



18TH ANNUAL GALA

6:00 PM
THURSDAY

29

OCTOBER
2026

THE EDISON BALLROOM, NEW YORK, NY

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Empowering Widows. Transforming Generations.

Global Fund for Widows (GFW) is the **world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to economically empowering widows and female heads of households** through micro-banking, skills-based training, and job creation.

Founded in 2018, GFW has worked in 7 countries, building widow-owned micro-banks that restore economic power, social status, and legal protection to the world's most vulnerable women.



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 Total Reach

130,000+

Lives impacted (widows & children)



38,509

Widows reached directly



368

WISALAs formed

Capital Deployed

\$32M

In loans issued to widows



8+

Laws & policies influenced



Monthly

14x

Increase in monthly income in one year



The Hidden Crisis

Widowhood is a Hidden Human Rights Crisis

26M+

Widows in Extreme Poverty

90%

Live below the poverty line

49%

Are younger than 39 years old

55%

Have been disinherited



Our WISALA Model Delivers Transformative Results

1,321%

Increase in income

99.8%

Repayment Rate

79%

Open a formal bank account

13x

Increase in savings in one year



Statistics from GFW's programs in Egypt, Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania

Impact by Country

WISALA Around the World

KENYA

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TANZANIA

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EGYPT

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PAKISTAN

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UKRAINE

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This Year's Honorees

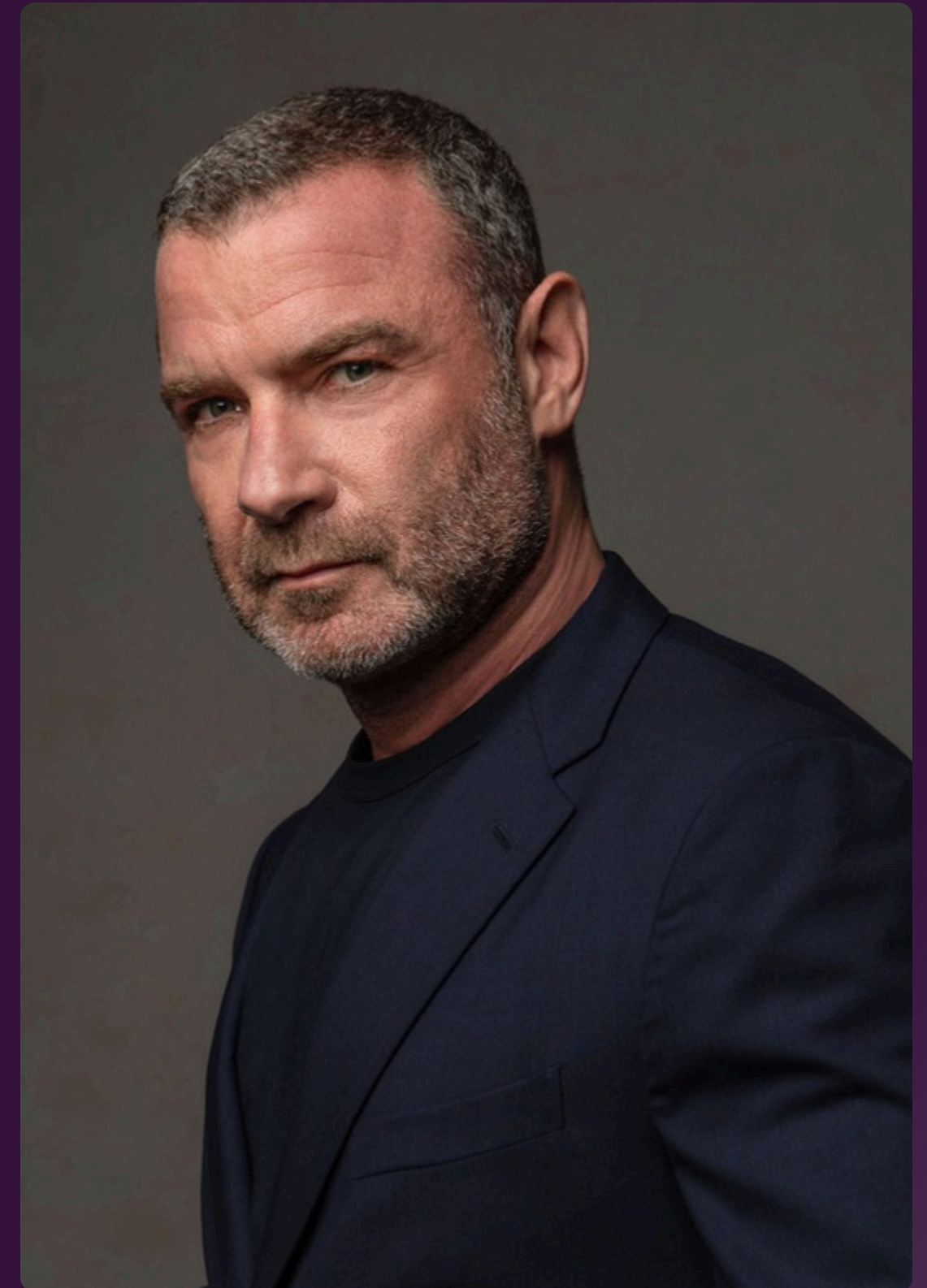
Liev Schreiber

Humanitarian Solidarity Award

Heralded as "the finest American theater actor of his generation" by the New York Times, Liev Schreiber has built a repertoire of resonant, humanistic, and often gritty performances across film, theater, and television.

Of Ukrainian heritage, Schreiber has long supported cross-cultural ties through his work, beginning with his directorial debut *Everything is Illuminated*, which follows a young American Jewish man to western Ukraine to find the woman who saved his grandfather during the Holocaust. Following Russia's 2022 invasion, he co-founded BlueCheck Ukraine to connect Ukrainians with urgent financial support and became an ambassador for President Volodymyr Zelensky's United24 initiative. In 2024, he co-directed the feature documentary *Meeting Zelenskyy*, chronicling the president's transformation from entertainer to wartime leader.

