A fundraiser for the
GLOBAL DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION
funding life-changing research and life-saving medical care for children and adults with Down syndrome
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 • Marriott Marquis Washington, DC
6:00PM Cocktail Reception | 7:00PM Performance & Program | 9:00PM Concludes

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’s annual AcceptAbility Gala brings together policymakers from both sides of the aisle, key scientists from NIH, and our Down syndrome community. Together, our advocacy efforts have resulted in a quadrupling of the NIH Down syndrome research and medical care budget in the last four years! The AcceptAbility Gala is an opportunity to celebrate our success, especially major new federal research funding increases after years of being one of the least funded genetic conditions.

This year, GLOBAL is proudly announcing the inaugural Rosa DeLauro GLOBAL Advancement Award and Tom Cole GLOBAL Advancement Award, which will be presented to two self-advocates with Down syndrome each year. The awards are a fitting recognition of our longtime congressional champions who continue to support efforts to elongate life and improve health outcomes for those with Down syndrome. We hope you can join us for this very special event!

Ambassador: Jonah Berger
Keynote Address: Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
Special Honorees: Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Tom Cole (R-OK)

Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:
Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) and Senator John Hickenlooper (D-CO)

Gala Committee:
Jan Adams
Jonah Berger
Marissa Watkins
Cory Alexander
Matthew Perin
Amy Best Weiss
Kevin Brennan
Cliff Riccio
Salo Zelermyer
David Egan
Natalie Farr
Erin Book Mullen
Cliff Riccio
Salo Zelermyer
Natalie Farr
Frank Stephens

Congressional Hosts:
Senator Roy Blunt
Congresswoman Cheri Bustos
Congressman Tom Cole
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Congressman Pete Sessions
Congressman Pete Stauber

Honorary Congressional Committee (Still in Formation):
Congressman Don Bacon
Congressman Troy Balderson
Senator Michael F. Bennet
Congresswoman Kristi Noem
Congressman Marsha Blackburn
Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick
Congressman Andrew R. Garbarino
Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
Congressman Anthony G. Brown
Congresswoman Jahana Hayes
Congressman Michael C Burgess, MD
Congresswoman Chrisissy Houlihan
Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito
Congressman Darrell Issa
Congressman Adam Schiff
Congressman David N. Cicilline
Congressman Doug Lamborn
Congressman Robert E. Latta
Congresswomanopardwoman Carol McMillan
Congressman Jason Crow
Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Congresswoman Deborah Dingell
 Senator Roger Marshall, MD
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairman Adam Schiff
Congresswoman Carol McMillan

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Musical Entertainment & Special Guest:
Multi-Platinum New York City Rock Band American Authors
Lead vocalist and guitarist Zac Barnett,
Bassist Dave Rublin and Drummer Matt Sanchez
Dance Performances by RhythmXpress & 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. Mc Ginley, Award-Winning Actor
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Delegate 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, Award-Winning Actor, 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
Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
John Lynch, 49ers GM & NFL Hall-of-Famer
Bryan Russell Mujica, Politician, 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
Caroline Cardenas
Archie & Sevy Eicher

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