



Down Syndrome Awareness Centers

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Newsletter

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Spreading Down Syndrome Awareness!

Last month was Down syndrome awareness month but that doesn't mean our job is over! There is so much awareness to be spread about what Down syndrome is and what it is not. GiGi's has so many resources for you to use to show your community the potential of individuals with Down syndrome! Read below to get some ideas and then contact your local Playhouse to see how you can use some of these tools in your community!

The *i have a voice* Travelling Gallery!

The Gallery is a great way to spread awareness – without saying a word! These portraits speak for themselves and share the beauty, intelligence and potential of all kids and adults with Down syndrome. How they feel, what they like, their humor, their ability, and their love!



What a reception!

Lutheran General Hospital partnered with GiGi's Playhouse by bringing the *i have a voice* Travelling Gallery to their hospital! At the opening reception, Brian Chiccoine MD of the Adult Down Syndrome Clinic, spoke about the great potential of working together. By working together, we are able to ensure the health, in every sense of the word, of all individuals with Down syndrome is addressed.

2011 Calendars!

These calendars do so much more than keep you on schedule! They are filled with quotations and truths about Down syndrome. The photos show a side to Down syndrome that the community needs to see – the hip, cool, and realistic side! This was also shown at our Red Carpet walk last month, as the calendar models strutted their stuff! The confidence they have is a direct result of people like you who support the mission of GiGi's! Purchase your calendar today at www.gigisplayhouse.org – besides being a terrific awareness tool, they make a great gift!



Full Circle!

At last week's literacy training, Hannah, 5 years old, came to demonstrate how she uses the Literacy Program at the Hoffman Estates location. As one of the tutors watched, she was amazed! She went up to Hannah's mom afterwards with these words,

"I am a kindergarten teacher and I have to say that Hannah is reading at a higher level than the typically developing students in my class! As a grandmother of a child with Down syndrome, seeing this potential in Hannah makes me so excited about the life that my little grandbaby can have!"

All the programs that we do at GiGi's Playhouse serve multiple purposes. The Literacy program teaches kids and adults with Down syndrome how to read but it also raises the expectation of all involved – the students, the parents and the community! By helping kids reach their highest potential, educators, doctors and other community members will raise their expectations and see our kids for who they are! Potential!

These are just a few of the ways you can spread awareness! We also have bookmarks, notecards, activity books and posters!

New Math Program!

Throughout September and October, Genia Latka and Beth Spenadel began sharing the new exciting Math Program with parents and teachers! They shared ideas on how to apply tutoring techniques at home, provided materials and methods that will be used by our tutors and presented a program overview. Some of the thoughts shared by parents who attended the training nights were:

"Thank you very much for the class! It was very informative and eased a lot of my anxiety toward helping my son with his math!"

"Great training, very beneficial for all the children."

"All excellent advice! Can't wait to start some of these ideas to help Grace with her math!"

Please check your playhouse calendar to attend the next training night in November, "Applying the Methods".

If you are interested in enrolling your child into this Math Program, you can pick-up a Math Tutoring Information Packet and a registration form at your local playhouse.

Registration forms are due **no later than December 17th**. The first session will be a pilot (10 students from Hoffman Estates and 10 students from Fox Valley playhouses will be randomly chosen for this pilot). The first session will start mid-January 2011.

We are still in need of tutors for this program! If you cannot help by volunteering your time, please consider donating some of the following supplies: white copy paper, white or colored cardstock, overhead pens, clean egg cartons, 4 x 6' enveloped with closures, index cards, clean and dried soup cans, plain white contact paper, shoe boxes, various board games, box of macaroni noodles, sheet protectors, and file folders. You can drop these off at your local playhouse. Please be sure to label them "Math Program".

If you have questions about this program or would like to volunteer your time, please contact your local playhouse or Genia at glatka@gigisplayhouse.org. Thank you for your support!!



7 years and 7 Playhouses!

Mary Jo, Playhouse volunteer and mother to Annabelle chaired GiGifest this year.

Here, she describes in her own words what it meant to her. "Wow what an awesome day!

