



COCKTAILS & CHROMOSOMES

TEAM TELOMERE'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION & AWARD CEREMONY 2025

OCT 18, 2025
6 -10 pm

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CENTER



Team Telomere

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Join us for Team Telomere's fifth annual gala celebration of the Telomere Biology Disorder community: **Cocktails & Chromosomes!**

This unforgettable evening will celebrate the advancements and accomplishments of all parts of our community including impacted individuals, families, advocates, clinicians, and researchers.

Celebrate our community with an elegant evening of meaningful moments that spotlight all we've achieved – and all that is to come.

Think cocktail chic meets scientific splendor – we cannot wait to see our community shine!

ABOUT TELOMERE BIOLOGY DISORDERS

Telomere Biology Disorders (TBDs) encompass a group of rare conditions characterized by abnormally short telomeres - the protective caps at the ends of chromosomes that regulate cell aging and maintain genetic stability. TBDs can manifest in a diverse array of clinical symptoms, including bone marrow failure, pulmonary fibrosis, liver disease, cancer, and other complications.

The mission of Team Telomere is to empower individuals worldwide impacted by Telomere Biology Disorders with information and support services, to advance improved diagnosis through education and advocacy, and to accelerate the medical and scientific community's research in finding causes, effective treatments, and a path towards a cure.



WHY PARTNER?



Amplify Your Impact: Align your organization with exciting progress in rare disease research, education, and support.



Meaningful Exposure: Connect with leading scientists, passionate advocates, and a loyal rare disease community.



Customizable Packages: Flexible opportunities to highlight your organization and support our shared mission.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY

When you sponsor this evening, you're doing more than supporting an event – you are standing alongside a truly special community.



“The close knit sense of community at the [annual celebration] was amazing. We are a very strong group of patients, parents, and doctors; incredibly vested in finding a cure for this devastating disease. One thing that was very clear at dinner, [our son] will never be forgotten.”

- Mother of a son with a TBD



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

From glowing recognition to signature elegance, each sponsorship tier offers a unique way to shine alongside our community.

	Luminary	Spotlight	Gilded	Velvet
	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
Tickets to the Gala	3	2	1	
Program Booklet	+	+	+	
Verbal Recognition Onstage	+	+	+	
Logo on Tables	+	+		
2-Minute Remark During Gala Program*	+			
Website Recognition	+	+	+	
Logo on Event Signage	+	+	+	+
Social Media Recognition	++	+	+	+

*must be pre-approved



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



LUMINARY

\$15,000

Our premier sponsorship tier. Luminary partners receive the highest level of visibility – from featured placement across event materials and digital platforms to verbal recognition onstage. You will also have the unique opportunity to deliver a 2-minute message during the gala program (pre-approval required). With three tickets and signature presence, this level truly leads the way.



SPOTLIGHT

\$10,000

Be in the spotlight with broad recognition and direct community impact. This level includes two tickets, program and signage recognition, social media promotion, and a shoutout from the stage – perfect for those ready to step into the limelight.



GILDED

\$5,000

Elegant and impactful. Gilded sponsors enjoy one gala ticket, print and digital visibility, and a strong presence on event signage and promotions. This level supports our evening in timeless fashion.



VELVET

\$2,500

A stylish and heartfelt way to support the celebration. Velvet sponsors are recognized across event signage, the website, and social media – ensuring your name is behind all the elegance.



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



COCKTAIL HOUR SPONSOR

\$2,500

Logo on drink napkins and signage at bar



DINNER SPONSOR

\$5,000

Recognition during dinner with logo on dinner signage



DESSERT SPONSOR

\$1,500

Logo printed on dessert cards



SWAG SPONSOR

\$2,500

Logo on giveaway items or bags



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Every year, our annual gala is one of my favorite nights of the year, reminding me just how extraordinary our community is.

With Cocktails & Chromosomes, we are raising a glass to the strength, science, and spirit that define our community. This is where science meets celebration, where stories are shared and milestones honored. It's a night that brings together every corner of our TBD community: impacted individuals, families, advocates, clinicians, and researchers.

We have built something truly special together, and your partnership helps it shine even brighter. Whether you are a longtime supporter or considering your first year, I warmly invite you to be part of this unforgettable evening.



Katie Stevens,
Executive Director

MORE FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

“What I loved most was meeting everyone at Team Telomere and discovering a supportive community. As a patient, you always hope to find a place where you belong after a life-altering diagnosis. This past year has been incredibly challenging as we navigated our new reality.

However, thanks to Team Telomere, we know we are not alone.”

– Individual impacted by a TBD

“Over the last seven years the support we received from Team Telomere has been nothing short of amazing. From the monthly chats with various specialists, to the gatherings, and fundraisers like the [annual gala], we've always felt welcome and included.”

– Caregiver to an individual impacted by a TBD



PARTNER WITH US!



We cannot wait to see our community shine, and we hope you will be part of it.

Ready to be part of an unforgettable evening?
Connect with us at meetings@teamtelomere.org



Learn more:
teamtelomere.org/cocktails-and-chromosomes/

