

## Biographical Summary

Sean McElwee is 26 years old and happens to have Down syndrome. Sean is an entrepreneur, creating t-shirts with his funny sayings that can be seen at [seanese.com](http://seanese.com). He also enjoys public speaking, encouraging his audiences to never give up on their dreams. Living in his own apartment with supported living staff facilitating his independence, Sean loves making his own decisions and eating bean and cheese burritos every single day. He is a gifted athlete and has dance moves that own the floor. Sean is a cast member for the Emmy-Winning A&E Television show, "Born This Way."

Sandra Assimotos McElwee is an advocate for unborn babies with Down syndrome and created one of the first websites for parents with a prenatal diagnosis. Author of three books written about her son Sean, "Who's the Slow Learner? A Chronicle of Inclusion and Exclusion," "Who's the Slow Learner? Adventures in Independence," And "My Name is Sean and I have Something to Share." She also contributed to "Gifts: Mothers Reflect on How Children with Down Syndrome Enrich Our Lives," Married over twenty-seven years to Sean's father, Rick , they enjoy traveling and participating in Sean's sports activities. Sandra is Sean's employee in his business, her title, "Chief Dream Facilitator." Also a medical sales professional her most important job is being Sean's mother.