



**GiGi's Playhouse presents:
The 2014 "I Have A Voice" International Gala**

GiGi's Playhouse is a community of achievement centers serving individuals with Down syndrome and their families. We offer therapeutic and educational programs free of charge so that cost is never a barrier to participation or achievement. Beginning as a single location in a Chicago suburb, GiGi's Playhouse has grown into an international phenomenon; spreading awareness and inspiration to everyone it touches. Seventeen permanent locations, including our first international Playhouse in Queretaro Mexico, foster consistent participation, parent networking and stronger belief. All of our programs aim to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to attain their greatest potential! By helping individuals with Down syndrome reach their greatest potential, we continue to change outdated perceptions and enrich the quality of many more lives. Celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2013, we have over 100 requests for new Playhouses worldwide.

We are SUPER EXCITED to announce that GiGi's Playhouse will host its annual **"I Have A Voice" International Gala** on Saturday March 1, 2014, at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The gala is our largest and most important fundraiser of the year, and it's key to expanding our voice in the world. Simultaneous gala events will take place in multiple locations nationwide to celebrate the many achievements of our individuals and families. The Chicagoland gala can be viewed LIVE online and in total, we will be hosting over 6,000 people in 17 markets! We look forward to celebrating this unbelievable journey with you!

This year's event will feature **guest host and MC Rob Johnson of CBS 2 News**. Activities will include a private VIP reception for sponsors and honorees, a sit-down dinner, silent auction, live auction, raffle, wine auction, and more! Most importantly, the gala provides our individuals the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, and continue to change the way people view Down syndrome through their amazing self-confidence (and of course, their great dance moves!)

Every voice counts, and we invite you to share your voice and show your support by donating an auction item to this year's event. Fundraising via live and silent auction items is made possible through generous donations from families and local business. Because of your generosity, Playhouses worldwide to continue providing no-fee resources programs and services to thousands of families. If you're able to donate an auction item, or if would like to help in any other way, please contact Marc Portugal via e-mail at mportugal@gigisplayhouse.org.

Miracles happen at GiGi's Playhouse, where we turn belief into achievement with your support. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for believing in our individuals and families!

Gratefully,

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Enclosed: 2014 Auction Donation Form



Voices Worldwide: Family Testimonials



My son Sam, who is a 3rd grader, became fortunate enough to have (tutoring) in math at GiGi's Playhouse in Des Moines. They love our kids and they see our children as these smart, awesome and wonderful little people.

Thank you GiGi's Playhouse for the opportunities to make our children thrive."

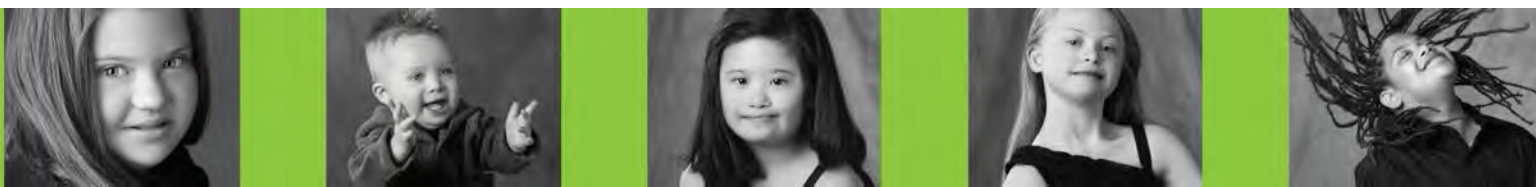
The love of a sibling is a beautiful thing, two brothers playing side by side with unconditional kindness. Kenny (14yrs old) was sitting with his younger brother Stephen (11yrs old) patiently building a castle out of blocks, each block is a different shape and color.

Every time they put a new piece on the castle, Kenny would ask Stephen "what shape is this Stephen?" Stephen, usually very silly, answered Kenny every time with pride! Kenny patiently followed his brother around most of the morning, playing, laughing and genuinely having a great time side by side with his brother.



As a mom, watching your child speak in front of nearly 400 people for GiGi's Playhouse is a dream come true. From the moment our children are born, we work countless hours to help them grow into the adults they will become. My husband and I got a glimpse of that "adult" in our now 10-year-old daughter, Colleen, who gave a speech at the Rockford Gala.

Colleen talked about being a "pre-teen" and loving plays and musicals, taking piano lessons and enjoying swimming, scouts and dancing. She made the audience laugh and cry, many taken in by her sincerity, her innocence and her zest for life and GiGi's. Our family is grateful to GiGi's Playhouse!





GiGi's Playhouse International "I Have A Voice" Gala 2014 Auction Donation Form

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Thank you for your generosity and belief!

