



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 20, 2026 • JW Marriott 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.

2026 Ambassador:  
**Crystal Muro**

2026 Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:  
**Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-NY)**  
**Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)**

2026 Gala Board:

**Jan Adams**  
**John Ashbrook**  
**Kevin Brennan**  
**Pat DiFrancesco**  
**Emilie Eager**

**David Egan**  
**Felicia Emry**  
**Autria Godfrey**  
**Natalie Farr Harrison**  
**Guy Harrison**

**Liz Mahar**  
**Erin Book Mullen**  
**Matthew Perin**  
**Cliff Riccio**  
**Julie Riccio**

**Frank Stephens**  
**Richard Waysdorf**  
**Amy Best Weiss**  
**Michelle Sie Whitten**

2026 Congressional Hosts:

**Senator Steve Daines**  
**Senator John Hickenlooper**  
**Senator Jerry Moran**  
**Representative Robert Aderholt**  
**Representative Katherine Clark**  
**Representative Tom Cole**

**Representative Diana DeGette**  
**Representative Rosa DeLauro**  
**Representative Lois Frankel**  
**Representative Richard Hudson**  
**Representative Pete Stauber**  
**Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton**

2026 Honorary Congressional Committee:

**Senator Marsha Blackburn**  
**Senator Deb Fisher**  
**Senator Lisa Murkowski**  
**Senator Chris Murphy**  
**Senator Patty Murray**  
**Senator Tim Sheehy**  
**Representative Jake Auchincloss**  
**Representative Don Bacon**  
**Representative Troy Balderson**  
**Representative Nanette Barragán**  
**Representative Ami Bera**  
**Representative Don Beyer**  
**Representative Mike Bost**  
**Representative Shontel Brown**  
**Representative Julia Brownley**  
**Representative Nikki Budzinski**  
**Representative Buddy Carter**  
**Representative Sean Casten**  
**Representative Emanuel Cleaver**  
**Representative James Clyburn**  
**Representative Steve Cohen**  
**Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman**  
**Representative Angie Craig**  
**Representative Jason Crow**  
**Representative Monica De La Cruz**  
**Representative Mark DeSaulnier**

**Representative Debbie Dingell**  
**Representative Neal Dunn**  
**Representative Gabe Evans**  
**Representative Cleo Fields**  
**Representative Valerie Foushee**  
**Representative Virginia Foxx**  
**Representative John Garamendi**  
**Representative Andrew Garbarino**  
**Representative Craig Goldman**  
**Representative Lance Gooden**  
**Representative Al Green**  
**Representative Adelita Grijalva**  
**Representative Michael Guest**  
**Representative Jim Himes**  
**Representative Erin Houchin**  
**Representative Steny Hoyer**  
**Representative Val Hoyle**  
**Representative Glenn Ivey**  
**Representative Jonathan Jackson**  
**Representative John Joyce**  
**Representative Bill Keating**  
**Representative Mike Kelly**  
**Representative Young Kim**  
**Representative George Latimer**  
**Representative Anna Paulina Luna**  
**Representative Morgan Luttrell**

**Representative Rob Menendez**  
**Representative Joseph Morelle**  
**Representative Seth Moulton**  
**Representative Jimmy Panetta**  
**Representative Scott Peters**  
**Representative Austin Pfluger**  
**Representative Chellie Pingree**  
**Representative Mark Pocan**  
**Representative Mike Quigley**  
**Representative Amata Radewagen**  
**Representative Delia Ramirez**  
**Representative Jamie Raskin**  
**Representative Hal Rogers**  
**Representative Mary Scanlon**  
**Representative Bradley Schneider**  
**Representative Hillary Scholten**  
**Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz**  
**Representative Austin Scott**  
**Representative Shri Thanedar**  
**Representative Lori Trahan**  
**Representative Jefferson Van Drew**  
**Representative Marc Veasey**  
**Representative James Walkinshaw**  
**Representative Maxine Waters**  
**Representative Rob Wittman**

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2026 Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:

**Rachel Platten**, Emmy Award-winning multi-platinum artist; singer; songwriter  
**Robert Wallop & RhythmXpress**

2026 Emcees:

**Kyra Phillips**, Award-winning Anchor/Correspondent, ABC News  
**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  
**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  
**Congresswoman Diana DeGette**  
**Congressman Robert Aderholt**  
**Jane Lynch**, Award-Winning Actress  
**Kevin Jannucci**, Actor, 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**  
**Tucker Emry**  
**Guion Macsovits**