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Quote of the Month:

*"Diversity: the art of thinking
independently together"*
—Malcolm Forbes



April: DEI in Climate Change

In alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduce Inequality, our recent workshop delved into the vital intersection of diversity, equity, and inclusion in climate action. Research reveals a stark truth: individuals in low- and lower-middle-income nations face nearly five times higher risks of displacement from sudden extreme weather events compared to those in high-income countries, compounded by enduring disparities in gender, race, and economic status, which disproportionately impact historically marginalized communities. Recognizing the urgency of these challenges, our workshop emphasized the vital need to integrate diverse perspectives in climate resilience efforts, aiming not only to address challenges but also to unlock innovative solutions that promote social and economic empowerment within these communities. Our monthly donation is in support of the Naperville Park District. This contribution will play a vital role in supplementing access to the park district's programs for low-income residents. Through participation in these programs, we empower individuals from all backgrounds to connect with nature, instilling a sense of responsibility and care for the environment within our community.

NextUp Chicago Spring Learning Event



Some of Global’s esteemed team members, including Becca Fortsch, Alexis Mordawski, and Alejandra Prieto, were honored to participate in the Spring Learning Event organized by NextUp, held at the Kraft Heinz Headquarters in Chicago. NextUp, a non-profit organization and a vibrant community of professional women, allies, and corporate partners, stands at the forefront of fostering gender equality and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

This event was an inspiring platform for our employees to gain insights from an esteemed Executive Leadership Panel, which delved into the transformative power of embracing change for personal and professional growth. Felicity Buddig, the acclaimed author of ‘She is You’, kicked off the session by sharing her remarkable journey of resilience, reinvention, and triumph over life’s adversities. The panelists engaged with the audience, offering invaluable real-time advice on confidently navigating professional and personal challenges while seizing life’s opportunities. Following this enlightening session, participants had the chance to unwind and network with a happy hour, fostering connections within the vibrant Chicago NextUp community. This experience enriched our employees professionally and reaffirmed Global’s unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of diversity, inclusivity, and business excellence.



NIFB: Fight Hunger 5K/Fun Run

Global proudly serves as a Bronze sponsor of the Northern Illinois Food Bank, demonstrating our commitment to supporting our local community. Recently, a dedicated group of our team members had the privilege of participating in the 11th annual Fight Hunger 5K/Fun Run. This remarkable event brings together over 1,500 individuals from diverse backgrounds, united by a common goal: to aid our Northern Illinois neighbors and foster thriving communities. As participants crossed the finish line, they were met with a jubilant atmosphere, complete with food trucks, music, and treats provided by generous event sponsors.



Families enjoyed the Kids Zone, brimming with engaging activities. This year, the event was held at the spacious Oakbrook Reserve, providing an even larger venue to gather and make a meaningful difference in the fight against hunger. In the serene surroundings of Oakbrook Reserve, we were moved by the resilience and generosity of everyone involved, from the dedicated food bank team to the generous matching donor, the event raised an astounding \$26,189. Every dollar raised translates to \$16 worth of groceries for our neighbors in need, showcasing the incredible impact of collective action and community support.

As a team, we eagerly anticipate future collaborations and events, and we're enthusiastic about the prospect of volunteering at one of their centers again soon. Witnessing firsthand the difference they make in our community, we recognize the immense value in their work and are proud to stand alongside them in the fight against food insecurity.

