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## WOODY HARRELSON IS OUR CHAMPION!

We are thrilled to announce that Woody Harrelson will join Sofia Sanchez in receiving GLOBAL's highest honor - the Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Award - at our *Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show* on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. His touching performance in the breakout comedy film *Champions* earned praise for its authenticity with a stellar cast including many actors with Down syndrome and other disabilities. *Learn More and Join Us!* 



## House Passes Our DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act

On September 17, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the gamechanging DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act (H.R. 7406) by a voice vote. Next Steps? We need YOUR help to ensure the DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act (S. 3981) passes the U.S. Senate! Please spend three minutes writing both your Senators using our easy template. *Take Action* 

## Girl Scouts 2024 Woman of Distinction Awardee -Mchelle Sie Whitten

GLOBAL's President & CEO was honored this month with the 2024 Woman of Distinction award by the Girl Scouts of Colorado, recognizing her transformative work for people with Down syndrome and her inspiration for future female leaders. Michelle and her daughter Sophia received the award with a humorous 30 second video. *Watch the Clip* 

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### GLOBAL Invited to Speak at National Minority Quality Forum Webinar

GLOBAL was honored to present at the NMQF Webinar: "Preserving Accessibility & Incentives for Development of Small Molecule Medicines." The discussion focuses on how small molecule medicines are important for addressing chronic diseases in people with Down syndrome. <u>Access the Webinar</u>



# Breakthrough Crnic Study in Published in *Nature*

The Crnic Institute published another breakthrough study that could eventually lead to personalized medicine approaches to manage the co-occurring conditions in people with Down syndrome. The discovery of three distinct molecular and immune subtypes are associated with different molecular signatures related to immune function, cellular signaling, and metabolism. <u>Learn More</u>





### October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the US

Celebrate all month and send us your FAVORITE photos to be featured on GLOBAL's social media and in our award-winning *Down Syndrome* 

World<sup>TM</sup> magazine. <u>Submit your</u> <u>photos</u>



#### GLOBAL & Affiliates Shine at RMDSA Step Up Walk

GLOBAL, the Crnic Institute, the Alzheimer's & Cognition Center, the Sie Center, and the GLOBAL Adult Clinic enjoyed a day in the sun supporting RMDSA with thousands of attendees!

### 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 has donated more than \$32 million to establish the first Down syndrome research institute supporting over 400 scientists and 2,500 patients with Down syndrome from 33 states and 10 countries. Working closely with Congress and the National Institutes of Health, GLOBAL has a membership of over 110 Down syndrome organizations worldwide and is part of a network of Affiliates – the Crnic Institute for 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 GLOBAL Medical Care Guidelines for Adults with Down Syndrome, Prenatal & Newborn Down Syndrome Information, and the award-winning Down Syndrome World™ magazine. GLOBAL also organizes the AcceptAbility Gala in DC, and the *BeBautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show*, the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world.

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