While I was cleaning I found a newsletter dated September 2005. I was expecting Annabelle at that time not knowing that she has Down Syndrome. Here we are five years later and the difference is that we are celebrating the opening of the seventh playhouse soon and 8 and 9 are around the corner! Wow in my daughters short little life all this awareness has happened. It just goes to show you that a person with Down syndrome is truly something to celebrate! Sometimes I wish I could see the world through her eyes; it has got to be beautiful.

I do not know what my family would have done without the joy of GiGi's Playhouse. My 16 & 14 year old sons were so excited to show of the Playhouse to their fellow Schaumburg High School students, it was like they were showing them their own home. If you can get teenager excited about taking away their Sunday afternoon to share it with some kids with Down syndrome, we have got to have some type of magic.

I know now why it's called a Playhouse and not a center; it truly is a second home with warmth and hospitality. I am so honored to be part of such a wonderful organization. Thank you!"



EDUCATOR OPEN HOUSE

The Playhouse was full of educators, learning about the Playhouse, our Literacy program and Down syndrome!



Shepherds College

We will be taking a tour of Shepherds College in Union Grove on Tuesday November 13th at 10:30. We will be leaving the McHenry Playhouse at 9:00am. If you are interested in joining the tour please contact Jean at 815-385-7529. Shepherds College is the country's leading three-year post secondary educational program for individuals with intellectual disabilities. For more information on Shepherds College go to www.shepherdscollege.org

Thank You AT&T!

A group of AT&T volunteers came to help GiGi's with multiple projects! They made phonics books for all 8 Playhouses to give to their literacy students! They put together packets for our sponsors, new families, and community members. They also completed a mailing for us! *Thanks AT&T, you are making a difference!*



Sioux City, Iowa

Join us for our end of session Literacy Celebration on Sat, Nov 20 @ 10:30am! Come see what the students of all ages have been learning and meet our tutors! If you are interested in learning more about our Literacy Program and would like to register for the Winter Session please email literacysc@gigisplayhouse.org!



Team Kohen raised over \$3300 in funds for the Walk for Down syndrome Awareness. We were so excited to have so many friends & family show their support for TEAM KOHEN and to raise awareness about Down syndrome, at the 2010 Walk! We have been involved with GiGi's Playhouse since it's opening in Sioux City, IA 2 years ago! We feel so blessed to have our son Kohen in our lives! He has been a bright little spark in our family who has endured more than a 4 yr old should have to go through, since his diagnosis of Leukemia in



2008. Despite the many challenges he has faced over the past few years, he manages to inspire and bring a smile to everyone around him! We were proud to represent GiGi's Playhouse and raise funds for future programming! Loving a child with Down syndrome is truly contagious!

Thank You to the Dakota Valley Dance & Cheer Team for hosting the Dakota Valley Dance Camp Fundraiser for GiGi's Playhouse. We had over 35 participants with all abilities join the 8 instructors. A performance was held during a home football game! THANK YOU for raising Down syndrome Awareness in a Fun & Energizing way! If you have a fundraising idea email: eventsc@gigisplayhouse.org.



Gala 2011 Planning is under way; join us at any of our meetings to find out how you can help and be a part of this National Event! Sponsorships and Volunteers are needed! Check out our online calendar for upcoming meetings.

Des Moines

Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser

Monday November 1 at the Altoona Pizza Ranch, we had a great time in Waukee, we are going to do it again in Altoona. 5:00-8:00.

Literacy update

Many of you are probably asking the question..."When will GiGi's - Des Moines start their Literacy Program?!! Well, that's a really good question! In the past several months, we have had 3 separate tutor trainings, purchased numerous materials and supplies, are attempting to create books for our many "learners" and are slowly learning and creating the GiGi Literacy Program. However, we desperately need your help and your time!! We are looking for volunteers to help with further organizing our

Birthday Party

Shea wanted to have his party at GiGi's! His parents hired a magician to entertain and invited lots of his friends from school and from GiGi's. He had a great time celebrating his 8th birthday. His mom said, "It is such a perfect place to hold a party, it's already so festive! I think it is a great way to spread the love of a person with Down syndrome and to promote awareness. All of his typical friends from school were mingling with his GiGi's friends - it was heartwarming!" Shea received lots of gifts and Target Gift cards. He has donated \$100 of the gift cards to GiGi's Playhouse. Thanks Shea!



literacy program. We especially are looking for individuals that have some experience with teaching, are extremely creative and adventurous and love working with all ages!! If you are interested and/or would like some specific details, please contact Gretchen Baldwin at 515-371-2990.

