



✨ Introducing Ambassador Letizia Napoleone ✨

Meet our 2026 *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show* GLOBAL Ambassador [Letizia Napoleone](#)! Letizia is a vibrant 23-year-old New York City actress and model, known for her confidence, energy, and strong community presence. Letizia has appeared in major publications like *Wallpaper* and *Harper's Bazaar UK*, and starred in Clinique's 2023 holiday campaign. An accomplished athlete with a black belt in karate, she is also fluent in Italian and English. Now our 2026 GLOBAL Ambassador, Letizia continues to inspire by breaking barriers and showcasing her talent and determination. Join Letizia and a host of other amazing celebrities at our award-winning event on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. [Purchase Tickets & Tables!](#)

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BEST EVER EPIC DANCE PARTY & LAST DAY TO DONATE! 🏆

GLOBAL's EPIC World Down Syndrome Day Dance Party was a huge success and our best ever! Now we need YOUR help bringing it across the finish line & helping us reach our fundraising goal of \$8,000 more! We are so close and 100% of the proceeds support pediatric and adult medical care. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts 🧡💙 [Donate Today!](#)

Rachel Platten to Headline *AcceptAbility Gala* in DC! 💜

Don't miss an unforgettable evening at GLOBAL's *AcceptAbility Gala* in Washington, DC on May 20th, featuring an intimate performance by Emmy Award-winning, multi-platinum singer-songwriter Rachel Platten. Join Congressional and NIH champions for a beautiful event supporting life-changing research and medical care for children and adults with Down syndrome. [Learn More!](#)



Dr. Baumer Receives Prestigious Award 🏆

It was announced this month that Dr. Nicole Baumer, Director of our Sie Center for Down Syndrome, will receive the prestigious NDSC 2026 Pueschel/Tjossem Research Award. Additional awardees to be honored at the July NDSC Convention include GLOBAL Membership Advisory Board Member Amy Van Bergen. [Read More!](#)



GLOBAL Adult Guideline Hits Major Milestone!

In honor of WDS, our proposed systematic review of the 2nd edition GLOBAL Medical Care Guidelines for Adults with Down Syndrome was published in the prestigious Effective Health Care database. The Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) review and publication serves as a key milestone towards the highly anticipated publishing of these important guidelines, expected by the end of 2026. [Read More](#)



A Mom's Mission to Support Those with IDD in Tanzania

After her son was born with Down syndrome, Elly Kitily turned her search for answers into action by founding Chadron's Hope Foundation. Today, the organization is a GLOBAL International Advisory Board Member supporting families across Tanzania with therapy services, assistance for mothers, and medical support.

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GLOBAL Webinar Registration

Hearing loss is a major issue in the Down syndrome population 🎧 Join



Now Accepting Applications!

Organization Members can apply for a GLOBAL Education Award for

GLOBAL and Dr. Heather Porter for this must-see webinar on Tuesday April 7, *presented by Glaukos. [Sign Up!](#)*

up to \$10,000. Please apply before Friday, May 22.

[Learn More & Apply Today!](#)

Please Donate!

Your donation will fund life-changing research and medical care for people with Down syndrome. Together we will elongate lives and improve health outcomes!

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The Global Down Syndrome Foundation (GLOBAL) is the largest non-profit in the U.S. working to save lives and dramatically improve health outcomes for people with Down syndrome. GLOBAL established the first Down syndrome research institute and supports over 400 scientists and over 2,700 patients with Down syndrome from 40 states and 11 countries. Working closely with Congress and the National Institutes of Health, GLOBAL is the lead advocacy organization in the U.S. for Down syndrome research and care. GLOBAL has a membership of over 100 Down syndrome organizations worldwide, and is part of a network of Affiliates – the [Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome](#), the [Sie Center for Down Syndrome](#), the [University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center](#) – all on the Anschutz Medical Campus, and the [GLOBAL Adult Down Syndrome Clinic](#) at Denver Health.

GLOBAL's widely circulated medical publications include [Global Medical Care Guidelines for Adults with Down Syndrome](#), [Prenatal & Newborn Down Syndrome Information](#), and the award-winning magazine [Down Syndrome World™](#). GLOBAL also organizes the annual [AcceptAbility Gala](#) in Washington DC, and the annual [Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show](#), the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world.

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