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Possible Candidates

If you have names of candidates please send them to Lynn de Vree by November 1, 2023—lynn@charterforcompassion.org.



Queen Rania (Jordan) Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan is an international voice of cross cultural dialogue, an outspoken philanthropic advocate and a promoter of advancing educational opportunities in Jordan and across the globe. Since her marriage to His Majesty King Abdullah ibn Al Hussein (then Prince) in 1993, Queen Rania has channeled her energies behind initiatives that aim to improve the livelihood of various sectors of society in Jordan and beyond.

Queen Rania's activities encompass issues such as education, youth and the environment, among others. She also has a special interest in several core issues: reaching out to the global community to foster values of tolerance and acceptance; promoting excellence, creativity and innovation in education; improving the quality of life of the family unit including the protection of children from violence and the promotion of early childhood development; and developing income-generating projects and advancing the best practices in the field of microfinance.

Last year, Queen Rania launched 'Madrasati' (My School) a public-private school adoption initiative aimed at refurbishing Jordan's public schools. As UNICEF's eminent advocate for children, Queen Rania is a staunch defender of children's welfare. She believes every child is entitled to a free, quality education and the hope and opportunity that accompany it.

Queen Rania is on the board of directors of several international organizations such as the World Economic Forum (WEF); the United Nations Foundation (UNF); and International Youth Foundation (IYF).

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Mamphela Aletta Ramphela (South African)

politician, anti-apartheid activist, medical doctor and businesswoman. She was a partner of anti-apartheid activist [Steve Biko](#), with whom she had two children. She is a former vice-chancellor at the [University of Cape Town](#) and a former managing director at the [World Bank](#). Ramphela founded political party [Agang South Africa](#) in February 2013 but withdrew from politics in July 2014. Since 2018, she has been the co-president of the [Club of Rome](#).



Sister Jayanti (India/UK) is a spiritual teacher for over 50 years, Sister Jayanti has dedicated her life to self-transformation and service to humanity. She continues to champion the co-operative role of spiritual organizations in creating a just and peaceful world, bringing spiritual principles to the discussion tables of politicians, economists, business leaders, scientists and nearly every stakeholder of our times. Sister Jayanti sees the erosion of spiritual values as the underlying cause of the crises the world is facing

today. She is also the Director of Brahma Kumaris activities in Europe and the Middle East. The Brahma Kumaris is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) of the United Nations, accredited with General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Sister Jayanti is its representative to the UN in Geneva. Since 2009, she has led the Brahma Kumaris delegation to the UN Climate Change Conferences and spoken on many international platforms about spiritual perspectives on the environmental crisis.



Bono (Ireland) was inspired to get involved in charity work after seeing The Secret Policeman's Ball in 1979. In 1986 he helped organize Amnesty International's Conspiracy Of Hope tour alongside Sting, who was one of the Secret Policeman's Ball performers seen by Bono, Peter Gabriel, Lou Reed, and Bryan

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Adams. He also got involved in the Band Aid and Live Aid projects which were organized by Bob Geldof – another Secret Policeman's Ball performer, and later helped Geldof organize the 2005 Live 8 project.

His first contact with charitable causes was in 1986, prior to the *Conspiracy of Hope* tour, when World Vision invited him to Ethiopia. While there, Bono developed an education program with his wife, Ali, that used one-act plays and songs to spread information on health, hygiene, and other issues. He released a book of photos he took during the trip called "String Of Pearls".

Bono followed his trip to Ethiopia with visits to Nicaragua and El Salvador with Sanctuary to draw attention to the conflicts and help children.

He wrote a song called *Silver and Gold* for Steve Van Zandt's Artists Against Apartheid, and participated in Van Zandt's anti-apartheid single *Sun City*.

Bono and The Edge attended the Festival Against Racism in Hamburg, Germany, in 1993. The event consisted of a concert, a press conference, a theatrical event, and a debate on the subject of anti-racism.

Bono has been a leader in the fight against poverty, and has helped to create the ONE Campaign, DATA, (RED) and EDUN, a clothing company which is striving to stimulate trade with poverty stricken countries.

