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# SUCCEEDING ON THE FRONT LINES OF HEALTH EQUITY

A CELEBRATION OF THE GLOBAL GOLISANO  
HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD



CELEBRATING **10 YEARS**  
OF PARTNERSHIP



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## Succeeding on the Front Lines of Health Equity

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How governments, the private sector, and philanthropists can give people with intellectual disabilities a fighting chance for health

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September 19, 2022

The New York Public Library  
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building,  
Celeste Bartos Forum

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:00pm **DOORS OPEN**  
Reception with Honored Guests

4:00pm **PROGRAM WELCOME**  
**Ms. Loretta Claiborne,**  
Special Olympics Chief Inspiration Officer,  
Vice Chair of the Special Olympics International  
Board of Directors, and  
Special Olympics Pennsylvania athlete

## **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

**Dr. Timothy Shriver,**  
Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics  
International

**Ms. Ann Costello,**  
Executive Director of the Golisano Foundation

**Mr. Gilmour Borg,**  
Special Olympics Health Messenger,  
and Special Olympics Malta athlete

4:30pm **GLOBAL GOLISANO HEALTH LEADERSHIP  
AWARD PRESENTATION**

### SENEGAL

**Speak Up Africa, Ms. Yacine Djibo**

### LEBANON

**Dr. Adib Jaber**

### MACAU

**Sands China Ltd., Ms. Katarina Tesarova**

### UNITED STATES

**Ms. Rebecca Morley**

### JAPAN

**General Incorporated Lions Club International,  
Mr. Hideyuki Muraki, Mr. Koji Tsurushima**

### CHILE

**School of Odontology of the Universidad  
de Valparaíso, Dr. Jaime Jamett Rojas**

### UKRAINE

**Dr. Serhiy Komisarenko**

5:05pm **SCALING HEALTH EQUITY:  
PERSPECTIVES FROM GOVERNMENT,  
ACADEMICS AND NGOS**

**Dr. Jerome Adams,** Presidential Fellow, Executive  
Director of Health Equity Initiatives, and Distinguished  
Professor of Practice at Purdue University and 20th  
Surgeon General of the United States,

**Mr Francesco Rocca,** President of the International  
Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
(IFRC) (unconfirmed)

Moderated by **Mr. Nyasha Derera,** Sargent Shriver  
International Global Messenger, Chair of the Global  
Athlete Congress, member of the Special Olympics  
International Board of Directors, and Special Olympics  
Global Health Messenger and **Dr. Alicia Bazzano,**  
Chief Health Officer, Special Olympics International

5:20pm **THE DOCTOR IS INCLUSIVE:  
A SHARED CALL TO ACTION**

**Dr. Vivek Murthy,** Current Surgeon General of the  
United States and **Mr. Nyasha Derera,** Sargent Shriver  
International Global Messenger, Chair of the Global  
Athlete Congress, Member of the Special Olympics  
International Board of Directors, and Special Olympics  
Global Health Messenger

5:45pm **CLOSING ADDRESS**

## ABOUT THE AWARD

**The Golisano Health Leadership Awards recognize health champions—leaders and organizations—that are making a significant contribution to equal access to health, fitness or wellness for people with intellectual disabilities. The award also promotes awareness of the progress and extraordinary efforts toward fulfilling the goals, values, and mission of Special Olympics Health work. This is the highest Special Olympics honor for health partners.**

## ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP

People with intellectual disabilities around the world have been marginalized for generations – often not having access to critical health services and resources to improve their health and, as a result, die 16 to 20 years sooner than people without intellectual disabilities due to preventable health conditions. In addition to their life expectancy, heart disease rates, severe dental decay, and the rate at which they have gotten COVID-19 are far worse than that of the general population.

