



A fundraiser for the
GLOBAL DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

funding life-changing research and life-saving medical care for children and adults with Down syndrome

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 • Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
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 increased the NIH Down syndrome research and medical care budget by nearly \$200 million over the last five 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.

Ambassador:

Abby Ashbrook

Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:

Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA)
Congressman Pete Stauber (R-MN)

Special Guests

Congressman Robert Aderholt
Congressman Tom Cole
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Mark Schlereth

Gala Committee:

Jan Adams
Cory Alexander
John Ashbrook

Kevin Brennan
David Egan
Natalie Farr

Erin Book Mullen
Matthew Perin
Cliff Riccio

Julie Riccio
Frank Stephens
Marissa Watkins

Amy Best Weiss
Salo Zelsermyer

2023 Congressional Hosts:

Congressman Robert Aderholt
Congressman Katherine Clark
Congressman Tom Cole
Senator Steve Daines

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Senator John Hickenlooper
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Senator Jerry Moran
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Congressman Pete Sessions
Congressman Pete Stauber

2023 Honorary Congressional Committee (In formation):

Congressman Don Bacon
Congressman Andy Barr
Congressman Gus Bilirakis
Congressman Brendan Boyle
Congressman Buddy Carter
Senator Bob Casey
Congressman David Cicilline
Congresswoman Judy Chu
Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
Congressman Emanuel Cleaver
Congressman Lou Correa
Congressman Jason Crow
Senator Ted Cruz
Congresswoman Diana DeGette
Congresswoman Suzan DelBene
Congresswoman Virginia Foxx
Congresswoman Lois Frankel
Congressman Andrew Garbarino

Congressman Robert Garcia
Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia
Congressman Wesley Hunt
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
Senator John Kennedy
Congresswoman Jen Kiggans
Congressman Derek Kilmer
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Congressman Darin LaHood
Congressman Doug Lamborn
Congressman Rick Larsen
Congressman Bob Latta
Senator Cynthia Lummis
Senator Joe Manchin
Senator Edward Markey
Congressman Brian Mast
Congresswoman Lucy McBath

Congressman Michael McCaul
Congressman Pat McHenry
Congressman Rob Menendez
Congresswoman Carol Miller
Senator Chris Murphy
Congressman Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.
Congressman Chris Pappas
Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen
Congressman Dean Phillips
Senator Marco Rubio
Congressman Steve Scalise
Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon
Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger
Congresswoman Haley Stevens
Congresswoman Jill Tokuda
Senator Chris Van Hollen
Senator Roger F. Wicker

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Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:

GRAMMY® Award-nominated multiplatinum singer & songwriter Gavin DeGraw
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
Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy
Karen Gaffney, Champion Swimmer, Self-Advocate
Former Senator Tom Harkin
Congressman Pete Sessions
John C. McGinley, Award-Winning Actor
Sujeet Desai, International Musician, Self-Advocate
Jamie Foxx, Academy Award & Grammy Award Winner
Luke Zimmerman, Actor, Self-Advocate
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Kyra Phillips, Award-Winning Journalist
Tim Harris, Business Owner, Self-Advocate
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
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, Self-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
Former Senator Roy Blunt
Former Congresswoman Cheri Bustos
Amanda Booth, Supermodel, Actress
Megan Bomgaars, Actress, Self-Advocate
Former Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
Former Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Caterina Scorsone, Award-Winning Actress
Marián Ávila, Model, Self-Advocate
John Lynch, 49ers GM & NFL Hall-of-Famer
Bryan Russell Mujica, Politician, Self-Advocate
Senator Steve Daines
Senator John Hickenlooper
Eric Dane, Award-Winning Actor
David Egan, Author, 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
Jonah Berger
Micah Quinones

