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GiGi's News

October 2009

Celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Month!

As you know, GiGi's Playhouses are Down syndrome awareness centers. While we offer educational programs, therapeutic activities, and lots of support to families and friends touched by Down syndrome, our main goal is to spread positive, and accurate awareness about what Down syndrome is and what it is not. That is why we particularly love the month of October as it is Down syndrome awareness month!! We often get asked how you can help in spreading awareness with

us. There are so many ways so we asked our families what their favorite way to spread awareness is and here are some of their responses:

"My child is 5, so I like to spread awareness to his peers and teachers. I use the GiGi's Playhouse activity books to do a talk with his class. They get to have fun with the book-let all while learning about Down syndrome! I feel like I am helping raise a generation of compassionate kids!"

"I pass out the GiGi's calendars and brochures to my doctor's offices, grocery store, schools and where I work!"

"We work hard to have our daughter with Down syndrome reach her dreams. She wants to be independent – so she goes to school, has a job and goes out with friends – just like we do! What a great way to show the world that she can reach her dreams too!"

There are so many other stories that we can share with you! If you are looking for a way to help spread awareness this month or throughout the entire year, call your local Playhouse and they will give you some ideas. Anything from tutoring in the literacy program, to bringing the *i have a voice* Gallery to your local library, to simply using correct terminology when speaking about individuals with Down syndrome — the opportunities are endless! Join us in making this world a better place for all! With your help, we can spread awareness all year long!



i have a voice

IT'S BACK IN TOWN!

For the month of October, the *i have a voice* Traveling Gallery will be hosted by the St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates. We are so excited to have this awesome venue display our larger than life portraits of individuals with Down syndrome! Imagine the impact it will have on the new mom that just delivered a baby with Down syndrome and sees these beautiful and intelligent images as she leaves the

hospital. Or the corporate executives that walk by the Gallery and can't help but find themselves drawn to the quotes under each picture. Or the medical staff that get to see a side of Down syndrome that reminds them to share positive and accurate information as they deliver a diagnosis.

Karen Meyer from Channel 7 will be there on October 9th to write a story on the Gallery and its impact across the nation. Be sure to check the web-



site for details of when it will air!

Take your family to Alexius throughout the month of October to view the Gallery and its incredible impact!

One Hour Makes a Difference!

Can you spare one hour a week?

Tutors are needed for our Literacy program — you can make a huge difference in the life of a child by helping their reading and comprehension skills through our Literacy program. We have many kids on a waiting list!

Training provided, email

literacydirector@gigisplayhouse.org to find out more.

Literacy Corner

Partnership with Roosevelt University

Roosevelt University Community Involvement Coordinator Vinny welcomed Brett to the Schaumburg campus to announce Roosevelt's sponsorship of GiGi's Playhouse for the academic year. In addition to fundraising for the Playhouse, students will volunteer as Literacy tutors and assist during programs — what a great partnership!



Peotone School District Training

On August 13th we held an informational session/training for Peotone School District at Peotone Elementary in Chicago. Everyone from kindergarten teachers, high school teachers, therapist, parents, and administrators attended this event. We discussed accommodations and modifications for

the classroom and school grounds. We also touched on literacy strategies and testing accommodations. Everyone was able to share their experiences and ideas for working with children with Down syndrome. We all took away a little something new to help start off the new school year with a bang!

I greatly enjoyed working with Peotone School District and their parents! If your child's teacher or therapist is looking for ways to support him/her in school invite them to our Open House at the Hoffman Estates location September 29th at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

Christine Enjoys Friday Friends

One of the great things about the Playhouse is the amazing people who make GiGi's feel like a big family. Christine is one of those people. She is part of our Friday Friends group, and a lot of fun! We asked Christine to tell us

a little about herself.

"I'm 32 years old. I am an usher at a theater and have worked there for 8 years. I take tickets, tell customers which theater to go to, and enter information on the computer. One of my hobbies is sketching. I always have a sketch book and pencil with me wherever I go. I play Quiddler (card game) and UNO all the time, and love playing my Wii, especially bowling, tennis and soccer. I'm always talking on the phone to my boyfriend, and having friends over for girls weekends. I belong to Evanston Athletic Club and I like Water Aerobics, Nia and Zumba classes. I just taught a Zumba class at the NDSC Convention in Sacramento!

