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2018 has been a year of boundless achievement for GiGi's and our community. We are grateful to our donors and sponsors for fueling this growth.

To deliver this growth, we are thankful for the over 150 volunteers who gave nearly 4,000 hours of their time supporting our mission. We rely on volunteers to deliver our programs so that we can offer them at no cost to our participants and families.

2018 Achievements:
• Formed our Associate Board of young professionals who give generously of their time, energy and expertise, conducting fundraisers for GiGi's, enhancing our ability to provide exceptional programming to our community
• Our Associate Board hosted our 1st Annual Fashion Show Presented by Bloomingdale's: 30 runway models with Down syndrome were cheered on by over 200 guests
• Created our We Have a Voice Community Chorus comprised of individuals with Down Syndrome, their friends and family, conducted by Broadway’s Laurie Gamache
• Launch GiGIFIT to promote exercise and healthy lifestyles
• Launched our Summer Horizons Adult Program
• Our Brooklyn Satellite Programs delivered over 1,000 hours of programming
• Organized our Dad and Male Caregivers Support Group
• Grew our list of families we serve to over 850

2018 New Partnerships:
• JCC Harlem
• John’s Crazy Socks

Thank you for the generosity of our donors and sponsors, whose commitment and generous support make all we do possible.

Frank Sawyer
Board President
Vision and Mission

Our vision is to see a world where individuals with Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools and communities. In doing so, we advance a global vision of acceptance for all.

Our mission is to increase positive awareness of Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

What makes GiGi’s Playhouse NYC unique?

- Purposeful Programs – provided at no cost
- Lifelong Commitments – to participants of all ages and their families
- Unbreakable Commitment to Acceptance – through Playhouse leaders and campaigns
Having founded GiGi’s Playhouse Inc. 16 years ago, Nancy Gianni, has gone onto inspire and assist in the establishment of 45 (and counting) Playhouses throughout the U.S. and Mexico.

Thanks to Nancy’s inspiration, combined with the vision, resources and perseverance of our intrepid founders, Tracy Nixon and Debbie Morris, GiGi’s Playhouse NYC opened its doors in 2012.

6 years later, we are the only organization in New York City dedicated to solely serving the Down syndrome community. GiGi’s Playhouse NYC is realizing its vision and mission. We are changing the perception of Down syndrome in New York City and beyond.

GiGi’s Playhouse, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including GiGi’s Playhouse NYC, carry a 501(c)(3) exemption.
2018 Achievements

- 3,635 Volunteer Hours
- 855 Families Served
- 160 Total Volunteers
- 115 New Families
- 1 Voice United in Taking Action for Lasting Acceptance
- 0 Cost to Families
Families travel from all five boroughs and New Jersey to attend programs at GiGi’s Playhouse NYC. We are expanding our reach with more satellite programs in development.
GiGi’s Playhouse NYC serves individuals of all ages and reflects the diverse communities we serve.
GiGi’s Playhouse NYC is the place where we finally found acceptance. We have fun, sing, dance and we read, learn, take turns, share and care.

Karina Garcia, Playhouse Parent
After 6 years serving the Down syndrome community in New York City, we are still growing every step along the way. It is an honor to serve this amazing community, and we are so proud of each GiGi's Playhouse NYC participant and love seeing them grow every year.

2018 was one of our best years yet!

We launched new programs and increased the number of individuals and families served. Our newest signature program is GiGiFIT, a specialty fitness program that targets the specific physiological needs of teens and adults with Down syndrome with twice a week workouts. We also launched Summer Horizons, expanding our Summer Programming to include the adults in our community. Then this fall we launched the GGPHNYC Community Chorus, which will be performing throughout 2019.

Our programs continue to grow. In 2018, we welcomed 117 new families to our community. Overall, we had nearly 6,000 hours of program participation, including over 1,000 at our Brooklyn Satellite sites. 160 unique families enjoyed GiGi's Programs, and even more at events and parties.

As we enter our 7th year, we are grateful to be fully embraced by our community. We run on your belief in our mission. From all of us at GiGi's Playhouse NYC, we send our sincere thank you to all of our volunteers, Board members, community partners, donors, and of course our incredible families. Together we are changing New York City's perception of individuals with Down syndrome.

At GiGi's, we challenge our kids to achieve their 'Best of All', asking them to be a little better today then they were yesterday. As an organization, we have the same approach. With your help, the future is limitless for GiGi's Playhouse NYC!

Thank you!

