



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 \$333 million over the last six 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.

2024 Event Information Below, 2025 Information to Come!

2025 Gala Chairs:

Natalie & Guy Harrison

2024 Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees:

**Richard Hudson (R)
Lois Frankel (D)**

2024 Special Guests

**Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D)**

2024 Ambassador:

Isla Eager

2025 Gala Committee:

**Jan Adams
Cory Alexander
John Ashbrook
Amy Best Weiss**

**Kevin Brennan
Emilie Eager
David Egan
Erin Book Mullen**

**Matthew Perin
Cliff Riccio
Julie Riccio**

**Frank Stephens
Salo Zelsermyer**

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 Steve Daines**

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

2024 Honorary Congressional Committee:

**Congressman Pete Aguilar
Congressman Don Bacon
Congressman Troy Balderson
Congresswoman Nanette Barragán
Congresswoman Stephanie Bice
Congressman Gus Bilirakis
Senator Marsha Blackburn
Congresswoman Lisa Blunt
Rochester
Senator Katie Britt
Senator Sherrod Brown
Congresswoman Shontel Brown
Congresswoman Julia Brownley
Congressman Larry Bucshon
Congresswoman Kat Cammack
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
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
Congresswoman Jennifer González-
Colón
Congressman Jimmy Gomez
Congressman Michael Guest
Congressman Brett Guthrie
Congresswoman Jahana Hayes
Senator Maggie Hassan
Senator Chris Van Hollen
Congressman Richard Hudson
Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
Congressman Glenn Ivey
Congressman Hank Johnson
Congressman John Joyce
Congresswoman Jen Kiggans
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Congresswoman Young Kim
Congressman Rick Larsen**

**Congresswoman Susie Lee
Congressman Mike Levin
Congressman Ted Lieu
Congressman Morgan Luttrell
Senator Joe Manchin
Senator Ed Markey
Senator Roger Marshall
Congressman Thomas Massie
Congresswoman Doris Matsui
Congresswoman Lucy McBath
Congressman Gregory Meeks
Congresswoman Grace Meng
Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-
Meeks
Congressman Marc Molinaro
Congressman Jared Moskowitz
Congressman Seth Moulton
Senator Markwayne Mullin
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Chris Murphy
Senator Patty Murray
Congressman Jay Obernolte
Congressman Bill Pascrell
Congressman Scott Peters
Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen**

**Congresswoman Katie Porter
Congresswoman Amata Radewagen
Congresswoman Delia Ramirez
Congressman Jamie Raskin
Congressman Mike Rogers
Congressman John Rutherford
House Majority Leader Steve Scalise
Congressman Bradley Schneider
Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer
Senator Kyrsten Sinema
Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger
Congressman Dale Strong
Congresswoman Dina Titus
Congresswoman Jill Tokuda
Congressman Paul Tonko
Congresswoman Norma J. Torres
Congressman David Trone
Congressman Juan Vargas
Congressman Marc Veasey
Senator Mark Warner
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman
Shultz
Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Senator Roger F. Wicker**

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



2024 Musical Entertainment & Special Guests:

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

2024 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

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 Tom Cole
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
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

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Jordin Sparks' performance arranged through Gotham Artists.