Schreiber's humanitarian efforts have earned widespread recognition, including Governor George Pataki's Freedom Award and the Dick Cavett Artistic Champion Award from the Hamptons International Film Festival, both in 2024. In 2023, he was honored by Creative Community for Peace as an Ambassador of Peace for his advocacy for the Jewish community and received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his contributions to American society.



This Year's Honorees

Shqipe Durmishi

Advocate of the Year Award

Shqipe became a widow at just 24 years old, during the war in Kosovo. Left to raise two very young children, Dea and Orges, she faced an uncertain future with resilience, determination, and strength.

Over the years, she rebuilt her life while raising her children and building a professional career. Her experience includes work with UNHCR and a long career across finance, management, and public relations. Today, she leads the Public Relations Office at MPE "Bus Station" J.S. Prishtina and holds a Master's degree in International General Management.

Today, Shqipe is also a grandmother to Ben and Eni — a new generation that gives even deeper meaning to her journey. Her story reflects something larger than personal resilience. It shows how supporting one widow can shape the lives of her children, grandchildren, and the generations that follow.

Shqipe now wants to use her own experience to stand beside other widows in Kosovo, raise awareness of the challenges they face, and advocate for greater dignity, support, and opportunities for women and their families.

Her message is simple: life does not end with loss. With support, opportunity, and solidarity, a new chapter can begin.





The Sponsor Opportunity

Align your brand with a UN-recognized global leader advancing equity, financial inclusion, and justice.

AUDIENCE ALIGNMENT

-  Corporate CSR and ESG leaders
-  Finance and legal partners
-  Philanthropists, foundations, & multilateral stakeholders

BRAND VISIBILITY MOMENTS

- Pre-event:** Website, promotional emails, social media, event brochure
- Onsite:** Stage mentions, digital screens, venue signage, printed program
- Digital/Hybrid:** Full visibility on the online event platform

★ Elevated perks at top tiers include speaking roles, global press release coordination, and right of first refusal for future events.

Sponsorship Tiers Overview

Compare our partnership levels to find the right alignment for your brand and philanthropic goals.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	INVESTMENT	GALA ADMISSIONS
Presenting Co-Sponsor	\$120,000	20 guests
Platinum Sponsor	\$75,000	15 guests
Gold Sponsor	\$50,000	10 guests
Silver Sponsor	\$25,000	8 guests
Tailored Sponsorship	From \$15,000	Customized
Bronze Sponsor	\$10,000	6 guests
Copper Sponsor	\$5,000	4 guests
GFW Advocate (Individual)	\$500	1 ticket

Presenting Co-Sponsor

\$120,000



20 Gala Admissions

Highest guest capacity available for the event.