Site Coordinator

We are excited to Announce that Lauren Reeves will be our new site Coordinator. Lauren's hours are as follows: Mon through Fri from 12:40 to 2:40 and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.



Polish Family Group

Sunday, November 28 11am-1pm
RSVP to Krystyna at 847.962.4820.

Caroling at Friendship Village

Sunday, December 19, we will meet at Friendship Hall at 2pm and help bring some holiday joy to the residents at Friendship Village in Schaumburg! RSVP to hoffmanestates@gigisplayhouse.org



Breakfast with Santa

Hoffman Playhouse
Saturday, December 11, 10-11:30am
RSVP to hoffmanestates@gigisplayhouse.org

GiGiFest, our 7th anniversary celebration, was a huge success!

The 2011 Calendar Kids walked the red carpet in front of a huge crowd, spreading awareness! Thank you, Mayor McLeod, for your continued support of the Playhouse and our kids!



We had many amazing volunteers, donors and sponsors who helped make GiGiFest a success, including:

American Chartered Bank of South Barrington	Hoffman Estates Fire Department	Schaumburg High School Students Helping Others
Bob Senase, RKD Construction & Supply	Schaumburg High School cheerleaders	Rhonda from A Big Blast
Party Hoppers	Chuck Helfrick	Sue from Kids in Action
Home Run Inn	Schaumburg High School football team	John Butera
Tommy's Red Hots	Holy Family Church	Infiniti of Hoffman Estates
Perfect Valet		Dover Straits
Ronald McDonald		Claire's

New Years at Noon Party

Hoffman Playhouse, Friday, December 31, 11am-12:30pm

McHenry

Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to the McHenry High School Key Club



volunteers! We have been honored to have the Key Club members volunteering at the McHenry playhouse on a regular basis. They have been helping us organize our literacy & library books, cleaned and reorganized all of our toys, and cut out hundreds of forms for our GiGi's



Family Tree mural. They bring lots of laughter and new ideas to all of us!

1 month she was hired. Jean previously worked at Glenkirk in Mundelein for 8 years as a Program Coordinator, did home daycare and was an aide in the ECE program in town. She puts in far more hours than she's paid but everything she does comes from the heart. "I love the work I do and the people I work with. This is my passion." Jean is a great role model to her 2 children, Ryan and Lanie, who frequently join their mom in the activities. What Jean doesn't realize is her passion and commitment has spread to all of us! Thank you, Jean! The McHenry Playhouse is blessed to have you.



friends. We will plan a different theme/activity each month. Game night, Movie night, craft night, etc. If you have an Idea for an event, call the Playhouse! December 3rd we will kick it off with a Christmas ornament making project and tree decorating. We will have snacks and hot cocoa. (This program will be taking the place of Kids Club to involve all Ages)

Thanksgiving Celebration!

The November Friday Friends will be moved up to November 19th due to Thanksgiving. We will be setting the table for our own Thanksgiving celebration. We will supply the Turkey, dressing and potatoes. We ask that each of you bring our own family dish (dessert or side dish) to share with group. PLEASE RSVP to the playhouse so that we can plan!



1 Year!

We just passed the 1 year anniversary of our Site Coordinator, Jean Boyle, joining us. She walked in one day to see what we were all about and within

Family Fun Night!

Next Month will be having Family FUN Night once a month. This will be open to ALL ages, siblings and

Chicago

Cupcakes & Cocktails

Come join us for a night of fun and frosting at GiGi's Playhouse's first annual "Cupcakes & Cocktails" event at the James Hotel (616 N. Rush) in Chicago, where some of the city's finest "cupcakeries" will be showcasing their treats. Advance registration has ended, but \$75/person gets you beer, wine, specialty cocktails and, of course, cupcakes. See you there!



Go to www.gigisplayhouse.org to register!

Winter Literacy Session!

The winter literacy session will soon be upon us. Get your applications in early so we can begin planning/matching with tutors!

Drama Class Starting!

Check the website for details!

The Chicago Playhouse is a rockin' and people are a-knockin'!