**It was in this context that ten years ago, at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), the announcement was made that Tom Golisano, founder of Paychex, gave an initial gift of \$12 million to Special Olympics for a global initiative on inclusive health that has since grown to \$67M in total giving.**

Special Olympics Health, made possible by the Golisano Foundation, is proud to celebrate the partnership and ten years of work towards creating a world where people with intellectual disabilities have every opportunity to be healthy. Since that initial gift, we have conducted over 1.2 million free health screenings of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, resulting in a 50% reduction in urgent referrals and we have trained more than 175,000 health professionals and students on treating people with intellectual disabilities. It is due to the partnership of the Golisano Foundation that we have been able to impact the lives of so many.

*For additional resources on inclusive health, visit [www.SpecialOlympics.org/InclusiveHealth](http://www.SpecialOlympics.org/InclusiveHealth).*

# THE 2022 GOLISANO INCLUSIVE HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



## **DR. ADIB JABER (BEIRUT, LEBANON)**

Dr. Jaber, an ophthalmologist and volunteer, has led the recruitment and training of local medical professionals that now provide free treatment, including surgery, for individuals with intellectual disabilities across Lebanon and the Middle East/ North Africa, increasing the capacity of health systems across the Region.



## **GENERAL INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN LIONS (TOKYO, JAPAN)**

Lions Clubs of Japan have demonstrated the true value of service by committing to sustain inclusive health initiatives in Japan. They have engaged in vision screenings, provision of prescriptive eyewear, referral to care that addresses unmet health needs and preventive care including health education to families of people with intellectual disabilities.



## **REBECCA MORLEY (MONTANA, USA)**

In her career at the Missoula City-County Health Department, Rebecca worked tirelessly to champion inclusive health for 15 years, to ensure that people with intellectual disabilities were included in mainstream public health programs. She has recruited and trained hundreds of healthcare professionals from colleges, hospitals and health NGOs to ensure the next generation of providers can deliver quality healthcare to people with intellectual disabilities. Rebecca ensured that individuals with intellectual disabilities were included in the annual BMI surveillance at local public schools for the first time. This data was then used to advocate for the elimination of sweet treats and food rewards in all classrooms, which became policy for Missoula County Public Schools and remains in place today.



## **SANDS CHINA LTD. (MACAU)**

Nearly a decade ago, resort developer and operator Sands China Ltd. launched a fund and system to support individuals with intellectual disabilities access medical care. Individuals with intellectual disabilities have received dental, physical therapy, podiatric, audiology and Chinese traditional medicine and acupuncture treatment from 50 practitioners across five designated medical clinics that support 2800 people. Additionally, hundreds of Sands China employees regularly engage in health and fitness activities with Special Olympics athletes, including those to improve mental health during and post-pandemic.

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### **SCHOOL OF ODONTOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSIDAD DE VALPARAISO (VALPARAISO, CHILE)**

For years, the dental faculty at the Universidad of Valparaiso has been training students on conducting dental evaluations and oral health education for people with intellectual disabilities. They conduct community outreach clinics for people with intellectual disabilities and address urgent referrals at the university clinic or by their mobile unit. Over the past 2 years, more than 150 athletes with intellectual disabilities have been screened and treated for caries, root canals or the installation of implants and dental prostheses.



### **DR. SERHIY KOMISARENKO (VINNYTSIA, UKRAINE)**

Dr. Komisarenko saw a stark need for Ukrainian athletes with intellectual disabilities to receive free health screenings, which led him to launch Healthy Athletes screenings in Ukraine and advocate for access to quality follow-up care. He worked with the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences to secure the country's leading doctors and hospitals to provide ongoing screenings and follow-up care to individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout the country.



### **SPEAK UP AFRICA (DAKAR, SENEGAL)**

Focused on public health and sustainable development, leading West African advocacy organization Speak Up Africa partnered with Special Olympics Senegal to ensure that individuals with intellectual disabilities are included in all public health initiatives and campaigns to prevent malaria, promote vaccination, prevent COVID-19 and improve menstrual hygiene. They used their extensive network of sports stars and celebrities to amplify the message of health inclusion.