Benjamin Kaufman
Programs Director

Jasmine Ferrer
Operations Coordinator
GiGi’s Playhouse NYC provides therapeutic, educational, social, and creative arts enrichment programs for individuals with Down syndrome of all ages. From pre-natal diagnosis through life skills for our adults we make a commitment to be there for the lifetimes of our families. Each program is purposeful, progressive and always delivered at no cost to Playhouse families.

### MANHATTAN (September – June)

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<td><strong>Busy Bodies</strong></td>
<td>playgroup to meet new friends, explore, and show off current and emerging abilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Leaps &amp; Bounds</strong></td>
<td>music and movement program where kids sing, dance, run obstacle courses, and more.</td>
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<td><strong>LMNOP</strong></td>
<td>“Language, Music ‘N’ Our Peeps” incorporates sign language, communication tools and music.</td>
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<td><strong>1-on-1 Literacy &amp; Literacy Pods</strong></td>
<td>builds a foundation in sight word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension, phonics and articulation.</td>
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<td><strong>DanceAbilities</strong></td>
<td>therapeutically based dance program perfect for dancers of all abilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Karate &amp; Soccer</strong></td>
<td>sport fundamentals while working on team work and fitness.</td>
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<td><strong>GiGiFIT</strong></td>
<td>teens and adults build a foundation of fitness while learning healthy lifestyles.</td>
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<td><strong>Playhouse Pals</strong></td>
<td>supports the development of social skills and language through peer to peer interaction in a casual and fun setting.</td>
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<td><strong>TeenTastic</strong></td>
<td>experience the fun of being a teenager, practice social skills, and build friendships.</td>
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<td><strong>Bowling Buds</strong></td>
<td>bowling activity/outing for adults of all abilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Fantastic Friends</strong></td>
<td>adult social activity to practice social skills and build friendships.</td>
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<td><strong>Gratitude Art Committee</strong></td>
<td>adults give back to the Playhouse through their art!</td>
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<td>“we have a voice” <strong>Community Chorus</strong></td>
<td>is comprised of those with Down syndrome, family, and friends. Participants develop and reinforce skills such as body awareness, listening, vocal production, diction, and memorization. All ages.</td>
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<td><strong>Art Explosion</strong></td>
<td>kids explore their creativity through various hands-on creative projects.</td>
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<td><strong>Music</strong></td>
<td>singing, drumming, and dancing along with talented musicians.</td>
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<td><strong>Destination Discovery</strong></td>
<td>activity stations focused on fine motor, gross motor, and sensory exploration.</td>
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<td><strong>Yoga</strong></td>
<td>promotes fitness, balance, and self-confidence.</td>
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### SUMMER AT GIGI’S PLAYHOUSE NYC

**Summer Clubhouse** | kids engage in activities to develop motor skills, social, and language development through fitness, arts, cooking, and literacy activities. Ages 4-10.

**Summer Adventures** | teens explore NYC and their independence with a one-to-one volunteer. Ages 13-19.

**Summer Horizons** | adults explore NYC and practice life skills and independence with a one-to-one volunteer. Ages 21+.
Summer Horizons Launch

We officially rolled out our Adult Summer Program, Summer Horizons, courtesy of the generous sponsorship by John’s Crazy Socks.

Adults had the opportunity to continue developing meaningful life skills through shared experiences and various learning opportunities traveling around New York City. Through each activity, participants built friendships and reinforced skills, like self-confidence, healthy lifestyles, money management, navigating public spaces, and more. Participants were also paired one-to-one with trained volunteer counselors.

Summer Horizons was jam packed with a week’s worth of fun, support, and adventure. Some of the programs and activities included:

- GiGiFit
- Broadway’s “School of Rock”
- Yoga
- Bowling at Lucky Strike
- Painting Lounge
- Daniel’s Music
- New York’s Botanical Garden

100% of participants and volunteers would recommend Summer Horizons to a friend

100% of participants felt more confident after Summer Horizons
As part of the GiGi’s Playhouse network, we are advancing a vision of global acceptance for all through Generation G: a campaign for greater acceptance and lasting social change.

Dedicated locations, purposeful programs offered at no cost, and high accountability do not guarantee long-term acceptance. Over the last 6 years, GiGi’s Playhouse NYC has made significant progress and impact in supporting individuals with Down syndrome yet, we have only scratched the surface. Still, new parents may not be receiving the positive encouragement they need from medical professionals. Young people with Down syndrome may experience discrimination at school and on social media. Qualified adults with Down syndrome often can’t access jobs. There is still much more to accomplish.

Generation G has a very simple philosophy: make a conscious decision to be better everyday.