We've really taken off at our new location, with more than 20 families signed up for our fall literacy session, new families coming to our weekly and monthly open play sessions and volunteers stopping in every day to offer their help and services. We've truly been embraced by the neighborhood and community and the support continues to pour in.



We're capitalizing on everyone's enthusiasm by adding programs, playgroups and other activities. Thank you to everyone who offered suggestions and help at our Town Hall Meeting in October. Got a suggestion, idea or proposal you'd like to run by us? Drop an e-mail at Chicago@gigisplayhouse.org.



Fox Valley

3rd Annual Tour de GiGi's Charity Bike Ride



On September 18th Fox Valley hosted our 3rd annual bike ride. There were over 100 riders that came out to show support for GiGi's and our families despite the rainy weather. Thanks to a local Starbucks the riders had some hot coffee awaiting them at the end of their wet and chilly ride. People commented on how much they really enjoyed the ride and we raised lots of

awareness making the day even more successful. We want to thank our sponsors for helping raise over \$3500! Molex, Athletico, the Slark Family, Waste Management & Bicycles Etc. We also want to thank those who gave in kind: Starbucks, Trader Joe's, PepsiCo/Gatorade, Big Apple Bagel, Jimmy Johns, Dominick's, & Jewel. Thank you all! We also want to thank our many volunteers who helped with their first event at GiGi's, and for those dedicated volunteers who keep coming back. Everyone came together to make this event a fun and well organized event. We also want to thank the Harsh Winters VW club for coming to support us with the VW Beetle they are raffling off for us. They are donating the proceeds from their raffle to GiGi's Fox Valley and we can't thank them enough.



Team Audrey had a great showing again this year with over 15 riders. The rain didn't stop them from having a great time and they enjoyed a nice picnic lunch after the ride. Scott Chisholm's uncle Dick also donated sports bags to all the riders which was very generous.

Come and join us next year as we spread awareness and have fun at the same time.



Des Moines:

- 5 Open Play, 10-11:30 am
Friday Friends Dance Nt, 7-9pm
- 6 2 & Under Playgroup, 9:30-10:30am
Ready, Set, Action!! 11am
- 9 Family Fun Pizza Nt., 6-7:30pm
- 12 Open Play, 10-11:30am
Friday Friends Bingo Nt, 7-9pm
- 13 Board Retreat
Music with Miss Ann, 11am
Teentastic Nt, 7-9pm
- 19 Open Play, 10-11:30am
Playhouse Pals w/Gage, 4-5:30pm
Friday Friends Karaoke Nt, 7-9pm
- 20 Yoga for teens and adults, 9-9:45am
Yoga for 12 and under, 10-10:45am
Story & Craft Time w/Miss Jo, 11am
Mom's Night Out @GiGi's, 7-11pm
- 23 Family Fun Pizza Nt, 6-7:30pm
- 26 NO OPEN PLAY (due to holiday!)

McHenry:

- 3 Smile Group, 4:15
Signing, 6:00pm
 - 7 3rd Annual Getting down with
Fashion-Fashion Show
 - 8 Morning Book making, 10:00am-
12:00pm "NEW"
 - 9 Wendy's in McHenry, 5-8pm
 - 10 Evening Open Play, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - 11 Options & Advocacy, 10am
Art Class, 4:00pm-5:00pm
 - 12 Teen Tastics
 - 13 Crawlers, 10:15am
 - 17 Signing, 6:00pm
 - 18 Wendy's Crystal Lake
 - 19 Friday Friends, 6:30pm – 9:00pm Please
RSVP to Playhouse 815-385-7529
 - 23 Tour of Shepards College.
- EVERY FRIDAY** Open Play, 10am – noon ~
come join us for Pizza & Friendship

Literacy – Daily at assigned times

Hoffman Estates:

