



A fundraiser for the  
**GLOBAL DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION**  
funding life-changing research and life-saving medical care for children and adults with Down syndrome

**Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 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 increased the NIH Down syndrome research and medical care budget by \$258 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:  
**Isla Eager**

Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:  
**TBD (R)**  
**Lois Frankel (D)**

Invited Special Guests  
**Congressman Tom Cole**  
**Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro**  
**Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers**

Gala Chairs:  
**Julie Riccio**  
**Amy Best Weiss**

Gala Committee:  
**Jan Adams**  
**Cory Alexander**  
**John Ashbrook**

**Kevin Brennan**  
**Emilie Eager**  
**David Egan**

**Natalie Farr**  
**Erin Book Mullen**  
**Matthew Perin**

**Cliff Riccio**  
**Frank Stephens**  
**Salo Zelermyer**

2024 Congressional Hosts:

**Congressman Robert Aderholt**  
**Senator Bob Casey**  
**Congresswoman Katherine Clark**  
**Congressman Tom Cole**

**Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro**  
**Senator John Hickenlooper**  
**Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers**

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

2024 Honorary Congressional Committee:

**Congressman Don Bacon**  
**Congressman Troy Balderson**  
**Congresswoman Nanette Barragán**  
**Congresswoman Stephanie Bice**  
**Congressman Gus Bilirakis**  
**Senator Marsha Blackburn**  
**Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester**  
**Senator Sherrod Brown**  
**Congresswoman Shontel Brown**  
**Congresswoman Julia Brownley**  
**Congressman Larry Bucshon**  
**Senator Shelley Capito**  
**Senator Ben Cardin**  
**Congressman Buddy Carter**  
**Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer**  
**Congressman Emanuel Cleaver**  
**Congressman James Clyburn**  
**Congressman Gerry Connolly**  
**Congressman Jason Crow**  
**Congresswoman Diana DeGette**  
**Congresswoman Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon**  
**Congressman Mark DeSaulnier**  
**Congresswoman Debbie Dingell**

**Congressman Neal Dunn**  
**Congresswoman Lois Frankel**  
**Congresswoman Virginia Foxx**  
**Congressman John Garamendi**  
**Congressman Andrew Garbarino**  
**Congressman Robert Garcia**  
**Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia**  
**Congressman Brett Guthrie**  
**Congressman Glenn Ivey**  
**Congressman Hank Johnson**  
**Congressman John Joyce**  
**Congresswoman Jen Kiggans**  
**Senator Amy Klobuchar**  
**Congresswoman Young Kim**  
**Congresswoman Susie Lee**  
**Congressman Mike Levin**  
**Congressman Thomas Pappas**  
**Senator Ed Markey**  
**Congresswoman Doris Matsui**  
**Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks**  
**Congressman Jared Moskowitz**  
**Senator Markwayne Mullin**  
**Senator Lisa Murkowski**

**Senator Chris Murphy**  
**Congressman Jay Obernolte**  
**Congressman Chris Pappas**  
**Congressman Bill Pascrell**  
**Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen**  
**Congresswoman Katie Porter**  
**Congresswoman Amata Radewagen**  
**Congressman Jamie Raskin**  
**Congressman John Rutherford**  
**Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer**  
**Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith**  
**Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger**  
**Congresswoman Diana Titus**  
**Congresswoman Jill Tokuda**  
**Congressman Paul Tonko**  
**Congressman David Trone**  
**Congressman Juan Vargas**  
**Congressman Marc Veasey**  
**Senator Elizabeth Warren**  
**Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz**  
**Congresswoman Maxine Waters**  
**Senator Roger F. Wicker**

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Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:

**Jordin Sparks**, Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum, singer/songwriter and actress

Emcees:

**Kyra Phillips**, Correspondent, ABC News; Anchor, ABC News Live

**John Roberts**, Co-Anchor of 'America Reports with John Roberts & Sandra Smith.' Fox News

**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

**Congresswoman Katherine Clark**

**Congressman Pete Stauber**

**Bobby Farrelly**, Acclaimed Film Director, Screenwriter, Producer

**Madison Tevlin**, Actress, 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**

**Abby Ashbrook**

**Grace Brennan**



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