I try to never miss Friday Friends at GiGi's Playhouse! I get to see so many friends and meet new friends, too. My advice to Playhouse parents and students — study hard — teach children to read and do math! I had a great teacher when it was time for me to learn to read and do math. I took extra classes to learn and went to NWSRA activities. Camp was important; I went to day camp and I also went to a week-long camp, it taught me a lot. Special Olympics helped me learn sports and how to travel without my parents. In junior high, I was on the cross country team. My friends from all these things that I did when I was little are my best friends today, too."



Programs & Activities

To view a full description of our programs, go to our website: www.gigisplayhouse.org

2 & Under Playgroup ♦ Children play while their parents network with each other.

Crawlers ♦ Focuses on crawling, fine motor skills and social interaction with peers.

Walkers ♦ Focuses on post walking skills with peers to prepare children for school activities.

Hop, Skip & Jumpers ♦ Promote friendships, social skills, and interactive play through fun creative activities! (3-5 year olds)

Playhouse Pals ♦ Structured playgroup focus-

es on developing friendships and confidence all while having a great time! (6-8 year olds)

Kids Club ♦ Fast paced group incorporates social, communication and confidence-building skills and activities! (9-12 year olds)

Teen-Tastic ♦ Pizza party of watching movies and playing games. (13-17 year olds)

Friday Friends ♦ Karaoke, dances, softball games — the fun never ends! (Adults 18 + over)

Nuestros Angeles ♦ Spanish speaking families gather for food, fun, friendship and education!

Polish Group ♦ Polish speaking families gather for food, fun, friendship and education!

Open Play ♦ Everyone welcome to this weekly gathering of networking and friendship building.

Literacy ♦ Free program teaches kids how to read. By appointment only — Call ahead!

Daddy & Me ♦ Dads, bring your kids and meet other fathers in your area!

Reserve it! ♦ Playhouses can be reserved for any function or other special needs group.

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<h1>October</h1>				1	2	3 Literacy 9-10:30am Hop, Skip & Jumpers 10-11:30am 
4 Open Play 6-7pm	5 	6 Literacy 5-6pm 	7 Literacy 4:30-6pm 	8	9	10 Literacy 9-10:30am Leaps & Bounds 2-2:45pm @CDS 
11 Kid's Club 6-7pm	12 	13 Literacy 5-6pm 	14 Literacy 4:30-6pm Open Play 6-7pm 	15	16	17 Literacy 9-10:30am Leaps & Bounds 2-2:45pm @CDS 
18	19	20 Literacy 5-6pm Open Play 6-7pm 	21 Literacy 4:30-6pm 	22 Teen Tastic 6-8pm Fall Bash	23 	24 Literacy 9-10:30am Open Play 10:30am-Noon Halloween Party Wear your costume! Leaps & Bounds 2-2:45pm @CDS 
25 Motivational Monday Sioux City Early Head Start Speaker 	26 Literacy 5-6pm	27 	28 Literacy 4:30-6pm 	29	30	31 Literacy 9-10:30am Leaps & Bounds 2-2:45pm @CDS 

Raising Awareness

The 2009 Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness was a HUGE success! We had over a 1000 participants with 75% of the proceeds going to GiGi's Playhouse-



Sioux City! Everyone had fun playing in the kid zone with bounce houses, slides, games, crafts, food and so much more! It is always so great to see the line of walkers as the Walk begins with all the yellow and blue balloons

making a path! Thank you to all the sponsors who played a HUGE role in making this day happen!

Please visit the "Sioux City section" at www.gigisplayhouse.org for a complete list of sponsors! We couldn't have done it without your dedication and support!!

Follow Us...

Follow us on www.twitter.com at GiGi's Playhouse! Updates on events right to you! Become a FAN of GiGi's Playhouse-Sioux City on Facebook! Go to www.gigisplayhouse.org and click on Sioux City!

She's a Calendar Girl!

