



Loving a child with Down syndrome is contagious... Help us spread the love!!!



We are looking for future stars!!

GiGi's Playhouse has been asked to perform at various holiday events to promote Down syndrome awareness!! The music will be playing and the kids will dance, ring their jingle bells and sing if they like! If you happen to have a little singer who likes to perform, we also have solo spots available!! A CD of the music is available if you would like to familiarize your child with the songs that they will be performing. **Please call the Playhouse and RSVP, ASAP!!** Remember to state the days you want to perform and if you would like us to mail you the music CD.

The kids will also help pass out DS awareness materials and a little holiday gift! This promises to be a wonderful experience for all involved!! (pics are from last years event)

Friendship Village Retirement Home

Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM Friendship Village in Schaumburg (This is our 3rd year!! It is a great way for the whole family to ring in the Holiday season!)

Woodfield Area Childrens Organization (WACO)

Thursday, December 8th 1:00 PM at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows
St. Annes Womens Club.

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM at The Garlands in Barrington



GiGi's Playhouse

December 2005

Making a difference!

We have been making a lot of the custom activity books and posters lately and DS awareness is definitely spreading!! As you know GiGi's Playhouse creates custom activity books and posters featuring your child's picture and info about DS. Many parents have brought them to schools, park districts, libraries etc...

The following are two letters we received recently that are great examples of how the personalized activity books and posters are raising awareness.

One of our Moms with a young child was surprised when her friend wrote her and said, "I thought you'd be interested to know they are doing a program at my daughter's school for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The kindergartners were given some books by GiGi's Playhouse that highlighted the friendships between children with and without Down syndrome. They also included work books to bring home. I was happy to see this interaction."

Another mom wrote in with this story, "I had a mom come up to me in the grocery store today, she told me she saw Jacob's poster up at the public library and how great it was! She must have stood there and read all the information (we posted several posters) because she kept saying how great everything was!! Which means she took the time to read it and REMEMBER it!!"

GiGi's Playhouse custom posters and activity books are FREE!
Call the Playhouse to order yours today!

The Playhouse Elves are at it again!!!

Paul Gianni and his band of elves have put together another AWESOME Holiday Raffle for GiGi's Playhouse! As you know the Holiday Raffle not only pays our rent for the year but it also helps us to continue with our programming and raise Down syndrome awareness!! One of last years winners, The Spenadel family (Jacob 6 with DS) are in Hawaii right now enjoying the trip they won!!

Grand Prize First Class Getaway to Napa Valley for a 3 day VIP wine tasting tour for 4 people or \$10,000 cash!! (trip package-valued at \$13,500)

1st prize One Week Paradise Vacation to Kauai, Hawaii! (6,500)

2nd prize Bosch Appliance Dream Kitchen!! (valued at \$5,500)

3rd Prize 1 of a kind Mickey Mantle Oil Portrait! (\$5,000!

4th Prize Diamonds, Diamonds, Diamonds!! (valued at \$4,500)



Some of the elves selling tickets at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange! They will be there again this year!

The tickets are \$100.00 and a 100% WRITE OFF!!! So you can help the Playhouse and write it off to boot!!! If you can not buy a ticket yourself, ask family or co-workers!! Winners picked at the GiGi's Playhouse New Years at Noon Party!! (Surprise raffle prize that day for a guaranteed winner in the crowd!!!)

Parade
Crafts

Halloween Fun!!

Food
Fun!



The Friday Friends (18 & up) crew partied hard!!

Check out our Hispanic group!
They are joining forces with the Polish
group this month for a culture rich holiday
party!!! Food, fun & presents!!



PARTY!!



Bowling Party!!

The Friday Friends (18 and up) group will be rockin' in the Holidays at the Hoffman lanes bowling alley on Friday Dec. 16th RSVP required!! Bowling, pizza and prizes!!



Santa is coming!!!!

The GiGi's Playhouse Tree Trimming Party with Santa is on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:30- 3:30 Family and friends welcome! (please RSVP for present count)

Caroling at Friendship Village!!
December 14th at 6:30 RSVP for details

Polish and Hispanic group Holiday party!!
Sunday Dec. 18th 12-3 Food, Fun and Presents!!

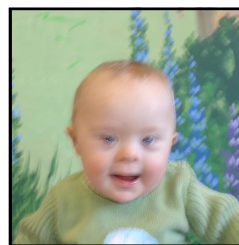
New Years at Noon Party!

Saturday, Dec 31st 10:30-12:30
Balloon drop, Holiday raffle drawing, prizes, food & fun!



Please RSVP for these events early so we have the right amount of food and presents!!

Welcome these first timers!



Big Boy Mickey!



New baby Brandon with Grandma & sis!



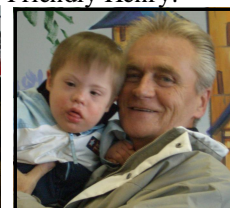
Blossoming Eve



Friendly Henry!