Be Accepting. Be Generous. Be Kind.

#GenerationG
“Summer Clubhouse at GiGi’s Playhouse NYC was the best weekend of Carter’s whole summer!”

-Stacey Calcano, Playhouse Parent
98% of our annual expenditures go directly to programming and fundraising that benefit our community. In 2019, we are focusing on increased grant opportunities and expanding our fundraising streams.
Thank You Donors & Supporters

GiGi’s Playhouse NYC is entirely funded by individual and corporate donations and foundation support.

Founders Circle
A 3-year commitment of $5,000 annually is what sparked our growth. These seed funds continue to help us grow.

Tracy Nixon
Andrew & Debbie Morris
Tom & JoAnn Fogarty
Benno & Evelyn Ansbacher
Jonathan & Rosemary Ansbacher
Gaurang & Heather Trivedi
Eric & Becky Fogarty
Matthew & Lauren Fogarty
Gretchen Hayes
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Special Recognition

Because of these generous donations, we were able to expand and launch additional programming for our participants in 2018!

John’s Crazy Socks
Donation launched Adult Summer Program: Summer Horizons.

Bloomingdales
Partnership launched our first annual fashion show at their flagship location.
Resources and Partners
Special Acknowledgement

The Riggio Family

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JOHN’S Crazy Socks

Invest in children

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TELEGRAPHIC MEDIA

STAPLES®
GiGi’s Playhouse NYC contributes to teaching us how to be the best parents we can be. All the steps, tools and skills we need to succeed are right here at GiGi’s NYC. We will need GiGi’s Playhouse NYC all along the way.

-Families at GiGi’s Playhouse NYC
Growing Our Future

Who Helps Us Grow?

Volunteers are the backbone of the Playhouse
We rely on the dedication, talent, and expertise of a core group of volunteers and staff to deliver our programs. We ask for a three-month commitment; the majority of our core volunteers have served for over two years.

How Will We Grow?

Expand our satellite programs
Through partnerships and in-kind donations, GiGi’s Playhouse NYC will provide programs in all 5 boroughs of New York City. We are currently seeking partnerships in Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx.

Fundraising Needs
GiGi’s Playhouse NYC fully survives on the generosity of investors. Donations provide children and adults with Down syndrome, lifelong access to no-cost purposeful programs without barriers or conditions. Every program dollar invested enriches lives and supplements many resources families seek beyond the Playhouse.

Donations also advance our vision for global acceptance. GiGi’s Playhouse NYC is not just for our participants and families, it’s for the whole community. Every supporter creates a widening circle of dialog regarding our participants’ potential. As the circle of communication, engagement and investment expands; so does lasting acceptance.
ENGAGE
- Host a private donor cultivation event
- Choose GiGi’s Playhouse NYC as the primary beneficiary of your employee giving, matching gift, and volunteer match campaigns
- Include GiGi’s Playhouse NYC in your estate planning

SHARE
- Market and publicize GiGi’s Playhouse NYC on your corporate websites and social media pages
- Donate broadcast and digital advertising to help GiGi’s Playhouse NYC reach more families and establish additional satellite programs
- Advance the Generation G Acceptance Campaign as a national promotional partner
- Join GiGi’s Playhouse NYC in getting our elected officials to demonstrate their commitment to the Down syndrome community by joining the *Congressional Task Force on Down syndrome. Call, meet, inform your elected leaders.
- Support us with every Amazon purchase you make by shopping through smile.amazon.com/ and select GiGi’s Playhouse - NYC. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to GiGi’s Playhouse NYC.

PARTNER
- Become a sponsor of GiGi’s Playhouse NYC’s programs and events
- Create an endowment or donor advised fund to provide sustainable support for Playhouse families and programs

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Join the conversation! Mobilize your networks for good. #GiGiPHNYC

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The GiGi’s Playhouse NYC Associate Board is comprised of young professionals who give generously of their time, talents, experience, and perspective, to create and conduct fundraisers, raise awareness of GiGi’s Playhouse and its programs and enhance the Playhouse’s ability to provide exceptional programming to its community.

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Save the Dates

Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2019. Join us for a week of events. Details to follow via newsletter and social media.

Winter Celebration
January 2020

“Spread love, it’s the Brooklyn way” Programs resume January 2020

8th Annual “i have a Voice” Gala
March 19, 2020 at Hotel Edison Rooftop
celebrate DIFFERENCES
#GiGiPH

#GenerationG

NOTHING "DOWN" ABOUT ME

educate, inspire, believe

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