



Nicole Johnson, DrPH, MPH, MA has served as a diabetes advocate since she was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 1993. Although she is most well known for her time as Miss America 1999 when she brought awareness to diabetes by sharing her personal story, she has gained a reputation most recently for her engagement in diabetes research focused on quality of life, psychosocial issues, and family dynamics.

Nicole is the National Director of Mission at JDRF where she uses her behavioral science, public health and communications background to drive strategies for population engagement and understanding. At JDRF Nicole manages the Young Adult portfolio of programs, the JDRF Psychology Fellowship program and JDRF's Peer Organization relationships.

In her journalism career, Nicole won a Telly Award for her work on the CNBC diabetes talk show dLife. Her love of journalism lead her to be a columnist for numerous diabetes magazines ,as well as the author of 8 books related to diabetes. Her most recent book is *What to Do When Your Partner Has Diabetes: A Survival Guide*.

Over the years, Nicole has visited diabetes camps across the nation. This past year she spent time at the Clara Barton Camp and at Camp Sweeny where she was overwhelmed by the intelligence and dedication of the campers and the camp staff.