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#### **Mission**

The Matthew Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for those with Down syndrome over their entire lifespan. Current programs focus on: Research, Inclusive Practices, and Employment

### **Areas of Focus**

We support **RESEARCH**. Long term, we hope to see Centers of Excellence for Down syndrome research and care around the world. Short term, we establish endowed funds and work with universities to engage their alumni base and overall university community to support Down syndrome research. We currently have a relationship with Stanford University and are in deep conversations other top universities. We are also Founding Supporters of Trisomy 21 Research Society.

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### **Areas of Focus (continued)**

We support **INCLUSION** through sports and other areas. We are organizing an annual celebrity "Super Fest", a Football Clinic and Festival, for all youth including teaching those with intellectual disabilities the game of American football. "Super Fest" will take place the week of the Super Bowl in the same city as the Super Bowl.

We support **EMPLOYMENT** as a means to **independence** and **self-confidence**. We are building relationships to support this goal, starting with National Down Syndrome Society in the U.S.

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