



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

Tuesday, May 18, 2027 • The Anthem – 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 \$523 million over the last eight 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.

2027 Ambassador, Gala Chair, and Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees: To Be Announced Shortly!

2027 Gala Board Chair: Erin Book Mullen

2027 Gala Board:

Jan Adams	David Egan	Liz Mahar	Frank Stephens
John Ashbrook	Felicia Emry	Matthew Perin	Tracy Watkins
Kevin Brennan	Autria Godfrey	Cliff Riccio	Richard Waysdorf
Pat DiFrancesco	Natalie Farr Harrison	Julie Riccio	Amy Best Weiss
Emilie Eager	Guy Harrison	Beth Rocks-Terebesi	Michelle Sie Whitten

2026 Event Information Below – 2027 In Works!

2026 Congressional Hosts:

Senator Steve Daines	Representative Katherine Clark	Representative Lois Frankel
Senator John Hickenlooper	Representative Tom Cole	Representative Richard Hudson
Senator Jerry Moran	Representative Diana DeGette	Representative Pete Stauber
Representative Robert Aderholt	Representative Rosa DeLauro	Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton

2026 Honorary Congressional Committee:

Senator Marsha Blackburn	Representative Gabe Evans	Representative Burgess Owens
Senator Deb Fisher	Representative Cleo Fields	Representative Jimmy Panetta
Senator Cynthia Lummis	Representative Valerie Foushee	Representative Scott Peters
Senator Ed Markey	Representative Virginia Foxx	Representative Brittany Pettersen
Senator Lisa Murkowski	Representative John Garamendi	Representative Austin Pfluger
Senator Chris Murphy	Representative Andrew Garbarino	Representative Chellie Pingree
Senator Patty Murray	Representative Craig Goldman	Representative Mark Pocan
Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester	Representative Lance Gooden	Representative Mike Quigley
Senator Tim Sheehy	Representative Al Green	Representative Amata Radewagen
Representative Jake Auchincloss	Representative Adelita Grijalva	Representative Delia Ramirez
Representative Don Bacon	Representative Michael Guest	Representative Emily Randall
Representative Troy Balderson	Representative Jim Himes	Representative Jamie Raskin
Representative Nanette Barragán	Representative Erin Houchin	Representative Hal Rogers
Representative Tom Barrett	Representative Steny Hoyer	Representative Raul Ruiz
Representative Ami Bera	Representative Val Hoyle	Representative Mary Scanlon
Representative Don Beyer	Representative Wesley Hunt	Representative Bradley Schneider
Representative Mike Bost	Representative Glenn Ivey	Representative Hillary Scholten
Representative Shontel Brown	Representative Jonathan Jackson	Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Representative Julia Brownley	Representative Pramila Jayapal	Representative Austin Scott
Representative Nikki Budzinski	Representative David Joyce	Representative Tom Suozzi
Representative Buddy Carter	Representative John Joyce	Representative Shri Thanedar
Representative Sean Casten	Representative Sydney Kamlager-Dove	Representative Jill Tokuda
Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	Representative Bill Keating	Representative Lori Trahan
Representative Emanuel Cleaver	Representative Mike Kelly	Representative Jefferson Van Drew
Representative James Clyburn	Representative Young Kim	Representative Marc Veasey
Representative Steve Cohen	Representative George Latimer	Representative James Walkinshaw
Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman	Representative Susie Lee	Representative Maxine Waters
Representative Angie Craig	Representative Anna Paulina Luna	Representative Nikema Williams
Representative Jason Crow	Representative Morgan Luttrell	Representative Joe Wilson
Representative Monica De La Cruz	Representative Doris Matsui	Representative Rob Wittman
Representative Madeleine Dean	Representative Lucy McBath	
Representative Mark DeSaulnier	Representative Rob Menendez	
Representative Debbie Dingell	Representative Joseph Morelle	
Representative Neal Dunn	Representative Seth Moulton	

Visit www.globaldownsyndrome.org or contact us at development@globaldownsyndrome.org to learn more.



2026 Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:

Rachel Platten, Emmy Award-winning multi-platinum artist; singer; songwriter
Robert Wallop & RhythmXpress
Caterina Scorsone, Award-Winning Actress, Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardee

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	Former Congresswoman Cheri Bustos
DeOndra Dixon , Dancer, Self-Advocate	Amanda Booth , Supermodel, Actress
Timothy P. Shriver , Chairman of Special Olympics	Megan Bomgaars , Actress, Self-Advocate
Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy	Former Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
Karen Gaffney , Champion Swimmer, Self-Advocate	Former Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Former Senator Tom Harkin	Caterina Scorsone , Award-Winning Actress
Congressman Pete Sessions	Marián Ávila , Model, Self-Advocate
John C. McGinley , Award-Winning Actor	John Lynch , 49ers GM & NFL Hall-of-Famer
Sujeet Desai , International Musician, Self-Advocate	Bryan Russell Mujica , Politician, Self-Advocate
Jamie Foxx , Academy Award & Grammy Award Winner	Senator Steve Daines
Luke Zimmerman , Actor, Self-Advocate	Senator John Hickenlooper
Former Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers	Eric Dane , Award-Winning Actor
Congressman Chris Van Hollen	David Egan , Author, Self-Advocate
Kyra Phillips , Award-Winning Journalist	Congresswoman Katherine Clark
Tim Harris , Business Owner, Self-Advocate	Congressman Pete Stauber
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton	Bobby Farrelly , Film Director, Screenwriter, Producer
Senator Jerry Moran	Madison Tevlin , Actress, Self-Advocate
Beverly Johnson , Supermodel	Congressman Richard Hudson
Brad Hennefer , Golfer, Self-Advocate	Congresswoman Lois Frankel
Anna and John J. Sie , Cable TV Pioneers	Woody Harrelson , Award-Winning Actor
Jamie Brewer , Actress, Self-Advocate	Sofia Sanchez , Actress, Self-Advocate
Frank Stephens , Author, Actor, Self-Advocate	Congresswoman Diana DeGette
Eva Longoria , Award-Winning Actress	Congressman Robert Aderholt
Madeline Stuart , Model, Self-Advocate	Jane Lynch , Award-Winning Actress
Congressman Tom Cole	Kevin Iannucci , Actor, Self-Advocate
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro	Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Colin Farrell , Award-Winning Actor	Congressman Paul D. Tonko
Zack Gottsagen , Award-Winning Actor, Self-Advocate	Maria Menounos , TV Host, Best-selling Author
Former Senator Roy Blunt	Kennedy Garcia , Actress, Model, Self-Advocate

PAST GLOBAL AMBASSADOR HONOREES

Sophia Kay Whitten	Louis Rotella IV	Micah Quinones
Chase Turner Perry	Marcus Sikora	Abby Ashbrook
Katherine Winfield	Frank Stephens	Grace Brennan
DeOndra Dixon	Sam Levin	Isla Eager
Samantha Stevens	CC Mullen	Zaya Biel
Alex Sessions	Charlotte Fonfara-LaRose	Tucker Emry
Cole Rodgers	Walt Snodgrass	Guion Macsoviets
Steven Dulcie	Caroline Cardenas	Crystal Muro
Katherine Felicia Norton	Archie & Sevy Eicher	Letizia Napoleone
Clarissa Capuano	Jonah Berger	