We are excited to announce our very own Sioux City Calendar Girl, Olivia Bargstadt! Olivia & her family went to Chicago last February for the photo shoot and made the 2010 GiGi's Playhouse Calendar! Olivia is 4 years old, attends Dakota Valley Elementary School, loves to play with her siblings, ride bikes, read books, etc. Olivia is involved in the GiGi's Literacy Program, Leaps & Bounds, Hop, Skip & Jumpers, and Open Play groups. Calendars can be purchased at your local Playhouse or online at www.gigisplayhouse.org

A Chance to Dance

We are so excited to have Contemporary Dance Studio (CDS) involved with GiGi's Playhouse. CDS is located at Suite 6 in Indian Hills Plaza; right next door to GiGi's Playhouse! The owner, Jessica Jensen, will be donating her time and talents to provide a special 6 week session for anyone age 3 and up with Down syndrome. The weekly sessions will take place during our Leaps & Bounds class on Saturdays from **2-2:45pm, Oct. 10 to Nov. 14**

with a mini recital on **November 14th**. There is no cost for the classes, but there will be a small costume fee. We are so excited to have all of our kids at GiGi's Playhouse show off their



talents! If you are interested, email siouxcity@gigisplayhouse.org or call **712.226.PLAY** to be a part of the FUN!

Fall Fun!

Come to Open Play on **Sat., Oct. 24th** from **10:30am-Noon**, for a Halloween

themed morning! Don't forget your Halloween costume to wear to the Party! Siblings are always welcome!

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18 Literacy 5:15-6pm Meeting 7pm 	19 Literacy 1:30-3pm 	20 Literacy 8:30-9:15am 12:15-1:45pm 3-4:30pm 4:45-6:15pm 	21 Group Meeting 9am-4pm Open Play 12:30-2pm 	22 Friday Friends HALLOWEEN PARTY! 	23	24 Kids Club 10-11:30am Halloween Party Noon-2pm
25 Polish Group 11am-1pm RSVP to Krystyna at 847.962.4820 	26 Literacy 5:15-6pm Meeting 7pm 	27 Literacy 9:30-10:15am Literacy 1:30-3pm 	28 Literacy 9:30-2:30pm 3-4:30pm Literacy Bookmaking 6:30-8:30pm Volunteers Needed!	29 Open Play 12:30-2pm Wendy's Night 4-8pm Golf & Roselle Road All are invited 	30	31

Hoffman Cookbook

GiGi's Playhouse Hoffman Estates has exciting news! We are going to have our own cookbook! And you can help make it a great one! We want to collect recipes from all of our Hoffman families and volunteers.... so pull out your favorites and send them in! Cookbooks will be sold for \$10 to raise funds for the Hoffman Estates Playhouse. They will be ready for Christmas and will make great gifts! Go to the Hoffman page on the website for more info.

Friday Friends

Our softball game and ice cream social were a blast! Don't miss our Halloween Party on **October 23rd!**



Polish Group

Our Polish group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month from 11am-1pm. Join us on **October 25!** RSVP to Krystyna at **847.962.4820**.



Hop, Skip & Jumpers and Playhouse Pals

Buccaners will be walking the plank into GiGi's Playhouse for a true Pirate adventure this month! Join the fun on **October 10th!**

Kids Club Went Flying at Elk Grove Gymnastics School!

Yes, everyone got harnessed in and "flew" very high in the air (with ropes holding them up)!!! We did some warm-up stretches, went through a cool obstacle course, did trampoline activities and jumped into the "foam block pit". Marc J showed us some of his awesome rings routine!



Calling All Chicagoland Teens!

We will be shaking fall loose with an autumn themed dance & teen social! Join us for karaoke, dancing, ice breakers & the chance to meet other teens in your area! Bring a friend, 5-6:30pm on **October 10th!**

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11 Tot Class 9:30-11am Open Play 11am-1pm Literacy 12:30-1:30pm 1-3pm 4-5pm	12 Literacy 1-3:30pm Literacy 5-5:30pm Special Olympics Young Athletes 5:45-6:30pm 6:30-7:15pm	13 Literacy 9:30-10:30am Literacy 4-5pm Literacy 4:30-6pm 	14 Literacy 3-4pm Literacy 4-5pm 	15	16	17 Literacy 9:30-10:30am Playhouse Pals 2-4pm 
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Nuestros Angeles Hispanic Playgroup 11am-1pm 	25 Tot Class 9:30-11am Open Play 11am-1pm Literacy 12:30-1:30pm 1-3pm 4-5pm	26 Literacy 1-3:30pm Literacy 5-5:30pm 	27 Literacy 9:30-10:30am Literacy 4-5pm Literacy 4:30-6pm 	28 Literacy 3-4pm Literacy 4-5pm 	29 GiGi's Family Night 6-8pm RSVP 630.844.1720 	30 Literacy 9:30-10:30am Crawlers Group 9:30-10:30am RSVP 630.423.4035 

Lives With Full Potential

A group of volunteers from Wheatland-Salem church came to help create literacy books and materials. Within that group was an editor for a local newspaper. As we talked about GiGi's, the already generous group started offering more ways they could help – including an offer to write a feature story about our organization in the newspaper.