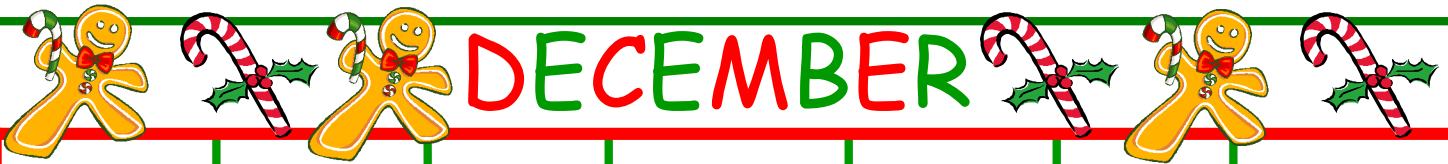








New baby Katie & Co.!!



Grandpa's Boy!

Everyone is welcome at GiGi's Playhouse! Due to the need for scheduling volunteers and acquiring supplies, *reservations are greatly appreciated* for all playhouse activities. Call the Playhouse to make a reservation for all events at (847) 885-PLAY, e-mail gianni4567@aol.com or sloenneke@gigisplayhouse.com. Feel free to leave a message - see you soon!! Check the website for constant updates and to see pictures of the activities www.gigisplayhouse.com!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GiGi's Playhouse is located 3 miles West of Woodfield Shopping Mall next to Schaumburg Toyota in the Brandess Center. 1069 W. Golf Road. Hoffman Estates, IL.60194 847-885-PLAY www.gigisplayhouse.com</p> <p>GiGi's Playhouse Too is located in Plainfield IL. For their activities go to www.gigisplayhousetoo.com or call 630-778-PLAY</p>				<p>1 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 December B-Day Party 10:00 - 12:00 Tree trimming with Santa! 1:30-3:30</p> 
<p>4 Cheerleading Practice 12:00-1:00</p> 	<p>5 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00</p> 	<p>6 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30</p>	<p>7 Reserved for Private Play 10:00 - 12:00</p> <hr/> <p>Special Intentions Support Group 7:00</p>	<p>8 Perforance for WACO @ Meridian Banquets 1:00</p> 	<p>9</p> 	<p>10 & Under Play Group 10:00 - 11:00</p> <hr/> <p>Reserved for Private Party 1:00 - 4:00</p>
<p>11 Ups for Downs Holiday Party (at Conant High School) 10:30 - 2:30</p> 	<p>12 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>13 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 3:30 - 6:30 Caroling at St. Annes Woman's Club at The Garlands 7:00</p> 	<p>14 Caroling at Friendship Village 6:30 - 7:15</p> 	<p>15 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p> 	<p>16 Bowling with Friday Friends 6:45 - 9:00 (Meet at Hoffman Lanes @ 6:45)</p> 	<p>17 Prader-Willi Support Group Christmas Party 1:00 - 3:00</p> 
<p>18 Hispanic & Polish Groups Holiday Party 12:00 - 3:00</p> 	<p>19 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00</p> 	<p>20 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30</p>	<p>21 Reserved for Private Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>22 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve</p>
<p>25 Merry Christmas</p> 	<p>26 No literacy program today</p> 	<p>27 No literacy program today</p>	<p>28 Reserved for Support Group 6:30 - 8:30</p>	<p>29 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's at Noon Party & Raffle drawing!! 11:00 - 12:30</p> 

★ RSVP Greatly Appreciated (847) 885-PLAY

*** Friends & Family are always welcome at the Playhouse and there is No Charge for GiGi's Playhouse Events.

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Our Hoffman Estates location is 3 miles west of Woodfield in the Brandess Center next to Schaumburg Toyota

GiGi's Playhouse Literacy Program



The literacy program is going great! Last month over 40 kids received free individual tutoring or consultation services. Research shows that supported reading activities can accelerate development of speech, language and memory skills. Why wait? Call today for a consultation.

Give a gift that keeps on giving!!



GiGi's Playhouse has many great gifts for the Holidays! Shop on-line and finish your holiday shopping!! We have the 2006 Down syndrome Awareness calendar, note cards, DS Awareness bracelet, t-shirts, water bottles, hats and new sweat shirts this year!! Check out the store at www.gigisplayhouse.com

Check out these adorable identical twins featured in this years GiGi's Playhouse 2006 "Look at us NOW" Down syndrome awareness calendar! Every page is not only beautiful, but educational!! A great gift for all ages!!

Congratulations to the Vybiral family!! They have sold over 200 calendars and earned themselves 2 free tickets to the GiGi's Playhouse raffle!! The Caracci, Schafer and Natale family are right behind them! Keep selling guys! For every one hundred calendars sold you get a free raffle ticket! You could win \$10,000 and many other prizes, plus think of all the Down syndrome awareness your raising!!!!

Please help spread DS awareness by participating in one of our holiday performances!!

Do not miss the GiGi's Playhouse Tree trimming party with Santali Saturday, September 3 1:30-3:30!!!

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