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GiGi's Playhouse Denver Celebrates Year End with Financial Awards

Local Foundations Demonstrate Strong Support for Colorado's First Down Syndrome Achievement Center

Lakewood, CO – December 20, 2021 – GiGi's Playhouse Denver, a nonprofit Down syndrome achievement center, announced today that it has received two new grants to expand its program development. The Daniels Fund has granted \$38,000, and the Buell Foundation awarded \$15,000 to further the Playhouse's ability to offer individuals with Down syndrome free educational, therapeutic, and career development programs from prenatal diagnosis through adulthood.

GiGi's Playhouse was created to change the way the world views a Down syndrome diagnosis and send a global message of acceptance for all. The Playhouse is the first and only Down syndrome achievement center in Colorado and celebrated the grand opening of the Denver facility earlier this fall. Cost is never a barrier to achievement at GiGi's Playhouse -- programs are free to families and offer the community a place to serve.

"We are so grateful to the Daniels Fund and the Buell Foundation for recognizing the opportunity to invest in individuals with Down syndrome," said Beth Jeub, board president of GiGi's Playhouse Denver. "This funding will help us to create an inspirational and dedicated place for loved ones to celebrate their child or friend and benefit from free, purposeful programs that unleash joy, confidence and continuous improvement."

The Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program, and ethics initiative. Visit DanielsFund.org to learn more.

The Buell Foundation is a professional philanthropic organization supporting the positive development of children through grants and partnerships with other sectors of the Colorado community. The Foundation focuses primarily on the state of Colorado and concentrates its grantmaking on programs that benefit children. For more information, visit buellfoundation.org.

GiGi's Playhouse Denver is now enrolling for Spring sessions which start in January 2022. Families and interested volunteers are encouraged to view the monthly calendar and an overview of programming at <u>GiGisPlayhouse.org/Denver</u>.

About GiGi's Playhouse®

GiGi's Playhouse is the only international network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers, providing free life-changing therapeutic and educational programs for all ages. GiGi's Playhouse started in 2003 and today has 55 locations across the U.S. and Mexico, and online programs that serve families in more than 70 different countries. Learn more at <u>www.GiGisPlayhouse.org</u>



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