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**Crnice Institute Associate Director, Dr. Joaquín Espinosa, Publishes Game-changing Down Syndrome Research**



Renowned Crnice Institute scientist, Dr. Espinosa, has published a seminal paper in a high impact science journal underscoring how interferon activation in people with Down syndrome may explain cognitive deficit, increased prevalence of autoimmune disorders, higher risk of Alzheimer's disease and protection against solid tumors in people with the condition. Testing FDA-approved drugs that block interferon could be an important next step. [More](#)

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**Global Announces 2016 Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award Recipient**

Global is proud to name Frank Stephens – author, actor and self-advocate – as the recipient of the 2016 Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award. Stephens join luminaries DeOndra Dixon, Tim Harris and Karen Gaffney to support Global at the Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this star-studded, largest single fundraiser for Down syndrome! [More](#)



**Your Blood Can Improve the Future**

Global is taking the lead on supporting the Crnice Institute's DS discovery-accelerator platform called *The Human Trisome Project Biobank™*. By collecting just a single sample of blood from a thousand people with DS we believe scientists will discover treatments or even cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's and leukemia that are more prevalent in people with DS. [More](#)



**A Global Bromance: J.R. Smith and Brad Hennefer**

NBA Champion J.R. Smith and Global awardee Brad Hennefer's longtime friendship is detailed in the Fall issue of *Down Syndrome World™* magazine. The two athletes share how they inspire each other and how the public's view of them isn't always the most accurate. [More](#)



**Colorado Governor, First Lady and Tennis Champion Support Global**

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and First Lady Robin Pringle Hickenlooper joined Mats Wilander, the former world No. 1 tennis player, at Global's Dare to Play Tennis Camp Exhibition Day. The day was the culmination of a 6-week camp where athletes with Down syndrome and their typical peers learned the fundamentals of tennis. [More](#)

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The Global Down Syndrome Foundation is a public nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to significantly improving the lives of people with Down syndrome through research, medical care, education and advocacy. Formally established in 2009, Global has the primary focus of supporting the Linda Crnice Institute for Down Syndrome, the first academic home in the U.S. committed to research and medical care for people with the condition, and the Anna and John J. Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado. Global is an inclusive organization without political or religious affiliation or intention.