The article was recently featured in both the Beacon News and the Naperville Sun. Since the article went to print, we've had a significant increase in awareness, volunteer contacts, vocational partnerships and possible grants and sponsorship opportunities!

What a way to spread awareness about Down syndrome! A big Thank You to the Beacon News and Naperville Sun for their help in spreading awareness!



Upcoming Events...

GiGi's Playhouse-Fox Valley is teaming up with Carson Pirie Scott in the Community Days fundraiser. GiGi's Playhouse-Fox Valley will be selling coupon booklets at \$5 each. Each booklet contains a \$10 coupon good on almost any merchandise item of \$10 or more (customers spend \$5 for the booklet and get \$10 back on their first purchase!), eight coupons for up to 20% off, plus offers for two great bonus items—available on Community Day only. Coupon booklets are at the Playhouse, contact Genia at glatka@gigisplayhouse.org.

Special Olympics Young Athletes Program is an Inspiration














In August, 27 children from GiGi's Fox Valley ages 2-7 and their siblings participated in the culminating event for the Special Olympics Young Athletes program. They completed eight events in order to earn their medal and certificate. Thanks to the My Gym in Fox Valley for their ongoing commitment to host the program. It is a real treat for the kids to be in such a wonderful facility. We also had 12 awesome teen volunteers from

Nazareth High School who assisted the children that day. One volunteer, Katie said "Even though it was hard work getting through all the events, it was so cool to see Evan smile." Special thanks to Jen Marcello from SO who facilitated the event and Sandy DeCraene, our coach. We have 33 children already signed up for the fall session and we are excited to introduce some new skills and welcome some new faces!

Living Healthy Presentation

Please join us on **October 22nd at 7pm** and learn how Robert Bagdonas, an adult with Down syndrome, has created his own successful business, even in a down economy.



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GiGi's Cheer 4:15pm at Layton Athletics		Signing 'Til Dawn 10am 		Open Play 10am-Noon Come join us for Pizza & Friendship Volunteer Orientation 7-8pm 		7		8		Signing 'Til Dawn Baby Signs 10am Teen-Tastics 7pm 		10		
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Daddy & Me 9-11am Halloween Party 2pm RSVP at 815.385.7529 GiGi's Cheer 4:15pm		Signing 'Til Dawn 10am 		Open Play 10am-Noon Come join us for Pizza & Friendship 		Book Making Night 6:30pm 		29		Signing 'Til Dawn Baby Signs 10am 		31		

McHenry Welcomes Our NEW Site Coordinator — Jean Boyle

I am so very excited to join the GiGi's Playhouse family, I feel very lucky to be part of an organization that does such wonderful work. My past experience working with adults with multiple disabilities in a vocational setting will hopefully help me to be able to spread awareness on how GiGi's Playhouse can make a difference.

I look forward to meeting everyone in the near future!

Jeans For a Reason

Thanks to The Alder Company, Debra Alder, and all the employees for your continued support in all of our fundraising efforts and for wearing jeans on Fridays..... Jeans For a Reason. Last year at the Delavan, Wisconsin office of the Alder Company they started wearing jeans on Fridays and paying for it! Everyone who wears jeans must pay \$1.00 per week and the money is given and matched by the company to GiGi's Playhouse McHenry.

Halloween Party!

Wear your costumes and Come Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 25th** for a fun filled Halloween Party from **2-4pm**. We will play games, crafts and snacks. Please RSVP to the Playhouse at **815.385.7529** or **mchenry@gigisplayhouse.org**.



Join Us at Wendy's

Please join us at Wendy's on **Tues., Oct. 13th** from **5-8pm**. A portion of all proceeds go back to the Playhouse.

Another Party!