Sectoral Exclusivity

Limited to only 2 Presenting slots to ensure industry leadership.



On-Stage Speaking

Exclusive opportunity to introduce a segment of the evening.



Global Press Release

Coordinated global announcement of your premier partnership.



Right of First Refusal

Priority branding and partnership rights for all future GFW events and convenings.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS

- ✓ HIGHLY PROMINENT RECOGNITION AS PRESENTING CO-SPONSOR ACROSS VENUE AND ONLINE PLATFORM
- ✓ SPONSOR LOGO ON GFW'S WEBSITE
- ✓ FEATURED INTERVIEW IN GFW E-NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL CHANNELS
- ✓ PREMIER SPONSOR LOGO LISTING ON EVENT WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONAL EMAILS
- ✓ PROMINENT RECOGNITION IN EVENT BROCHURE
- ✓ LISTING IN GFW'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Platinum Sponsor

\$75,000



15 Gala
Admissions



Sectoral Exclusivity
7 Slots Available

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS

- ✓ PROMINENT RECOGNITION — VENUE, ONLINE EVENT PLATFORM, AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS INCLUDING EMAIL, BROCHURE & WEBSITE
- ✓ SPONSOR LOGO ON GFW WEBSITE
- ✓ RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR ALL FUTURE GFW EVENTS & CONVENINGS
- ✓ PRIORITY LISTING IN GFW ANNUAL REPORT



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Gold Sponsor
\$50,000



**10 Gala
Admissions**

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Silver through Advocate Tiers

Explore our accessible partnership levels and individual opportunities.

Silver Sponsor \$25,000	 8 Admissions	 Recognition across event materials and platforms; Annual Report listing.
Tailored Sponsorship From \$15,000	 Customized	 Custom packages for corporations/foundations. May include select CSR announcements and tailored branding.
Bronze Sponsor \$10,000	 6 Admissions	 Recognition across event materials and platforms; Annual Report listing.
Copper Sponsor \$5,000	 4 Admissions	 Recognition across event materials and platforms; Annual Report listing.
GFW Advocate \$500	 1 Ticket	 Individual listing in the Global Fund for Widows Annual Report.

Past Honorees

Titles at time of the award



H.E. Monica Geingos
Former First Lady of Namibia



H.E. Graça Machel
Former First Lady of South
Africa & Mozambique



Dr. Aisha Muhammed-Oyebode
Former First Daughter
& widow advocate



H.E. Abdou Abarry
Permanent Representative,
Mission of the Republic of Niger
to the UN



H.E. Hilda Suka-Mafudze
African Union Ambassador



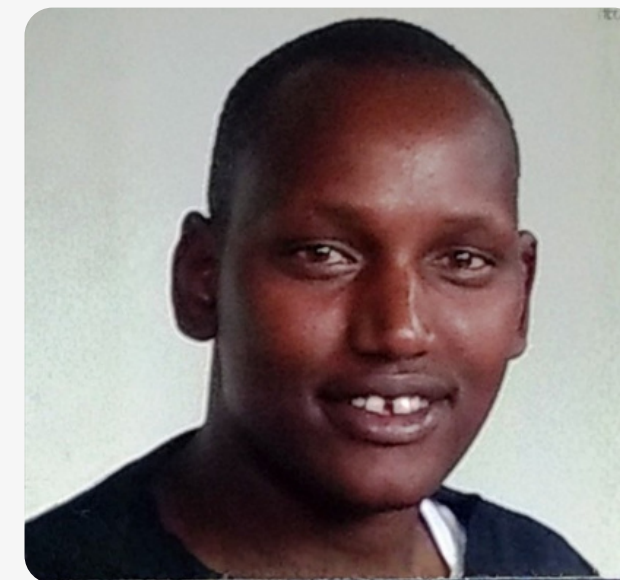
Ritu Prakash Chhabria
Director of Finolex Industries
Limited



Olalekan Akinyanmi
Founder and CEO, LEKOIL
Nigeria



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Sub-Saharan Africa for Novartis



Kisioki Moitiko
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Together, we can scale proven solutions to reach 100,000+ widows, influence policy in 10+ countries, and create a world where widows thrive with dignity, rights, and economic power.