- Every Thursday:** Open Play – 12:30 – 2pm,
all families invited
- 2 Literacy, 4-4:45pm
Literacy, 10:30-1:30, 3:15-5:15pm
 - 3 Special Intentions 7-9pm
 - 4 Literacy, 7-7:45pm
 - 6 Literacy, 1-1:45pm
 - 8 Literacy, 5:30-7:15pm
 - 9 Literacy, 9-10:45, 4-6pm
 - 10 Literacy, 10:30-1:30, 4:30-6:45pm
 - 11 Wendy's Night, 4-8pm, corner of Golf &
Roselle Roads in Hoffman Estates
Literacy, 4:15-7:45pm
 - 12 Literacy, 9:30-1:45pm
 - 13 Crawlers 9-9:45, 2 & Under 10-
11:30am, HSJ & PP 11:30-12:30pm
Literacy, 7:30-9:15am
 - 14 Nuestros Angeles Hispanic Playgroup
11:15am-1pm
 - 15 Math Meeting, 7pm
 - 16 Literacy, 9-9:45, 4-4:45pm
 - 17 Literacy, 10:30-1:30, 3:15-5:15pm
 - 18 WENDY'S NIGHT 4-8pm, corner of Golf
& Roselle Roads in Hoffman Estates
Literacy, 7-7:45pm
 - 20 Literacy, 1-1:45pm
 - 22 Literacy, 5:30-7:15pm
 - 23 Literacy, 9-10:45, 4-6pm
 - 24 Literacy, 10:30-1:30, 4:30-6:45pm
 - 27 Kids Club, 10-11:30am
Literacy, 7:30-9:15am
 - 28 Polish Group, 11am – 1pm, RSVP to
Krystyna 847-962-4820
 - 30 Literacy, 4-4:45pm

Programs & Activities

Open Play – Promotes networking and socializing for families with children of all ages with Down syndrome

Crawlers Program – Helps facilitate and strengthen the skills in children who are at the developmental stage of crawling.

Walkers Program – Facilitates and strengthens the skills in children who are beginning to walk.

2 & Under Group – Promotes positive beginnings for families with an infant or toddler with Down syndrome, with a focus on ongoing support and networking for new and current families

3-4 Play Group – Promotes networking and socializing for families with children with Down syndrome ages 3-4

Hop, Skip and Jumpers – Promotes friendships, social skills and interactive play through creative and educational activities for pre-school and kindergarten-aged children

Playhouse Pals – Promotes friendships, social skills and interactive play through structured and educational activities for children ages 6-8

Kid's Club – This face-paced program promotes friendships, social skills and communication through creative and educational activities for children ages 9-12

Teen-Tastic – This group promotes friendships, social interaction and communication through a variety of social activities, outings and games for teens aged 13-17

Friday Night Friends – This group promotes friendships, social interaction and communication through a variety

of social activities, outings for adults 18 and over

Daddy and Me – Promotes positive interactions and social networking between children with Down syndrome and their male role models

Family Night – This program promotes positive beginnings for new families with a focus on positive social interactions among peers and siblings

Hispanic Group (Nuestros Angeles) – Provides support, friendship, networking and socializing for Spanish-speaking families

Polish Group – Provides support, friendship, networking and socializing for Polish-speaking families

Literacy Program – This FREE program teaches and reinforces children and adults with Down syndrome reading, comprehension and phonics skills



Calendar

Fox Valley:

- 1 Tot Class, 930-11am, RSVP 630.778.
PLAY
- 3 Literacy, 430-630pm
- 4 Literacy, 630-730pm
- 5 Kids Music, 7-745pm, (ages 8-12),
RSVP 630.778.PLAY
- 6 Literacy, 930-11am
2 & Under, 930-11am
- 8 Tot Class, 930-11am, RSVP 630.778.
PLAY
Motivational Mondays Presentation,
7-8pm
- 9 Special Olympic Young Athletes,
5:45-6:15pm & 6:30-7pm
- 11 Wendy's Fundraiser, 5-8pm
- 13 Walkers Group, 930-1030am
Daddy & Me, 3-430pm
- 15 Tot Class, 930-11am, RSVP 630.778.
PLAY
- 17 Literacy, 430-630pm
Karate Kickers, Ages 8-12: 5:15pm -
5:45pm, 13 and up:
6pm - 6:30pm, RSVP 815.436.3817
- 18 Literacy, 630-730pm
- 20 Literacy 930-11am
Hop, Skip & Jumpers, 1030am-noon,
RSVP 630.335.4824
Playhouse Pals, 2-4pm
- 22 Tot Class 930-11am, RSVP 630.778.
PLAY
- 26 Family Night 6-8pm, RSVP
630.844.1720
- 28 Nuestros Angeles, 11am-1pm
- 29 Applying the Methods, 7-9pm, RSVP
630.844.1720
Tot Class, 930-11am, RSVP 630.778.
PLAY