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## ABOUT THE GOLISANO FOUNDATION

When people say it can't be done, Mr. Tom Golisano, entrepreneur, civic leader, philanthropist, and the founder and Chairman of Paychex, will not only find a way, he often finds a better way. Tom envisioned a better world for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and founded the Golisano Foundation in 1985 with an initial gift of \$90,000. This was a cause very close to his heart - to ensure that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are valued as people who can contribute and be a vital part of our community - as good students, good neighbors, and good workers. His vision and commitment made something extraordinary possible. Tom imagined the possibilities and became an advocate and ally for families, fighting for their dignity and giving people with IDD the opportunity to thrive in their communities. Few could have imagined how the Foundation's work would grow and touch the hearts and lives of so many. The Golisano Foundation is now one of the largest private foundations in the nation devoted exclusively to opening doors to opportunity, changing negative perceptions and stereotypes, and forging unprecedented partnerships to ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have pathways to personal dignity, independence and the best possible expression of their abilities and talents throughout their lifetimes. With more than \$40 million in gross assets, we have awarded more than \$24 million in grants, about \$2 million annually, to non-profit organizations in Western NY and New York's Finger Lakes Region and Southwest Florida. We incorporate Tom Golisano's entrepreneurial and optimistic energy into to every endeavor and encourage others to Imagine the Possibilities along with us.

## ABOUT MR. TOM GOLISANO AND THE GOLISANO FOUNDATION

Mr. Golisano — entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader — is the founder of Paychex, Inc., the nation's largest human resource company for small to medium-sized businesses, providing integrated human capital management solutions for payroll, benefits, human resources, and insurance services for more than 730,000 clients in the U.S. and Northern Europe. Mr. Golisano's vision, perseverance, and action have left an indelible mark on a broad spectrum of issues that touch our lives - in business, healthcare, education, voter policies, politics, and tax reform. His continuing investments are helping drive the success of numerous businesses and start-ups. His personal philanthropic contributions to hospitals — including three children's hospitals that bear his name — and numerous educational institutions and other organizations exceed \$330 million. He has dedicated more than \$95 million to advancing inclusive health around the world, including \$67 million to Special Olympics, helping to close the significant gap in access to care for people with intellectual disabilities.

A fierce advocate for dignity and inclusion, in 1985 Tom Golisano applied his pioneering spirit to establish the Golisano Foundation to make the world a better place for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With more than \$60 million in gross assets, it is one of the largest private foundations in the U.S. devoted to supporting programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities awarding about \$3 million annually to non-profit organizations in Western New York and Southwest Florida.

Connect with us at [GolisanoFoundation.org](http://GolisanoFoundation.org)  
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## ABOUT MRS. ANN COSTELLO

Ann Costello is Executive Director of the Golisano Foundation, one of the nation's leading foundations dedicated exclusively to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Foundation was established in 1985 by Tom Golisano, the Founder and Chairman of Paychex, Inc., a leader in the payroll, human resource, and benefits outsourcing industry.

Ann has worked for more than 30 years in the non-profit sector, primarily in human service administration, philanthropy, and organizational policy development.

She joined the Foundation as Director in 1999 and has witnessed its rapid growth and change in total Foundation assets and annual distribution of funds. Ann has redefined the Foundation's role in the intellectual disabilities service arena as a proactive partner and catalyst for transformation. Under her leadership, the Foundation has also supported and launched innovative partnerships and programs. With the support of two historic donations from Tom Golisano to Special Olympics - \$12 million in 2012 and \$25 million in 2015 - Ann is working as an integral advocate and participant in the strategy to advance Special Olympics Global Healthy Communities initiative to expand inclusive access to health-related services to people with intellectual disabilities around the world.



## ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Founded in 1968, Special Olympics is a global movement to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities. We foster acceptance of all people through the power of sport and programming in education, health, and leadership. With more than six million athletes and Unified Sports partners in over 190 countries and territories and more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers more than 30 Olympic-type sports and over 100,000 games and competitions every year. Engage with us on: Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn and our blog on Medium.

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