

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:** Research at our Crnic Institute has allowed us to categorize Down syndrome as an immune system disorder and embark on three clinical trials treating autoimmune disorders and Regression Disorder with promising results. In the history of NIH, prior to INCLUDE, there were only two clinical trials for people with Down syndrome. To date, we hold 4 of the 14 NIH INCLUDE clinical trials and have made significant breakthroughs in liver dysfunction, oxygen levels, metabolism, growth hormone and more.
- ❖ **Medical Care:** Our Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado provides excellent medical care for 2,700+ children with Down syndrome from 40 states, Puerto Rico, and 11 countries. Our Adult Clinic at Denver Health is seeing over 250 patients. GLOBAL and the American Academy of Pediatrics established a long-term collaboration resulting in the translation of their important health supervision 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, Swahili, and Ukrainian, with Arabic and Portuguese in development.
- ❖ **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 eight years, we have generated an additional \$523 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 will be celebrating our 19th anniversary of our award-winning event – the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world – on November 7th, 2026, honoring Quincy Jones Awardees Kennedy Garcia and Maria Menounos, Ambassador Letizia Napoleone, 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 Crystal Muro and Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY) 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.](#)

2027 ACCEPTABILITY GALA

Reception and dinner followed by an inspiring program with important congressional speakers, awardees, musical headliner, and inclusive dance team.

- ❖ **Date:** Tuesday, May 18, 2027
- ❖ **Location:** The Anthem – Washington, DC – 901 Wharf Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
- ❖ **More information to come soon!**

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