He was on Forbes' Generous Celebrity List for his work with Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA) against the spread of AIDS and for debt relief in Africa, participation in fundraising concerts like Live 8, and his donation of \$50,000 to One in Four Ireland, a charity that helps survivors of sexual abuse.

Bono has received 3 nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize, and was knighted in 2007.

Bono met with President Sarkozy of France early in 2008, to discuss issues brought to light by DATA.

"We had a feisty factual meeting about effective aid, French aid and the risks to EU credibility of broken promises to the world's poor," said Bono after the meeting. "The President knows the details and moves fast.

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“Within the meeting the President not only promised to restore 20 million Euros cut from the Global Fund to fight AIDS TB and malaria, he also said he would send through a plan to restore promised French aid trajectories in the next few weeks.

“The President admitted it would be very very hard, but France would keep her word.”

Lady Gaga (USA) Hours after the [2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami](#) hit Japan, Gaga tweeted a link to Japan Prayer Bracelets. All revenue from a bracelet she designed in conjunction with the company was donated to relief efforts;^[358] these raised \$1.5 million. In June 2011, Gaga performed at [MTV Japan's](#) charity show in [Makuhari Messe](#), which benefited the [Japanese Red Cross](#).



In 2012, Gaga joined the campaign group [Artists Against Fracking](#). That October, [Yoko Ono](#) gave Gaga and four other activists the [LennonOno Grant for Peace](#) in [Reykjavík](#), Iceland. The following month, Gaga pledged to donate \$1 million to the American Red Cross to help the victims of [Hurricane Sandy](#). Gaga also contributes in the fight against [HIV and AIDS](#), focusing on educating young women about the risks of the disease. In collaboration with [Cyndi Lauper](#), Gaga joined forces with [MAC Cosmetics](#) to launch a line of lipstick under their supplementary cosmetic line, Viva Glam. Sales have raised more than \$202 million to fight HIV and AIDS.

In April 2016, Gaga joined Vice President Joe Biden at the [University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#) to support Biden's [It's On Us](#) campaign as he traveled to colleges on behalf of the organization, which has seen 250,000 students from more than 530 colleges sign a pledge of solidarity and activism. Two months later, Gaga attended the [84th Annual US Conference of Mayors](#) in Indianapolis where she joined with the Dalai Lama to talk about the power of kindness and how to make the world a more compassionate place.

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In April 2020, Gaga curated the televised benefit concert, [One World: Together at Home](#), a collaboration with Global Citizen to benefit the [World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund](#). The special raised \$127 million, which according to *Forbes* "puts it on par with the other legendary fundraiser, [Live Aid](#), as the highest grossing charity concert in history." In recognition of her contribution to the [Black Lives Matter](#) movement, Gaga received the [Yolanda Denise King](#) High Ground Award from the [King Center's](#) Beloved Community Awards in January 2021. In her acceptance speech, she denounced racism and white supremacy and addressed her social responsibility as a high-profile artist and white woman.

Gaga during an event for the [Born This Way Foundation](#) in Europe, 2013
In 2012, Gaga launched the [Born This Way Foundation](#) (BTWF), a non-profit organization that focuses on youth empowerment. It takes its name from her 2011 single and album. Media proprietor [Oprah Winfrey](#), writer Deepak Chopra, and US Secretary of Health and Human Services [Kathleen Sebelius](#) spoke at the foundation's inauguration at [Harvard University](#). The foundation's original funding included \$1.2 million from Gaga, \$500,000 from the MacArthur Foundation, and \$850,000 from [Barneys New York](#). In July 2012, the BTWF partnered with [Office Depot](#), which donated 25% of the sales, a minimum of \$1 million of a series of limited edition back-to-school products. The foundation's initiatives have included the "Born Brave Bus" that followed her on tour as a youth drop-in center as an initiative against bullying.

In October 2015, at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Gaga joined 200 high school students, policy makers, and academic officials, including [Peter Salovey](#), to discuss ways to recognize and channel emotions for positive outcomes. In 2016, the foundation partnered with Intel, [Vox Media](#), and [Recode](#) to fight online harassment.^[377] The sales revenue of the 99th issue of the *V* magazine, which featured Gaga and Kinney, was donated to the foundation. Gaga and Elton John released the clothing and accessories line Love Bravery at [Macy's](#) in May. 25% of each purchase support Gaga's foundation and the [Elton John AIDS Foundation](#). Gaga partnered with [Starbucks](#) for a week in June 2017 with the "Cups of Kindness" campaign, where the company donated 25 cents from some of the beverages sold to the foundation. She also appeared in a

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video by [Staples Inc.](#) to raise funds for the foundation and [DonorsChoose.org](#).



