

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*FDR Memorial Wheelchair Statue and  
Completion of the FDR Memorial*



“A MONUMENT TO FREEDOM”  
2026 | WASHINGTON, D.C.



# Dear Friends & Supporters,

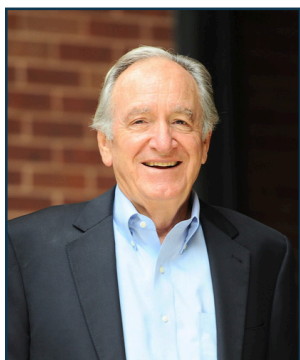
We are proud to serve as Co-Chairs for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FDR Memorial Wheelchair Statue and completion of the FDR Memorial, organized by the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee.

As you review this packet of information and available sponsorship opportunities, we encourage you to support this historic anniversary where we'll celebrate and honor a "Monument to Freedom" and the disabled Americans who fought tirelessly to remove disability from the shadows of history, as well as enshrine what leadership can look like. We will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Memorial's completion with the addition of the Prologue Room, which contains the famed FDR wheelchair statue. This anniversary will allow us to recognize the FDR Memorial as a beacon of hope and a tribute to the ideals of our nation.

This is an opportunity for you to not only connect with this historic and iconic Memorial, but also engage in meaningful discussions about the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the disability community's triumphant contribution of the FDR wheelchair statue, and the overall brilliance of the art and artistry of the Memorial.

While there will be much to share about this historic gathering in the months to come, we hope you will take this opportunity to reserve your sponsorship today. For more information and/or to discuss this anniversary, please contact Mary E. Dolan at [mary@fdrmemoriallegacy.com](mailto:mary@fdrmemoriallegacy.com) or 202-368-1083.

*Sincerely,*



*U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (retired).  
2026 - 25th Anniversary Co-Chair*



*James Roosevelt, Jr. Esq.  
2026 - 25th Anniversary Co-Chair*

# A Historic Anniversary

*The FDR Memorial Legacy Committee will proudly host the 2026 commemoration events to mark the 25th anniversary of the FDR wheelchair statue and completion of the FDR Memorial. Join us in celebration of:*

- The success of the six-year epic campaign led by the disability community to include FDR's disability at the Memorial and resulted in the installation of the FDR wheelchair statue.
- The art and artistry of this Memorial created by 20th century greats like designer Lawrence Halprin, wheelchair statue sculptor Robert Graham, and other artists such as Leonard Baskin, George Segal, Neil Estern, Tom Hardy, and John Benson.
- The 25th anniversary of the completion of the FDR Memorial with the addition of the Prologue Room, which houses the FDR wheelchair statue and bas-relief with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt.



President Clinton speaks at the 2001 dedication.



Memorial designer Lawrence Halprin at the FDR Memorial.



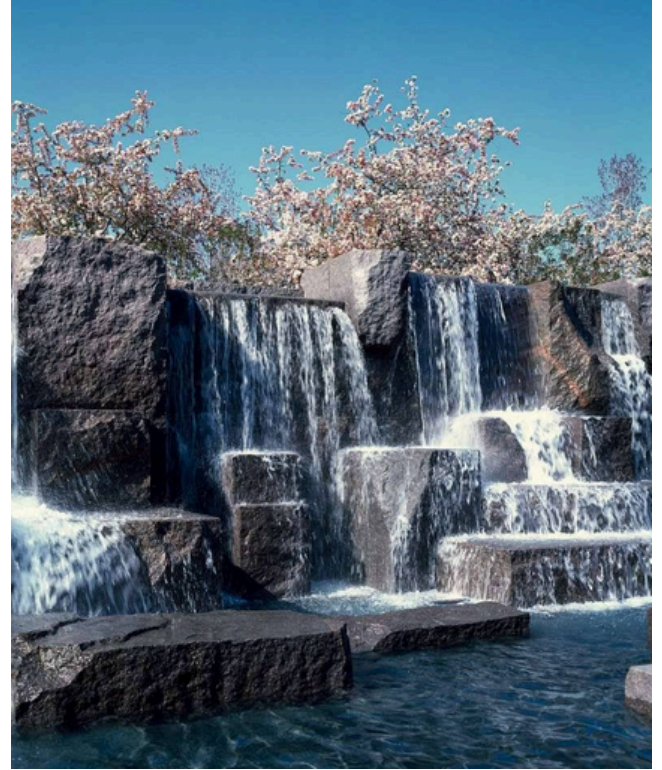
A rally in support of the FDR wheelchair statue in 1997. Left to right, Jill Jacobs, Jim Dickson, Kirk Bauer, Eduardo Burkhart, Alan Reich, Joan Challinor (behind Alan), Justin Dart.



FDR Memorial sculptor Robert Graham.

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events to Include:

- Commemorative ceremony at the FDR Memorial.
- Panel Discussions
  - Disability History of the FDR Memorial- to feature leaders who were part of the FDR wheelchair statue campaign to discuss the meaning and impact of their activism and guidance for new generations.
  - Art and Artistry of the FDR Memorial- to feature artists and experts involved in the design and artwork of the FDR Memorial.
- Public education events at the Memorial and/or online.



A waterfall structure at the FDR Memorial during cherry blossom season.



Jim Dickson speaks at a rally with Justin Dart next to him.



The statue of FDR in his wheelchair at the FDR Memorial.



Mike Deland (center in a wheelchair) speaks at a rally.

# Sponsorship Opportunities

*Funding will support the anniversary & sustain the work of the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee.*

## **DIAMOND - \$50,000**

- Reserved premiere speaking opportunity at anniversary events
- Prominent name and logo recognition on website and materials for all events
- Prominent social media promotion across platforms
- Verbal recognition at events
- Feature mention in press release including a quote
- Dedicated staff liaison for anniversary events
- Leadership available to speak or present at corporate, foundation or non-profit event
- Prominent branding on anniversary merchandise

## **PLATINUM - \$25,000**

- Reserved speaking opportunity at panel discussion on Disability History or Art and Artistry of the FDR Memorial.
- Prominent name and logo recognition on website and on materials for panel discussion
- Prominent social media promotions
- Verbal recognition at panel discussion
- Logo on anniversary merchandise

## **GOLD - \$10,000**

- Name and logo recognition on materials for one panel discussion related to the Anniversary
- Name on website, on anniversary merchandise, and in social media

## **SILVER - \$5,000**

- Name recognition on website and on materials for one panel discussion

## **BRONZE \$2,500**

- Name listed on website

## How to Give:



<https://fdrmemorial.org/giving>

Also feel free to reach out to Mary E. Dolan, Executive Director at [mary@fdrmemoriallegacy.com](mailto:mary@fdrmemoriallegacy.com) 202-368-1083

*The FDR Memorial Legacy Committee is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was founded in 2019 to protect, preserve, and promote the FDR Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

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