Chicago:

- 2 Literacy Tutoring, 5 p.m.
- 3 Open Play, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 5 Literacy Tutoring, 2-3:30 p.m.
- 6 Literacy Tutoring, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 8 Literacy Tutoring, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- 10 Open Play, 11 a.m – 1 p.m.
- 11 Literacy Tutoring, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Cupcakes & Cocktails Fundraiser
- 12 Literacy Tutoring, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Literacy Tutoring, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 14 Open play from 11-1
- 16 Literacy Tutoring, 5 p.m.
- 17 Open Play, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wed. Night Pizza Party, 5 – 7 p.m.
- 19 Literacy Tutoring, 2-3:30 p.m.
- 20 Literacy Tutoring, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 21 Nuestra Angelos (Hispanic Group),
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- 22 Literacy Tutoring, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- 24 Open Play, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 25 Thanksgiving – No Tutoring
- 26 Literacy Tutoring, 6:30 p.m.
Literacy Tutoring, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Literacy Tutoring, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 30 Literacy Tutoring, 5 p.m.

Literacy times as assigned.

Sioux City:

- 1 Literacy Program, 450-5:30pm
Open Play, 6-7:30 pm
- 3 Literacy Program, 5-6:30pm
- 4 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night @ So. Hills Mall,
5:30-7:30pm
- 5 Literacy program, 6-6:30pm
- 6 Literacy program, 9:30-
11:30am
- 8 Literacy Program, 4:50-5:30pm
- 9 Open Play, 9-10:30am
- 10 Literacy Program, 5-6:30pm
- 12 Literacy program, 6-6:30pm
- 13 Literacy Program, 9-11:30am
- 14 Open Play, 3-4pm
- 15 Literacy Program, 4:50-5:30pm
- 17 Literacy Program, 5-6:30pm
- 19 Literacy Program, 6-6:30pm
- 20 Literacy Program, 9:30-10:30am
Literacy Celebration, 10:30-
Noon
- 22 Open Play with Hop, Skip & Jumpers,
6-7:30pm
- 28 Open Play with 2 and Under,
6-7:30pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	November			



Life is Beautiful Notecards!

These notecards are an excellent holiday gift! They are blank inside so they can be used for every day notes, thank yous, invitations - anything!

Email
admin@gigisplayhouse.org
to order your 12 pack of cards for \$10 today!

Save The Date National *i have a voice* Gala • February 26, 2011

GiGi's Going Green!

Look for the new layout of the GiGi's Newsletter next month! With the growth of our Playhouses (number 7, Rockford, is opening in January!), we are going to be using social media and our website more! Each Playhouse has their own calendar online, a facebook page, and most of them have a blog! Be sure to visit www.gigisplayhouse.org frequently to see the latest happenings at your Playhouse, register for events, and be part of the Playhouse family!

Don't miss out! To be sure that you are receiving the most updated information, email info@gigisplayhouse.org with your email address!

November 7th

3rd Annual "Getting Down with Fashion" Fashion Show

Happy Thanksgiving!

Be sure to check your Playhouse calendar for holiday parties and events!



Save the Date

November 7

3rd Annual Fashion Show- Sunday. *Call Jean (815)385-7529 at the Playhouse if you are interested in volunteering or having your child participate in the fashion show.*

November 9

Wendy's Night Crystal Lake 5-8pm

November 11

Cupcakes and Cocktails – Chicago Playhouse

Nov 20

Literacy Celebration, 10:30am - Sioux City

December 11

Breakfast with Santa Hoffman Playhouse Saturday, 10-11:30am, RSVP to hoffmanestates@gigisplayhouse.org

November 18

Wendy's Night Crystal Lake 5-8pm

Dec 12

Chili's Fundraiser, All Day - Sioux City

December 19

Caroling at Friendship Village in Schaumburg, 2pm, RSVP to hoffmanestates@gigisplayhouse.org

December 31

New Years at Noon Party Hoffman Playhouse 11am-12:30pm

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New Year's Party @ Noon, 11am - Sioux City