



WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

7:00PM ET VIP Reception | 7:30PM ET Program | Virtual

The [Global Down Syndrome Foundation](http://www.globaldownsyndrome.org) (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 directly supports over 200 scientists and 2,000 patients with Down syndrome. 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 medical care.

Given that people with Down syndrome are at extremely high risk for COVID-19 (adults with Down syndrome are four times more likely to be hospitalized and 10 times more likely to develop adverse side effects due to COVID-19) we have decided to hold our 2021 *AcceptAbility Gala* virtually.

GLOBAL's annual *AcceptAbility Gala* brings together policymakers from both sides of the aisle, key scientists from NIH, and our Down syndrome community. YOUR support for this inspiring event allows GLOBAL to protect people with Down syndrome from COVID-19; provide world-class care to over 2,000 patients with Down syndrome from 28 states and 10 countries; and fund over 200 scientists working on Down syndrome research with a focus on Alzheimer's disease, cancer, and autoimmune disorders. With support from you and our champions, GLOBAL's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill has resulted in a tripling of the NIH Down syndrome research budget, as well as outreach to over 14,000 families.

2021 HONOREES, COMMITTEES & SPECIAL GUESTS

2021 Ambassador:

Caroline Cardenas

2021 Quincy Jones Awardees:

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)

2021 Gala Committee (in formation):

David Egan

Natalie Farr

Erin Book Mullen

Matthew Perin

Cliff Riccio

Julie Riccio

Marissa Watkins

Amy Best Weiss

Past Years' Congressional Hosts:

Senator Roy Blunt

Representative Cheri Bustos

Representative Tom Cole

Representative Pete Stauber

Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton

Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Representative Rosa DeLauro

Honorary Congressional Committee Past Years' Hosts:

Representative Troy Balderson

Senator Michael F. Bennet

Representative Michael Burgess, MD

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr

Representative Katherine Clark

Senator Steve Daines

Representative Diana DeGette

Representative Ron Estes

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee

Representative Jim Himes

Senator Ron Johnson

Representative Doug Lamborn

Representative Barbara Lee

Senator Chris Murphy

Representative Joe Neguse

Representative Ed Perlmutter

Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer

Senator Chris Van Hollen

Senator Elizabeth Warren

Benefitting GLOBAL & Affiliates: Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, the University of Colorado Alzheimer's & Cognition Center, and the Sie Center for Down Syndrome at Children's Hospital Colorado, all on the Anschutz Medical Campus
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Music Icon Gladys Knight & Ambassador Alex Sessions

Musical Entertainment & Special Guest:
Headliner TBD – Will be announced soon

Dance Performances by Rhythm Xpress & Robert Wallop

Emcees:

Kyra Phillips, ABC News Correspondent
John Roberts, Fox News Channel Anchor

PAST QUINCY JONES EXCEPTIONAL ADVOCACY AWARD HONOREES

Quincy Jones, Music Icon
DeOndra Dixon, Dancer, Self-Advocate
Timothy P. Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics
Patrick Kennedy, Former U.S. Representative
Karen Gaffney, Champion Swimmer, Self-Advocate
John C. McGinley, Award-Winning Actor
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Former Congressman Pete Sessions
Sujeet Desai, International Musician, Self-Advocate
Jamie Foxx, Academy Award & Grammy Award Winner
Tim Harris, Business Owner, Self-Advocate
Luke Zimmerman, Actor, Self-Advocate
Kyra Phillips, Award-Winning Journalist
Former U.S. Senator Tom Harkin
Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Senator Jerry Moran
Beverly Johnson, Supermodel

Brad Hennefer, Golfer, Self-Advocate
Anna and John J Sie, Cable TV Pioneers
Jamie Brewer, Actress, Self-Advocate
Frank Stephens, Author, Actor, Advocate
Eva Longoria, Award-Winning Actress
Madeline Stuart, Model, Self-Advocate
Congressman Tom Cole
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Colin Farrell, Award-Winning Actor
Zack Gottsagen, Actor, “The Peanut Butter Falcon,” Self-Advocate
Congresswoman Cheri Bustos
Senator Roy Blunt
Amanda Booth, Supermodel, Actress
Megan Bomgaars, Actress, Self-Advocate
Caterina Scorsone, Award-Winning Actress
Marián Ávila, Model, Self-Advocate

PAST GLOBAL AMBASSADOR HONOREES

Sophia Kay Whitten
Chase Turner Perry
Katherine Winfield
DeOndra Dixon
Samantha Stevens
Alex Sessions

Cole Rodgers
Steven Dulcie
Katherine Felicia Norton
Clarissa Capuano
Louis Rotella IV
Marcus Sikora

Frank Stephens
Sam Levin
CC Mullen
Charlotte Fonfara-LaRose
Walt Snodgrass



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