



GLOBAL's AcceptAbility Gala Raises Funds & Awareness for Research & Medical Care as Celebrities & Congressional Leaders Rally Behind the Cause

The 8th annual *AcceptAbility Gala*, Washington DC's largest fundraiser for people with Down syndrome, raised \$430,000 to support important research and medical care benefiting people with Down syndrome. The gala brings together policymakers from both sides of the aisle, key scientists from NIH, corporate sponsors with BIG hearts, celebrities, and the Down syndrome community for a night of inspiration.

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🏆 GLOBAL's Fashion Show Wins 3 ICON Awards!

GLOBAL's 2025 *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show* won the ICON Awards coveted Best Event for a Non-Profit Organization, Best Event Entertainment Concept & Execution, and Best Event Photography. Huge thanks to our Chairs, Event Committee, Honorees, Models, Partners & Supporters! Make a difference & join us for the [2026 Fashion Show](#)



🌟 John Sie Receives SeriesFest Visionary Award

GLOBAL co-founder & cable TV pioneer, John J. Sie, received the SeriesFest Visionary Award. He was humbled by a standing ovation for many milestones - being the "Father of Digital Compression," starting C-SPAN, Showtime and Starz Encore, creating Sunday Night Football and more!

📖 [His Life & the Visionary Award](#)



📈 GLOBAL Adult Guideline Celebrates Milestone!

Last month, the JAMA publication of the GLOBAL Adult Medical Care Guideline reached 200 reference citations! The guidelines continue to be a trusted resource by families and providers seeking to deliver quality health care to this population. Get your complimentary copy today. [Download Here!](#)





Ride with GLOBAL at the Courage Classic

Join GLOBAL's Dare to Ride Team and raise life-saving funds for the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital CO! Held in Copper Mountain July 18-19, it fuels critical care, research, and programs that make a lasting difference for children with Down syndrome. [Join the Team or Support a Rider](#)  

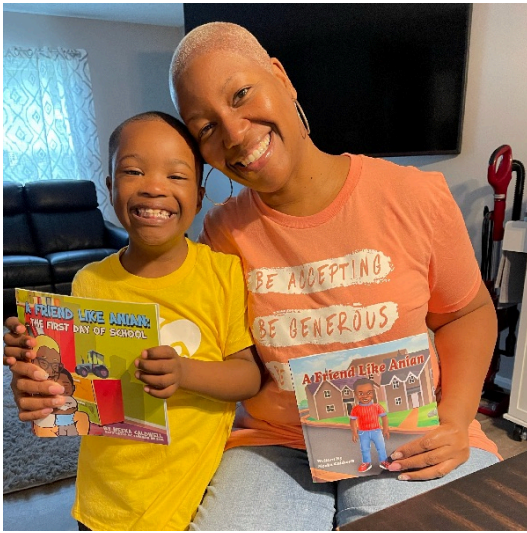
Midlands & GLOBAL See Huge Fundraiser Success!

For the 5th year, the annual Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands - GLOBAL gala in Omaha, Nebraska was a HUGE success! Attendees heard from Crnic Institute behavior expert, Dr. Lina Patel, how every dollar raised at the event supports amazing local programs and helps elongate lives and improve health outcomes nationally. [Learn What Else She Shared](#)



Bravo GLOBAL Dancers

The *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Dance Program* Spring Showcase was beautifully choreographed highlighting our dancers' talent and dedication. This program is made possible through the kind generosity of Sandy Wolf & The Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation and is long-time collaboration between GLOBAL and the Colorado Ballet. It'll make your day - [Recital Photos!](#)



Happy Mother's Day! 🌸

We LOVE honoring the incredible moms in our GLOBAL community and want to see how YOU celebrated this year! [Share Your Memories With Us](#)



🎓 Hats Off to the Class of '26!

We want to celebrate YOUR incredible milestone! Send us your graduation photos for a chance to be featured! [Submit Your Photos 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 [Crnice 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 TM](#). 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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