

# Rare Champions of Hope Celebration

San Diego, CA



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## NOMINEES

### INDIVIDUAL

Mackenzie Abramson  
Carole Bakhos  
Deatra Bear  
Aaron Blocker  
Chris Bombardier  
Jean Campbell  
Matthew Capogreggo  
Andy Carroll  
Brittany Cocilova  
Meredith Cowden  
Chandler Crews  
Amy Curran  
Jeff D'Angelo  
Maya Davidovich  
Nicole Drey  
Karen Durrant  
Walter Feigenson  
Travis Flores  
Cathy Freeman  
Ava Garnett  
Adrien Goretzki  
Tara Hackwelder  
Alicia Harper  
Kelly Heger  
Latika Hickey  
Kristine Hoestermann  
Penny Howard  
Ilana Jacqueline  
Jennifer Jones

Saurabh Kumar Singh  
Robert Long  
Pam Mace  
Noelani Mariani  
Dina Matos  
Frankie McGinnis Kirk  
Mary Mecham  
J. Michael Graglia  
Robert Mitchel-Thain  
Demeshia Montgomery  
Amanda Moore  
Kristi Ouimet  
Effie Parks  
Allison Peck  
Eric Phillips  
Denise Queally  
Frank Rivera  
Lauren Ruotolo  
James Sanders  
Jeff Schmidt  
Shannon Sharp  
Erin Smith  
Carolina Sommer  
Jacob Tiller  
Jennifer Tousseau  
Emily Ventura  
Tara Voogel  
Shanda Ward  
Bethany Weathersby

## FOUNDATION

Adrenal Insufficiency United  
Agatha Obiageli Aghedo Memorial Foundation  
American Porphyria Foundation  
Amyloidosis Alliance  
Angel Flight East  
Angelman Syndrome Foundation  
Caring Hands Sarcoidosis Foundation  
Children's Tumor Foundation of Australia  
CureGRIN Foundation  
CureVCP  
Driven to Cure  
FAST- Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
GACI Global  
GBS CIDP Foundation International  
Global DARE Foundation  
Global Hydranencephaly Foundation  
Healthcare Education Institute  
IFCR  
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research (IFCR)  
LYSOSOMAL STORAGE DISORDERS SUPPORT SOCIETY  
Living with HOS  
Mackenzie's Mission  
National Organization of African Americans with Cystic Fibrosis  
Neuromuscular Disease Foundation  
Northwest PANDAS/PANS Network (NWPPN)  
Project FAVA  
Rare Disease India Foundation  
Rare Disorders New Zealand  
Rare Ireland Family Support Network  
Rural Good Health Foundation and Think Tank Entrepreneurs (PTY) LTD  
Sickle Cell 101  
Sister's Hope Foundation  
The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation  
The EHE Foundation  
The MOGProject  
The Sumaira Foundation  
Uplifting Athletes

## MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT

American Soc. for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

Mark Clemens, MD

CureDuchenne Physical Therapy

Shanlee Davis

Jessica Duis

Dr. Fatma Dedeglu

Carlos Ferreira

Elie Gertner

Elakatt Gireesh

Raphaela Goldbach-Mansky

Paul Grossfeld

Elizabeth Jalazo

Patricia Meegan, DPT

Joseph Muenzer

Dr. Olcay Jones

Jeffrey Olin

Chad Perlyn

Hannia Ramos

Reed Riley

Alanna Strong

Forest Tennant

Dr. Yuriy Stepanovskiy

Ahmar Zaidi

## INDUSTRY

Behind the Mystery: Rare and Genetic Series

Scott Braunstein

Wendy Erler

Onno Faber

Latika Hickey

Richard Horgan

Arthur Levin

Yael Weiss

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Stanley Crooke  
Cure Rare Disease  
George Diaz  
DTx Pharma  
Michelle Hastings  
Angela Morgan  
Edward Schuchman  
Sophia Zilber

## RISING STAR

Hassan Abolhassani  
Uptal Basu  
Nell Choi  
Kelsey Gruber  
Emma Johnson  
Desiree Magee  
Casey McPherson  
Caitlyn Michiels  
Rhiannon Perry  
Samantha Stallings  
Joseph Suchanek  
Felix Townsin  
Emily Wyndham

## FOUNDERS AWARD

Sumaira Ahmed  
Stanley Crooke  
Heidi Edwards  
Talaya Frazier  
Barby Ingle  
Nakisha Isom  
Nicole Johnson  
Joe and Cynthia Lang  
Chelsey McCarthy  
Rebecca Stewart and Nicola Miller  
Tosin Ola  
Diana Pangonis  
Angela Ramirez Holmes