



🎂 Happy 90th Birthday 🎂

GLOBAL Co-Founder & Cable TV Pioneer John J. Sie!

On April 12, 2026, family, close friends and beloved colleagues from the cable TV industry gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of GLOBAL's fearless co-founder, John J. Sie.

An immigrant from China who spent his high school years in an orphanage in Staten Island, John has lived the American dream. He married Anna Maglione and helped build the cable TV industry. Known as "the father of digital compression" he developed microwave technology and set-top-boxes; he helped launch Showtime, build TCI, created Starz and raised five children with Anna who was an immigrant from Italy.

In retirement John and Anna invested much of their philanthropy towards ensuring their granddaughter with Down syndrome, Sophia, has a long and healthy life -- they co-founded GLOBAL, Crnic Institute, Sie Center, Alzheimer's & Cognition Center, GLOBAL Adult Clinic and the GLOBAL Inclusive Program at Regis University.

Please join us in celebrating this milestone for our brilliant and kind co-founder. He has asked for donations to GLOBAL in lieu of any gifts so we can all pay it forward. [Give a Life-Saving Gift](#)



📣 The Time for Inclusive Hiring is NOW! 📣

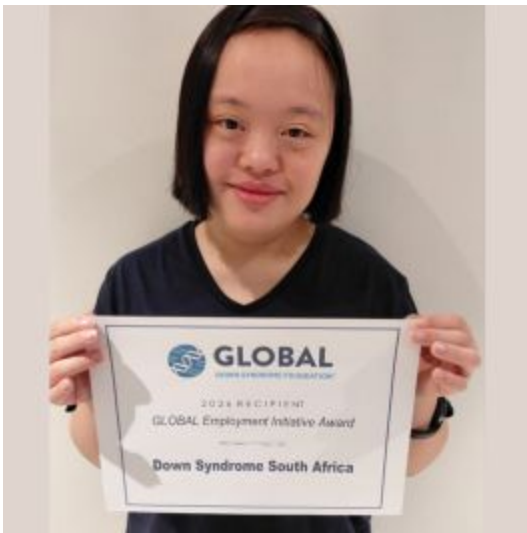
First National Hospitality Industry Survey Reveals – the time to hire people with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities is now! GLOBAL is proud to share groundbreaking new research that shows hiring people with Down syndrome and other intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) isn't just the right thing to do—it's a smart business decision. Published in Hotel Business, learn how inclusive hiring may be the answer to the industry's staggering 70-80% turnover rate: [Explore the Report!](#)

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NIH & Bipartisan Support at AcceptAbility Gala 📣 ✨

Join us Wednesday, May 20th in DC as we celebrate Ambassador Crystal Muro and honor Sen. Shelley Moore Capito & Rep. Paul Tonko. The evening promises to be a night of inspiration, bringing together NIH leaders, policymakers from both sides of the aisle, and a special performance by Emmy Award-winning, multi-platinum artist Rachel Platten. [Purchase Tickets & Tables!](#)





2026 GLOBAL Employment Awards Announced 🌍

This year's GLOBAL Employment Awards will impact over 3,000 individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and professionals. The awards will fund job coaching, vocational training, self-advocate employment, public-facing ambassador roles & new opportunities that promote independence, confidence, & community inclusion.

[Take A Look!](#)

New Pediatric Swallowing Screening Tool! 🍎

Arwen Jackson, speech language pathologist at the Sie Center at Children's Hospital Colorado was awarded the inaugural Sie Center Pilot Grant. Jackson and her team will utilize the grant to validate a screening tool to better identify children at risk of developing pediatric feeding disorders. [Get The Full Story](#)



😊 Effective Ways to Address Behavior in Children

Understanding a child's neurodevelopmental and behavioral characteristics can help parents, teachers & others effectively address behavioral challenges in children with Down syndrome. Sie Center Director, Dr. Nicole Baumer shares powerful insights and strategies to encourage successful outcomes for kids and families. [Discover more](#)





👉 Live Your Healthiest Life!

GLOBAL Adult Medical Care Guidelines help families and individuals with Down syndrome advocate for their medical care. [Download Now](#)



🥰 Share Your Easter Photos!

Spring is in the air! We LOVE celebrating our GLOBAL community and seeing life through your lens. [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 [Cronic 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™](#). 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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