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Happenings @ The Forum

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Celebrating Exceptional Children

October is National Down's Syndrome Awareness Month. So this week, we're celebrating South Carolina's current **Exceptional Needs Tax Credit Scholarship** ...as well as looking at ideas like Arizona's ground-breaking Empower Scholarship Accounts (ESA's) that are creating even more opportunity for these precious children. DON'T MISS Salima's touching ESA success story below...

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MAKING PROGRESS IN 2014: SC's exceptional needs tax credit was not made permanent in 2014, but the original proviso was renewed and there are now five Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFO's) up and running, supporting the work of nearly 100 schools.

NEXT STEPS: Continue a transparent, accountable implementation process for current scholarships and enact our Exceptional Needs tax credit into permanent law!

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Last week, U.S. Senator
us for a dinner discussion
his time as Speaker of
Senator Rubio has been a
state-based policy solutions to
the American Dream. As
Florida holding "idearaisers" (the
became 100 Innovative
Future). It was great to he
bringing this kind of common
working to return decision-making to the states!

Ellen Weaver welcomes Sen. Rubio's daughter Tammy & Dan Adams (Forum Board Member)

We're Growing!

We're excited to introduce you to our new Development Director, Jessica Blake! A native of Columbia, Jessi now lives in Greenville with her husband Josh, 11 week old son Joey and Otis, their faithful beagle/baset hound mix.

QUICK FACTS

School: Furman University (graduated in 2006 with a degree in Political Science and English).

Favorite Things: Music is very important (I love everything from the Avett Brothers to choral anthems), all college football (but especially Clemson and Furman), breakfast food anytime of the day, and relaxing along our beautiful coast.

What the Forum Means to Me: Having been a U.S. Senate Staffer for many years, I saw firsthand our nation's changing policy climate. Now, I'm excited to be a part of team that is striving to bring positive and proven ideas to our state...as well as ensuring that our state is a beacon and model for others.

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