



**Robert Wallop**  
Dance Soloist



**Crystal Muro**  
2026 Ambassador



**Paul Tonko**  
2026 Quincy Jones Exceptional  
Advocacy Awardee

## Save the Date for the Most Inspirational DC Event!

The *AcceptAbility Gala* has been described as "the most authentically bipartisan event in DC" and an "evening of inspiration that brings both sides of the aisle together." Supporting life-saving and transformative research and medical care for people with Down syndrome, this "must-attend" event will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Join GLOBAL in Washington, DC to celebrate our Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardee, Congressman **Paul Tonko**; our amazing 2026 GLOBAL Ambassador **Crystal Muro**; inclusive dance team RhythmXpress and their solo dancer **Robert Wallop**; and the awesome people with Down syndrome we serve! [Purchase Your Tickets & Tables](#)

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BECOME A GLOBAL MEMBER



## 📣 JOIN THE MOVEMENT 📣

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in Washington, DC? Meet Members of Congress & key staffers? Advocate for legislation that benefits people with Down syndrome? Then our DeOndra Dixon GLOBAL DC Fly-In is for YOU! Join beloved *Grey's Anatomy* actor Caterina Scorsone, GLOBAL President Michelle Sie Whitten, Crnic Institute Director Joaquín Espinosa and 100+ advocates from 21 states and help us to save & transform lives! [Take Action](#)

## 🔬 BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

A new Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome discovery published in the renowned science journal *Cell Reports* reveals liver dysfunction in Down syndrome & suggests diet can make a big difference. GLOBAL is proud to have supported this breakthrough research. Learn more about the discoveries. [Key Findings](#)



## 👊 Sie Center for Down Syndrome Champions

GLOBAL helped establish and supports the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado and the 2,500 patients the center serves. Our new Sie Center Development Board is advancing life-saving care by raising critical funds and awareness. Meet the dynamic, dedicated board members helping ensure our sustainability! [Our Board Members](#)

## ❤️ Give Monthly & Change Lives Year-Round ❤️

By becoming a monthly donor, you provide steady, reliable support that helps us plan ahead and respond when it matters most. Even a small recurring gift creates lasting change - month after month. On behalf of our children and adults with Down syndrome, we thank you!! 🙏🙏

[Start Your Recurring Gift Today!](#)



## \$2,000 Advancement Awards

Available to adults with Down syndrome pursuing continuing education beyond high school.

[Learn More & Apply Today!](#)



## Mark Your Calendars!

2026 offers multiple opportunities for advocacy, learning, and fun! Check out our list of upcoming events that you don't want to miss! [Save the Dates](#)

## Please Donate!

Your donation will fund life-changing research and medical care for people with Down syndrome. Together we will elongate lives and improve health outcomes!

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The Global Down Syndrome Foundation (GLOBAL) is the largest non-profit in the U.S. working to save lives and dramatically improve health outcomes for people with Down syndrome. GLOBAL established the first Down syndrome research institute and supports over 400 scientists and over 2,700 patients with Down syndrome from 35 states and 11 countries. Working closely with Congress and the National Institutes of Health, GLOBAL is the lead advocacy organization in the U.S. for Down syndrome research and care. GLOBAL has a membership of over 130 Down syndrome organizations worldwide, and is part of a network of Affiliates – the [Cronic Institute for Down Syndrome](#), the [Sie Center for Down Syndrome](#), the [University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center](#) – all on the Anschutz Medical Campus, and the [GLOBAL Adult Down Syndrome Clinic](#) at Denver Health.

GLOBAL's widely circulated medical publications include [Global Medical Care Guidelines for Adults with Down Syndrome](#), [Prenatal & Newborn Down Syndrome Information](#), and the award-winning magazine [Down Syndrome World TM](#). GLOBAL also organizes the annual [AcceptAbility Gala](#) in Washington DC, and the annual [Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show](#), the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world.

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