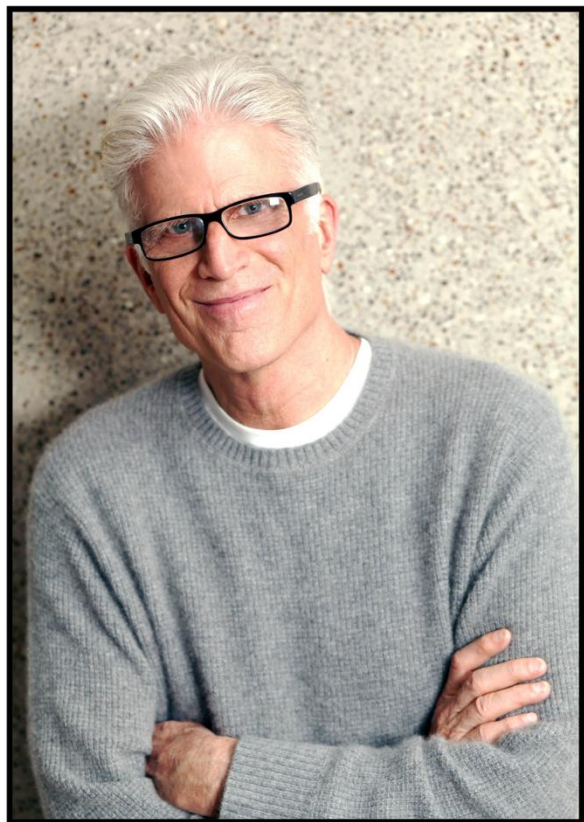


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**TELEVISION ACADEMY TO HONOR TED DANSON AND
MARY STEENBURGEN WITH BOB HOPE HUMANITARIAN
AWARD AT 77TH EMMYS CELEBRATION ON SEPT. 14**

**Renowned Champions for Change and United in Purpose
Superstar Hollywood Couple Recognized for Philanthropic Work With
Esteemed Industry Award**



Ted Danson

Photo courtesy: Kate Danson



Mary Steenburgen

Photo courtesy: Victoria Stevens

(LOS ANGELES — July 30, 2025) — The Television Academy today announced that beloved actors and philanthropists Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen are the recipients of the 2025 Bob Hope Humanitarian Award, recognizing a lifetime of extraordinary philanthropy, activism and unwavering commitment to global good.

The distinguished honor will be formally bestowed during the 77th Emmy Awards ceremony and telecast, which airs Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

This marks the first time the award will be presented to a couple — two luminaries whose off-screen legacy shines as bright as their decades of celebrated television work.

Established in 2002, the [Bob Hope Humanitarian Award](#) is one of the highest honors presented by the Television Academy's Board of Governors, given to an individual(s) in the media industry whose deeds and actions have a lasting impact on communities and whose philanthropic efforts exemplify Bob Hope's decades-long altruism and positive impact on society. Danson and Steenburgen are award-winning actors, dedicated philanthropists and activists — each a powerhouse but even more formidable together.

Danson is a deeply committed and longtime environmentalist and ocean conservation activist, co-founding the American Oceans Campaign (AOC) in 1987 to alert Americans to the life-threatening hazards created by oil spills, offshore developments, toxic wastes, sewage pollution and other ocean abuses. The AOC merged with Oceana in 2001. Since then, Danson has served on Oceana's board of directors and has testified before the House Committee on National Resources on behalf of the cause. Danson has also worked with and supported several other philanthropic organizations, including the ASPCA, Climate U.S. PAC, Elton John AIDS Foundation, Malaria No More, Young Storytellers and more.

Steenburgen has collaborated with numerous organizations and foundations, including Artists for a Free South Africa, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Heifer International, No Kid Hungry and Oceana to amplify their impact. Steenburgen is also a passionate advocate for increasing funding for the arts in schools across the country. Most recently, she served as a keynote speaker at the 2024 Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference to educate administrators about the importance of the arts in public schools. Through her involvement with these various charities and nonprofit organizations, she has helped raise funds, mobilize support and effect policy change on a wide range of issues.

In 2007 Danson and Steenburgen co-founded the nonprofit organization Angels at Risk with activist Susie Spain, which addresses the crisis of children, teenagers and their families who are at risk for drug and alcohol abuse. The organization fights to add early prevention education in all schools and create educational programs and services designed to encourage communication between teens and parents.

Danson and Steenburgen are also outspoken allies of the LGBTQ community. Last year the couple was honored with the Nancy Pelosi Equality Ally Award at the 2024 Equality PAC National Pride Gala in Washington, D.C. This prestigious annual award recognizes extraordinary allies of the community who have proudly and relentlessly stood up for LGBTQ individuals and their rights.

"Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen have long used their voices — and their hearts — to champion causes that uplift the planet and its people," said Cris Abrego, chair of the Television Academy. "From environmental advocacy to humanitarian relief,

they lead with grace, integrity and purpose. The Television Academy is proud to honor their extraordinary legacy of service with the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.”

Danson is a Golden Globe- and Emmy Award-winning actor known for his iconic portrayals on NBC comedies *Cheers* and *The Good Place* and currently stars in the Netflix comedy series *A Man on the Inside*. Previously, he starred in NBC’s *Mr. Mayor* and HBO’s *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and also played a prominent role in the second season of FX’s critically acclaimed series *Fargo*, among a multitude of high-profile projects.

Steenburgen is an Academy Award- and Golden Globe-winning actress best known for her work in the films *Melvin and Howard*, *Parenthood*, *What’s Eating Gilbert Grape*, *Philadelphia* and *Book Club* and television shows such as *Last Man on Earth*, *Zoey’s Extraordinary Playlist*, *Orange Is the New Black* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Next, Steenburgen will star in season two of Netflix’s *A Man on the Inside* as well as the upcoming film *The Dink*.

The Bob Hope Humanitarian Award has only been presented a handful of times in Television Academy history to individuals whose humanitarian work reflects Bob Hope’s profound impact on society. Past recipients include Oprah Winfrey, Danny Thomas (posthumously), George Clooney and Sean Penn.

The 77th Emmy Awards will telecast live from the Peacock Theater at L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles on Monday, Sept. 14, 2025, (8:00-11:00 PM EDT/5:00-8:00 PM PDT) on the CBS Television Network and available to stream live and on demand on Paramount+.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy strives to shape and advance the dynamic television landscape; cultivate a diverse, inclusive and accessible professional community; and advocate for the television industry while capturing the spirit of a new generation of content creators and industry professionals. Through innovative programs, publications and events, the Academy and its Foundation foster and empower storytellers. The Academy also celebrates those who excel in the industry by recognizing their achievements through awards and accolades, including the renowned Emmy® Award. Membership in the Academy is open to working professionals in the television industry. For more information, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com](https://www.TelevisionAcademy.com).

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