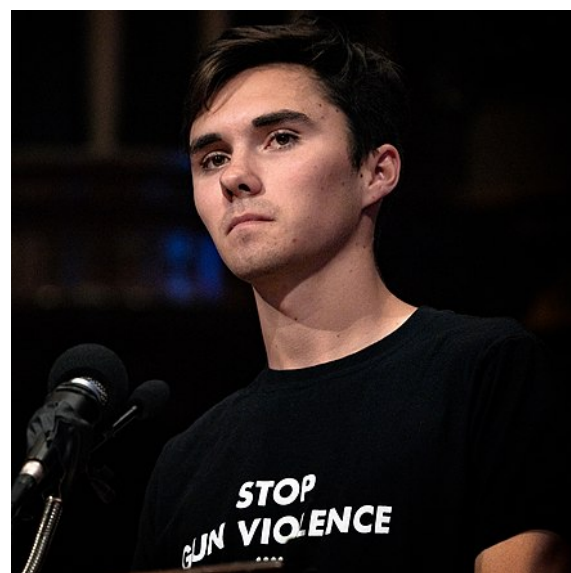
Sharon Dijksma, Mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands. Utrecht is one of the fastest growing cities in the Netherlands. While welcoming growth, Mayor Sharon Dijksma does not want to create a city, dominated by overpowering infrastructure. Instead, she envisages a humane, comfortable environment. Her ideal is a 10-minute city, where all of people's basic needs can be met close by.

Utrecht's *International Welcome Centre* has become a byword for a one-stop centre that offers newcomers to the city and surrounding region comprehensive help. Advice and assistance, which cover everything from visas, work permits, health, education and housing, are given free of charge.

Fellow residents describe the mayor as a *true mother of all citizens*. "She is a fighter, steadfast and caring." Before becoming Mayor of Utrecht, Sharon Dijksma was Amsterdam's deputy mayor from 2018 to 2020. Previously, she served as Member of the Dutch parliament and held several ministerial posts including those of Agriculture, Environment and Education.

David Miles Hogg (USA) is an American [gun control](#) activist. He rose to prominence during the [2018 United States gun violence protests](#) as a student survivor of the [Stoneman Douglas High School shooting](#), helping lead several high-profile protests, marches, and boycotts, including the [boycott of The Ingraham Angle](#). He has also been a target and scapegoat of several [conspiracy theories](#).

With his sister [Lauren Hogg](#), he wrote *#NeverAgain: A New Generation Draws the Line*, a book that made [The New York Times Best Seller list](#). They pledged to donate to charity all income from the book.



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Hogg was included in [Time](#) magazine's *100 Most Influential People of 2018*. He is a co-founder of Good Pillow, a [pillow](#) manufacturing company and the founder of the Leaders We Deserve [PAC](#).

In August 2018, Hogg announced he was planning on running to become a member of the [United States House of Representatives](#) when he turns 25 years old (due to [age of candidacy laws](#)).

On February 10, 2021, March For Our Lives announced that Hogg would take a leave of absence "to take some time for himself to reflect and recommit to the mission."

On July 20, 2022, Hogg interrupted a [House Judiciary Committee](#) hearing to mark up the 2021 Assault Weapons Ban and the Equal Access for Victims of Gun Violence Act. During Republican member [Andy Biggs](#)' time, Biggs said that Americans should be armed should an invasion of the southern border happen. Hogg then shouted: "The shooter at my high school: antisemitic, anti-black and racist. The shooter in El Paso described it as an invasion", in reference to the [2019 El Paso shooting](#). He added, as he was escorted out of the hearing room: "Those guns are coming from the United States of America. They aren't coming from Mexico. You are reiterating the points of a mass shooter sir".

In August 2023 Hoff founded Leaders We Deserve a PAC to "help young, progressive candidates around the country get elected to state legislatures and the U.S. Congress"