



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, May 21, 2025 • 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 \$440 million over the last seven 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.

2025 Ambassador:

**Tucker Emry**

2025 Gala Chairs:

**Natalie & Guy Harrison**

2025 Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:

**Congressman Robert Aderholt (R)**  
**Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D)**

2025 Gala Board:

**Jan Adams**  
**John Ashbrook**  
**Amy Best Weiss**  
**Kevin Brennan**

**Emilie Eager**  
**David Egan**  
**Felicia Emry**  
**Erin Book Mullen**

**Matthew Perin**  
**Cliff Riccio**  
**Julie Riccio**

**Frank Stephens**  
**Richard Waysdorf**  
**Michelle Sie Whitten**

2025 Congressional Hosts:

**Senator Cory Booker**  
**Congresswoman Katherine Clark**  
**Congressman Tom Cole**  
**Senator Steve Daines**  
**Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro**  
**Congresswoman Lois Frankel**

**Senator John Hickenlooper**  
**Congressman Richard Hudson**  
**Senator Jerry Moran**  
**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**  
**Congressman Pete Sessions**  
**Congressman Pete Stauber**

2025 Honorary Congressional Committee:

**Congressman Jake Auchincloss**  
**Congresswoman Nanette Barragán**  
**Congressman Donald S. Beyer Jr.**  
**Congresswoman Stephanie Bice**  
**Congressman Gus Bilirakis**  
**Senator Marsha Blackburn**  
**Congresswoman Shontel Brown**  
**Congresswoman Julia Brownley**  
**Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski**  
**Congressman Buddy Carter**  
**Congressman Juan Ciscomani**  
**Congressman Emanuel Cleaver**  
**Congressman James Clyburn**  
**Congressman Steve Cohen**  
**Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman**  
**Congressman Gerald Connolly**  
**Congressman Joe Courtney**  
**Congressman Jason Crow**  
**Congressman Mark DeSaulnier**  
**Congressman Gabe Evans**  
**Congresswoman Virginia Foxx**  
**Congressman John Garamendi**  
**Congressman Andrew Garbarino**  
**Congressman Robert Garcia**  
**Congressman Lance Gooden**  
**Congresswoman Jahana Hayes**  
**Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan**  
**Congressman Steny Hoyer**

**Congressman John Joyce**  
**Congressman Sydney Kamlager-Dove**  
**Congresswoman Jen Kiggans**  
**Congresswoman Young Kim**  
**Senator Amy Klobuchar**  
**Congressman George Latimer**  
**Congressman Bob Latta**  
**Congressman Mike Lawler**  
**Senator Cynthia Lummis**  
**Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna**  
**Senator Edward Markey**  
**Congresswoman Doris Matsui**  
**Congresswoman Betty McCollum**  
**Congressman Rich McCormick**  
**Congressman Morgan McGarvey**  
**Congressman Rob Menendez**  
**Congresswoman Carol Miller**  
**Congressman Seth Moulton**  
**Senator Markwayne Mullin**  
**Senator Lisa Murkowski**  
**Senator Chris Murphy**  
**Senator Patty Murray**  
**Congressman Jay Obernolte**  
**Congressman Jimmy Panetta**  
**Congressman Scott Peters**  
**Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen**  
**Congressman Mark Pocan**  
**Congresswoman Delia Ramirez**

**Congressman Jamie Raskin**  
**Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester**  
**Congressman Hal Rogers**  
**Congresswoman Mary Scanlon**  
**Senator Eric Schmitt**  
**Congressman Brad Schneider**  
**Congresswoman Hillary Scholten**  
**Congresswoman Kim Schrier**  
**Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz**  
**Senator Chuck Schumer**  
**Senator Tim Sheehy**  
**Senator Elissa Slotkin**  
**Congresswoman Haley Stevens**  
**Congressman Dale Strong**  
**Congressman Shri Thanedar**  
**Congresswoman Dina Titus**  
**Congressman Paul Tonko**  
**Congresswoman Lori Trahan**  
**Senator Chris Van Hollen**  
**Congressman Derrick Van Orden**  
**Congressman Juan Vargas**  
**Senator Elizabeth Warren**  
**Congresswoman Frederica Wilson**  
**Congressman Joe Wilson**

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2025 Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:  
**Phillip Phillips**, multi-platinum recording artist  
**Robert Wallop & RhythmXpress**

2025 Emcee:  
**Atria Godfrey**, Emmy-Award Winning Journalist  
**Chuck Todd**, Host The Chuck ToddCast and Former Moderator of Meet the Press

**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  
**Former 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**, Film Director, Screenwriter, Producer  
**Madison Tevlin**, Actress, Self-Advocate  
**Congressman Richard Hudson**  
**Congresswoman Lois Frankel**  
**Woody Harrelson**, Award-Winning Actor  
**Sofia Sanchez**, 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**  
**Isla Eager**  
**Zaya Biel**