Global Down Syndrome kickoff a GloryUs party

By Glory Whitten

Sophie Whitten has a smile that brightens up a room and on Aug. 16 she was with friends and family at the kickoff for the third annual Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show benefiting the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.

Sophie was born in 2003 with Down syndrome which had not gotten its share of research dollars until Sophie’s grandparents, John and Anna Sie, got wind of that brightens up a ballroom and on Aug. 16 she was with friends and family at the kickoff for the third annual Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show benefiting the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.

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So to foster more research, the See’s daughter and Sophie’s mum, Michelle Whitten, took on the reins of the foundation, creating the mega-important fall benefit that has drawn 1,200 supporters to the Convention Center Hyatt, flying in media stars and adding locals in the community, many of whom are known as leading local philanthropists.

The fashion show features high-end designers and the Oct. 15 edition kicked off at Andrisen Morton.

The mega-men’s store in Cherry Creek North was awash with those already familiar with Italian designer, Brunello Cucinelli. Mrs. Sie, Italian by birth, was well able to pronounce the name perfectly, leading others to softly laugh at their own tongue-tangling tries.

And so went the fun affair that offered freshly made pizzas right outside the store’s door by Epicurean in its portable pizza oven.

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VOA to honor Sies

Our 2008 Villagers of the Year, John and Anna Sie, are accepting the VOA’s Humanitarian Award at the Western Fantasy event, Oct. 22. The Fantasy kicks off Sept. 15 with its annual patron party at Newman Marcus. The Gala is being chaired by Diane and Tom Honig. Sure to be on hand is VOA Colors Board Chairman Kalleen Malone, President and CEO Dianna Kunz and Development Director Michael James. For info, call 720-264-3322 or email minions@voacolorado.org.

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