Thank you for allowing Jakie to enjoy his special day at GiGi's Playhouse. Everyone had a wonderful



time. The older children played games, we ate yummy cake and many friends joined us to celebrate the joys of his first year of life. Whoever knew that about 15 months ago, our dreams of

having a "normal" child were shattered by the news that Jake would have Down syndrome. As we wiped away the tears and moved forward, we discovered a whole new experience with incredibly talented and gifted people and their caring parents. It was a busy year for Jake as we adjusted to having a third child in the home and we wouldn't have changed a thing. Each stage of development turned into a celebration and awareness of who he is and what he can do. I asked my husband Joe if he ever wondered what Jake would be like if Jake didn't have Down syndrome.



His answer was simply "He wouldn't be Jake." We are so thankful for our special little miracle!

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	Literacy 9-11am 	Literacy 4-6:15pm 			Movie Night 7pm 	

Rachel, Our Intern

The Chicago Playhouse wants to thank our site coordinator intern, Rachel Zinn for her service this summer. Rachel is a student at Northwestern University where she is majoring in Human Development and Psychological Services, with a minor in Psychology. In addition to her studies, Rachel is beginning her second year as an RA and is involved with University chorus, STAND (a student anti-genocide coalition) and various activities in the school's Jewish community. Thank you Rachel! We are happy to have you as part of our "family".

Motivational Mondays!

Nutritionist to talk about moving beyond sensory issues with early feeders, fighting obesity in young adults and children, creating a balanced diet and motivating picky eaters to eat a more well rounded diet. Check the website for date.

Movie Night

The Chicago Playhouse is hosting it's second monthly Movie Night on **October 30th** at **7pm**. It will be a Halloween theme so dress up in your favorite costume and come on by for fun, food and some eerie excitement!

2 & Under Playgroup

The 2 & Under Playgroup provides a setting where young children with Down syndrome and their families can meet, play and learn. Kids get a chance to interact and socialize with each other while the parents get a chance to network, share their triumphs and troubles and just sit back and relax and watch their kids play.



Jack Leto and his grandmother visited the Playhouse for the first time. He played with Jack Delaney at the 2 & Under group.

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Live Band Karaoke at Taste of GiGi's!!

Save the Date

Taste of GiGi's Playhouse
October 24, 2009
Logan Square Auditorium
2539 N. Kedzie
5:00pm

If you've never done Live Band Karaoke, now's your chance! It's way more fun than the typical kind and it's all for GiGi's Playhouse Chicago! Join us on **Oct. 24th** at **5pm** in Logan Square for good food, better drinks, and the best singing around! Go to www.gigisplayhouse.org to register — invite your friends and family, this is an event you don't want to miss!



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- **Oct. 4th @ Hoffman Playhouse**
GiGiFest — Everyone Invited!!
- **Oct. 24th @ Chicago Playhouse**
2nd Annual Taste of GiGi's and Live Band Karaoke
- **Nov. 1st @ McHenry Playhouse**
2nd Annual Fashion Show & Brunch
- **Feb. 6, 2010 GiGi's Gala**

To learn more about all of these events and to register, go to:
www.gigisplayhouse.org

Thank You UPS!!!

Thanks for the \$15,000 grant that you provided to GiGi's for Literacy! We are so grateful that you see the potential in individuals with Down syndrome and the work that GiGi's is doing!



Mickey gladly accepts the check!

GiGi's PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS
Getting Down with Fashion
FUNDRAISING 2009 FASHION SHOW

2nd Annual Fashion Show

It's just around the corner... there is still time to get in on the FASHION. Join us **Sunday, November 1st** at the Bull Valley Golf Club 1311 Club Road, Woodstock, IL for Fashion, Fun & a wonderful brunch. Register online at www.gigisplayhouse.org or call the McHenry Playhouse at **815.385.7529** to participate, sponsor or to purchase tickets.



Join Us Oct. 4th for GiGiFest Our 6th Anniversary Celebration! Noon-3pm

- **Bounce Houses**
- **Petting Zoo**
- **Ronald McDonald**
- **Pony Rides**
- **Our 2010 Calendar Models!**

Be a Hero...

7th Annual Chicagoland Buddy Walk
Oct 11, 2009 • 1-5 PM • Cantigny • Wheaton, IL
www.chicagolandbuddywalk.org
(815) 272-1068

Registration: Individual \$15
Family of 4 \$40
Includes free T-shirt



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