over 200 patients. GLOBAL and the American Academy of Pediatrics established a long-term collaboration resulting in the translation of their important health supervision for children with Down syndrome. In addition, the GLOBAL Adult Guideline, the first evidence-based medical care guidelines for adults published in JAMA (Journal of American Medical Association), is now available in English, Spanish, Japanese, Italian, Albanian, and Swahili, with Ukrainian, Chinese, and Portuguese in development.
- ❖ **Lobbying and Advocacy:** GLOBAL was established in 2009 to reverse the 20 years of Down syndrome being the least funded genetic condition by our National Institutes of Health (NIH). With the support of our Congressional Champions, GLOBAL's advocacy led to the establishment of the trans-NIH Down syndrome research program, the INCLUDE Project, that has generated \$440 million in Down syndrome research and medical care in the last seven years. In 2026, it is imperative that we pass the game-changing DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act which if passed will result in more permanent increased funding for Down syndrome research at NIH. We are grateful to our Congressional Champions, self-advocates, and friends at the NIH!
- ❖ **Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show:** We celebrated our 18th anniversary of our award-winning event – the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world – on October 18, 2025, honoring Quincy Jones Awardees Jane Lynch and Kevin Jannucci, Ambassador Guion Macsovits, 21 gorgeous models, and 1,400 attendees.
- ❖ **AcceptAbility Gala:** In May, GLOBAL will hold its annual *AcceptAbility Gala*, DC's largest fundraiser for people with Down syndrome. Senator Shelley Morre Capito (R-WV) and Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY) will receive GLOBAL's highest honor, the Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award, for their strong advocacy in Congress on behalf of people with Down syndrome.

2026 BE BEAUTIFUL BE YOURSELF FASHION SHOW

GLOBAL's annual *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show* is the largest fundraiser for Down syndrome in the world, raising life-changing and life-saving Research, Medical Care, Education, and Advocacy.

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, November 7, 2026 • Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
- ❖ **Ambassador:** Letizia Napoleone

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