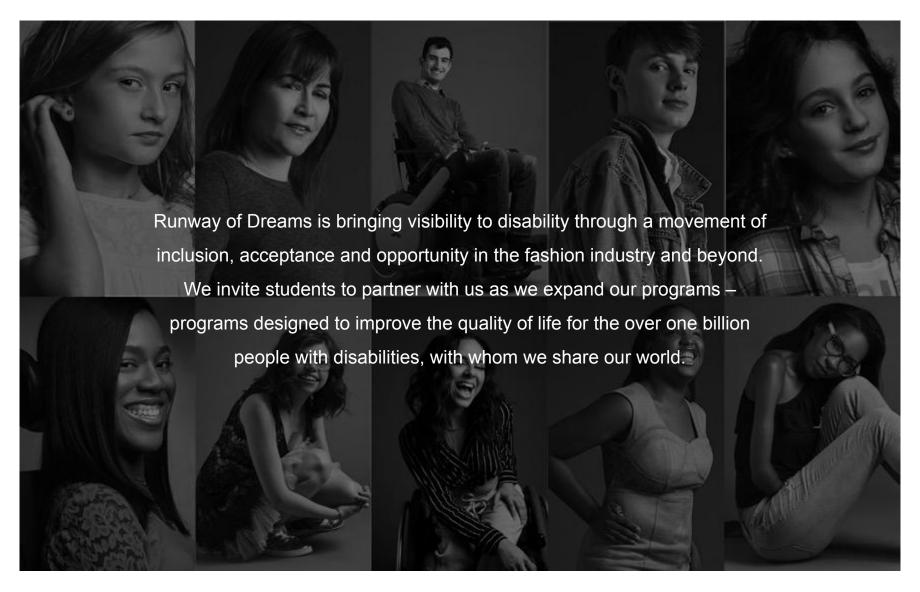
# RUNWAY OF DREAMS FOUNDATION

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A RUNWAY

## **SHARING A VISION**





## **WHO WE ARE**

The Runway of Dreams Foundation is a nonprofit that works toward a future of inclusion, acceptance and opportunity in the fashion Industry for people with disabilities.

The Foundation develops, delivers and supports programs and events that celebrate people's differences, break down stereotypes and highlight the need for mainstream adaptive fashion.



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## **HOW IT HAPPENED**

As seen in TED Talks, People, and USA Today, the Foundation was founded in 2014 by Mindy Scheier – a fashion designer and mother of a child with a disability – who envisioned a world where adaptive clothing for people with disabilities was mainstream. After spending 20 years in the fashion industry, Mindy decided to combine her experience and her passion by creating the Runway of Dreams Foundation.



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MINDY SCHEIER, Founder and CEO



### **CAMPAIGN FOR INCLUSION**

















Raising awareness about the need for mainstream adaptive clothing and bridging the gap between people with disabilities and the fashion industry is a main pillar of the Foundation.

Through major media engagements, speaking opportunities, conferences, community partnerships, college clubs and story telling initiatives, the Foundation is bringing visibility to disability by leading the movement of inclusion in the fashion industry.

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## **WARDROBE GRANTS**

To make fashion truly accessible for all, the Runway of Dreams Foundation provides Wardrobe Grants to partner organizations serving people with disabilities for the purchase of adaptive apparel OR to tailor apparel to suit specific needs. The Foundation also facilitates adaptive clothing donations from our brand partners to a nation-wide network of schools, hospitals and non-profit organizations serving people with disabilities.







RECIPIENTS OF WARDROBE GRANTS

Graduates of Combat Wounded Coalition Overcome Academy 2018



### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We invest in the future of functional fashion fashion by providing scholarships to the next generation of students advancing adaptive design.

Further, to support employment, the Foundation awards scholarships to students with disabilities pursuing careers in fashion.



JESSICA BACHANSINGH
Florida State University

1st Place



MELISSA RODGERS Immaculata University 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



ALLISON STEFFAN
Michigan State University
2nd Place



ANDREA BILGRIEN University of Missouri 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



CARMEN MOSNIA
University of Texas / Austin
Honorable Mention



ERIN HAYES
Pratt Institute
2018 Springboard Scholarship
Recipient



APRIL MCCLISH
Oregon State University
2018 Springboard Scholarship
Recipient





## **COLLEGE CLUBS CAN...**

Conduct exciting and fun events to raise funds and awareness for Runway of Dreams' mission. Fashion Shows are a natural fit, but we're open to all creative ideas!

- Help expand Runway of Dreams' programming in your region
- Join our Campaign for Awareness through speaking engagements, university publications and social media
- Spread the word about Runway of Dreams scholarship opportunities
- Hold Adaptive runway shows that provide apparel donations to models with disabilities
- Provide you and your Club members with leadership experience, networking opportunities and resumes enhancement!

# STUDENT CAMPAIGN FOR AWARENESS

Help bring confidence, independence and style to people with disabilities everywhere by joining Runway of Dreams' Movement of Inclusion in the fashion industry.

Start your college club today!

It's easy, simply:

- 1. Contact the Foundation for permission to get started.
- 2. Obtain instructions from your academic institution about procedures for launching a new club.
- 3. Assemble a dedicated and organized group of students!





# **THANK YOU**



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