

THANK YOU! For...

- ❖ **Believing in GLOBAL's Transformative Work and for Supporting our *AcceptAbility Gala!***
- ❖ **Believing in a brighter future for our loved ones with Down syndrome!**

SUMMARY OF RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

- ❖ **Research:** GLOBAL's advocacy, and our research at the Crnic Institute and the Alzheimer's & Cognition Center, resulted in the first NIH National Down Syndrome Data Coordinating Center, the first clinical trial to treat immune conditions specifically for those with Down syndrome, the first clinical trial to address Down Syndrome Regression Disorder, and the first clinical trial to test a promising Alzheimer's drug in young adults with Down syndrome.
- ❖ **Medical Care:** Our Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado provided excellent medical care for 2,500+ children with Down syndrome from 35 states, Puerto Rico, and 10 countries. Our Adult Clinic at Denver Health is seeing over 200 patients.

GLOBAL and the American Academy of Pediatrics established a long-term collaboration resulting in the translation of their important guidelines for children with Down syndrome. In addition, the GLOBAL Adult Guideline, the first evidence-based medical care guidelines for adults published in *JAMA (Journal of American Medical Association)*, is now available in English, Spanish, Japanese, Italian, Albanian, and Swahili.

- ❖ **Lobbying and Advocacy:** Our advocacy efforts include the introduction of the transformational DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act which if passed will result in more permanent increased funding for Down syndrome research at NIH. Over the last seven years, we have generated an additional \$440 million in NIH Down syndrome research and medical care – We are grateful to our Congressional Champions, self-advocates, and friends at the NIH!
- ❖ **Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show:** We celebrated our 18th anniversary of our award-winning event – the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world – on October 18th, 2025, honoring Quincy Jones Awardees Jane Lynch and Kevin Iannucci, Ambassador Guion Macsovits, 21 gorgeous models, and hosting over 1,400 attendees.
- ❖ **AcceptAbility Gala:** Last May, GLOBAL held its annual AcceptAbility Gala, DC's largest fundraiser for people with Down syndrome. We honored Ambassador Tucker Emry and Representatives Robert Aderholt (R-AL) and Diana DeGette (D-CO) who received GLOBAL's highest honor, the Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award, for their strong advocacy in Congress on behalf of people with Down syndrome. [Click here for highlights.](#)

2026 ACCEPTABILITY GALA: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 • JW Marriott Washington, DC

- ❖ **Ambassador:** Crystal Muro
- ❖ **Honorees:** Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-NY) and Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- ❖ **Entertainment:** RhythmXpress, Robert Wallop

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