

Introducing our first Keynote Speaker, Dr. Susan Swenson

Dr. Swenson is currently the President of Inclusion International, a global organization that advocates for inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities into their communities as valued neighbors and citizens. Prior to this position, Sue has served as the director of the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research and twice served as the acting secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. She has been appointed to disability leadership by 3 Presidents. She has also spent four years leading the Arc of the United States as its CEO.



Sue's work is also very personal. Her son Charlie was born with multiple disabilities. He was a strong, self-advocate and he also advocated for others. He passed away nearly ten years ago, in 2013. You'll learn more about Charlie and how he inspired Sue's work in her presentation entitled "Parents as Partners in the Power of Inclusion." To find out more about Inclusion International go to [https://inclusion-](https://inclusion-international.org/person/sue-swenson/)

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