



Tuesday, May 24, 2022 • Marriott Marquis Washington, DC
6:00PM Cocktail Reception | 7:00PM Performance & Program

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

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

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

Honorary Congressional Committee:
Congressman Don Bacon Congressman Jake Ellzey Congressman Patrick McHenry
Congressman Troy Balderson Congressman Tom Emmer Congressman Barry Moore
Senator Michael F. Bennet Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick Senator Jerry Moran
Congresswoman Stephanie Bice Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher Senator Chris Murphy
Senator Marsha Blackburn Congressman Andrew R. Garbarino Congressman Joe Neguse
Congressman Mike Bost Congresswoman Jahana Hayes Delegate Amata Coleman Radewagen
Congressman Anthony G. Brown Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler Congressman Guy Reschenthaler
Congressman Michael C Burgess, MD Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan Senator Marco Rubio
Senator Shelley Moore Capito Congressman Darrell Issa Congressman Tim Ryan
Senator Bob Casey Congressman Mike Kelly Congressman Adam Schiff
Congressman David N. Cicilline Congressman Darin LaHood Congressman Bryan Steil
Congressman Gerald E. Connolly Congressman Doug Lamborn Congressman Glenn Thompson
Congressman Jim Costa Congressman Robert E. Latta Congresswoman Dina Titus
Congressman Jason Crow Congresswoman Barbara Lee Congressman David Trone
Senator Ted Cruz Senator Roger Marshall, MD Senator Raphael Warnock
Congresswoman Diana DeGette Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy Senator Elizabeth Warren
Congresswoman Suzan DelBene Congressman Donald McEachin Senator Roger F Wicker
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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. McGinley, Award-Winning Actor
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton
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

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Charlotte Fonfara-LaRose
Walt Snodgrass
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