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Macy Pohl of Down Syndrome Indiana Receives National Recognition being awarded Leader of the Year Award from National Down Syndrome Society in Washington, D.C.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN: Macy Pohl, Executive Director of Down Syndrome Indiana, was honored with the prestigious Leader of the Year Award by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) on May 12, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes outstanding leadership, advocacy, and commitment to improving the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and all disabilities. Macy Pohl received national recognition on Capitol Hill during the National Down Syndrome Society Advocacy Conference, where Pohl joined several Indiana advocates in meetings with members of Congress to discuss key disability policy priorities, advocacy efforts, and supports impacting individuals with disabilities and their families.

Under Pohl's leadership, Down Syndrome Indiana has expanded statewide programming, educational advocacy, policy initiatives, medical outreach, and community support services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Her work has focused on building collaborative partnerships, amplifying self-advocate and family voices, and advancing inclusion and opportunity throughout Indiana and beyond.

"It is an incredible honor to receive this award and help bring a spotlight to the work being done in Indiana by so many passionate advocates both across our state and throughout the country," said Macy Pohl. "While I am deeply honored to receive the Leader of the Year Award, this recognition reflects something much greater, the strength of our entire community. It represents the self-advocates, families, professionals, volunteers, and supporters who work every day to create a more inclusive world for individuals with Down syndrome."

The Leader of the Year Award highlights individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to advocacy, awareness, and systemic change within the Down syndrome community.

About NDSS
The National Down Syndrome Society is a nonprofit organization representing the more than 400,000 Americans with Down syndrome. To learn more, visit www.ndss.org.

About Down Syndrome Indiana
Down Syndrome Indiana is a parent-founded nonprofit organization that has served individuals with Down syndrome and their families for more than 30 years. As the largest and most comprehensive Down syndrome association in Indiana, Down Syndrome Indiana's mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and their families.We fulfill this mission through education, resources, programming, advocacy, and community connection, serving as a one-stop shop for all things Down syndrome. From diagnosis through adulthood, we are committed to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and their families every step of the way. We envision an Indiana where every individual with Down syndrome can learn, work, live, and thrive.