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Meet GLOBAL's 2023 *Be Beautiful Be Yourself* Ambassador Grace Brennan!

SAVE THE DATE! GLOBAL's award-winning *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show* will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel! We are proud to announce Lu Law and Amanda Precourt as our Co-Chairs, and Grace Brennan as our AMAZING GLOBAL Ambassador. Keep visiting our website to learn more about Ambassador Grace and other event details as they are confirmed! Learn more about Grace.



GLOBAL Receives AADMD "Local Hero" Award

The American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry presented GLOBAL with their "Local Hero" award recognizing the impact of GLOBAL's first-ever <u>Medical Care</u> <u>Guidelines for Adults with Down</u> <u>Syndrome</u>. GLOBAL's Sr. Director Bryn Gelaro, Athlete & Public Speaker Connor Long, and Drs. Tyler and Martin were on hand to celebrate and accept the award. <u>Learn More</u>.

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Appreciating Our Fabulous Mothers!

This month, we wanted to take a moment to appreciate all of the fabulous mothers in the world. Lisa Newtop, a friend of GLOBAL who happens to have Down syndrome, gave birth to her son, Nic in 1996. With the support of her mother, Patti, Lisa raised a healthy and happy son. While they have their own challenges to navigate - as most mothers do - Lisa and Patti express how lucky they are to have Nic in their lives and strive to give him the best life possible. <u>Read</u> the full story.







Bravo! Another Successful Ballet Recital

GLOBAL hosted their annual *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Dance* recital at the Colorado Ballet on May 15th. Eighteen dancers aged 5-17 showcased exercises, ballet and hip-hop after 16 weeks of lessons. Over 100 attendees, including generous philanthropist Sandy Wolf, cheered them on! This program is a fun and dynamic collaboration between GLOBAL, the Colorado Ballet, and the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado. Learn more about the program.

CMS Must Allow Patients with Down Syndrome Into Alzheimer's Drug Trials!

In April of 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that people with Down syndrome would <u>not</u> be eligible for Alzheimer's drug trials which could block them from insurance coverage for those drugs. GLOBAL and our colleagues advocated successfully to change that. A year later, GLOBAL President & CEO describes the continued areas of reform CMS should be addressing to ensure promising Alzheimer's drugs for people with and without Down syndrome come to market faster without compromising safety. A personal message to CMS to do more.





We Want to Feature YOU In Our Magazine!

Send us your favorite photos for a chance to be featured in GLOBAL's award-winning *Down Syndrome WorldTM* magazine and social media! <u>Submit your photos here</u>.



Use Your Facebook for Good!

Rally your friends & family to support the Down syndrome community by creating a GLOBAL Facebook Fundraiser. Improve the lives of people with Down syndrome with the click of a button. <u>Start a fundraiser in under 2</u> <u>minutes</u>!

Please Donate!

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

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The <u>Global Down Syndrome Foundation</u> (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 has donated more than \$32 million to establish the first Down syndrome research institute supporting over 400 scientists and over 2,200 patients with Down syndrome from 33 states and 10 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 medical care. GLOBAL has a membership of over 100 Down syndrome, the Sie Center for Down Syndrome, and the University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center – all on the Anschutz Medical Campus. GLOBAL's widely circulated medical publications include <u>GLOBAL Medical</u> <u>Care Guidelines for Adults with Down Syndrome</u>, Prenatal & Newborn Down Syndrome Information, and the award-winning <u>Down Syndrome World™</u> magazine. GLOBAL also organizes the <u>Be Beautiful Be</u> <u>Yourself Fashion Show</u>, the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the word.

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