



GiGi's Playhouse
2024 Annual Conference Schedule
Wednesday, November 6

**As of 11/3/2024*

ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE NATIONAL OFFICE							
Start	End	Duration	Topic	Owner/ Speaker	Room	Description	
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	0:30	Arrival and Check-In	Regional Team	Hugs + Mugs, drop off personal items in GiGiU Room	Arrival at GiGi's Playhouse National Office. Stop in at Hugs & Mugs and get settled in for a day of observation and learning! Grab a coffee, shop, and design a mug if you like!	
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	0:45	Conference Kickoff	Candi Medeiros, Lisa Callaghan, Jamie Sharman	GiGiU Room	Welcome to Conference! We will cover a few housekeeping items, get you set for Day 1, and do introductions to help lay the groundwork for days of inspiration!	
3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1:15	Welcome to GiGi's! - Tour of the GiGi's Playhouse National Office	Nancy Gianni	Throughout the Playhouse	Enjoy your guided tour of the GiGi's Playhouse National Office by Chief Belief Officer, Founder, and GiGi's Mom, Nancy Gianni! Listen and learn how to become a master of the Playhouse tour!	
5:00 PM	5:15 PM	0:15	Break				
5:15 PM	5:45 PM	0:30	Importance of Marketing Messaging	Nancy Gianni	GiGiU Room	Get an inside view of what Nancy Gianni looks for when she researches a location in advance of a site visit or even a phone call with someone on the team. Hint: She reviews it from the perspective of a donor, a volunteer, a family.	
5:45 PM	6:00 PM	0:15	Take Action!	Jenn Marble/ Stacy Jackson/ Michelle Hughes	GiGiU Room	Share impressions from the Playhouse Tour and Marketing Messaging and build a plan for how you can take action when you return to your Playhouse.	
6:00 PM	6:05 PM	0:05	GROUP PHOTO ON STAGE IN PLAYHOUSE				
6:05 PM	7:00 PM	0:55	Dinner, Q&A with SME's, Visit Hugs + Mugs, and Network!	Lisa Callaghan	Throughout the Playhouse	Chicago Style delights for dinner! Wrap up the day by enjoying dinner with your peers and with National Office subject matter experts.	
7:00 PM			DEPART FROM PLAYHOUSE TO HOTEL			Share a ride with a colleague (can use Whova app to find a ride), or Uber back to hotel	

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				Utopia ABCD	Nirvana A	Nirvana B	Nirvana C	Knowledge (downstairs)
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	0:30	Check-In and Packet Pickup					
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	0:45	Regional Teams	Introductions and Welcome to Playhouse Staff				
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	0:15	Transition					
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00	Breakout 1		Managing Yourself and Managing Up		Math: What's New and Lesson Demo	CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	0:15	Transition					
11:15 AM	12:15 PM	1:00	Breakout 2		Engaging our Ambassadors	From Chaos to Clarity: Mastering Event Data Management		CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	1:00	Lunch	Lunch in Utopia Ballroom				
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	1:00	Breakout 3		Introducing Art Explosion	Playhouse Role in the Finance Process		CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	0:15	Transition					
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	1:00	Breakout 4		How Can We Serve Our Largest Population Better?	Report Right: Tips, Tricks, and a Dash of Fun!		CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue
3:30 PM	3:40 PM	0:10	Transition					
3:40 PM	4:40 PM	1:00	Breakout 5		The Power of Blogging	Tech Q&A: Curiosity Quenchers	Literacy: What's New and Lesson Demo	CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue
4:40 PM	4:50 PM	0:10	n/a		Group Photo in Nirvana Foyer			
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	2:00	Staff Mixer	All Staff Mixer at Drink Lounge, 871 E. Algonquin, Schaumburg, IL Use Free Hotel Shuttle at Convention Center Doors or Rideshare				

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8:30 AM	9:00 AM	0:30	Check-In and Packet Pickup									
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	0:15	General Session	Introduction and Welcome								
9:15 AM	9:40 AM	0:25	General Session	GiGi's Go Forward Business Strategy								
9:40 AM	9:53 AM	0:13	General Session	State of Our Programs								
9:53 AM	10:05 AM	0:12	General Session	GiGi's Brand Opportunity								
10:05 AM	10:10 AM	0:05	General Session	Session Preview: Super Fans								
10:10 AM	10:25 AM	0:15	Transition	Snack in Utopia Foyer								
10:25 AM	11:25 AM	1:00	Breakout 1		From Donors to Super Fans: Elevating Your Peer-to-Peer Event	Creating Comfort in Uncomfortable Conversations	Board Recruitment and Succession Planning	Supporting Hispanic & Latino Families		Speech and Language Collaboration Meeting	GiGi's Ambassadors - Communication	
11:25 AM	11:40 AM	0:15	Transition									
11:40 AM	12:55 PM	1:15	Breakout 2		Upping Your Game on Board Meetings	Tackling Accounting Headaches: Common Areas of Confusion	The BIG Picture: 2025 Annual Mktg & Comms Calendar + Roundtable, TOO!	Shifting Your Perception of Challenging Behaviors	Quick Fixes: Tech Tools That Save You Hours		GiGi's Ambassadors - Self-Advocacy	
12:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:00	Lunch & Close Airwall	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer		Presidents Roundtable and Lunch	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer					
1:55 PM	2:10 PM	0:15	Transition									
2:10 PM	3:25 PM	1:15	Breakout 3		Short-Form Content Creation for Social Media	(go to buffet and bring lunch to room)	Development Roundtable	Launching Amina Grace Speech & Language	Report Right: Tips, Tricks, and a Dash of Fun!		GiGi's Ambassadors - Health & Wellness CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue	
3:25 PM	3:40 PM	0:15	Transition									
3:40 PM	4:40 PM	1:00	Breakout 4	Maximizing Event Impact Through Expert Collaboration and Outsourcing	Strength in Unity: Harnessing the Power of Our Purpose, Mission, Vision & Values	Maximize Effectiveness & Retention of Volunteers	Real Estate Strategy & Planning Workshop	Supporting Participants and Families with Regression and Decline in Skills	Leading Through Relationships Part 1: Cultivating and Nurturing Team Relationships		GiGi's Ambassadors - Supporting a Tour CPR & AED Training with Illinois Heart Rescue	
4:40 PM	5:00 PM	0:20	Transition									
5:00 PM	5:15 PM	0:15	Shuttle	Shuttle Departs from Convention Entrance for GiGi's National Playhouse at 5:00 (15 minute drive) (Many attendees also drive/carpool/Uber)								
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	2:00	Networking Reception	Networking Reception National Playhouse, 2350 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates								
7:00 PM	7:15 PM	0:15	No Shuttle	Depart Back to Hotel (No scheduled Shuttle for Return -- Opportunity to carpool/Uber)								

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7:30 AM	8:00 AM	0:30	Check-In and Packet Pickup								
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	0:20	General Session	Welcome and President's Voice							
8:20 AM	9:05 AM	0:45	General Session	Keynote Speaker Dan Thurmon: Positive Chaos							
9:05 AM	9:15 AM	0:10	General Session	Self Advocate Inspiration: Luke Tyrrell							
9:15 AM	9:55 AM	0:40	General Session	Nancy Gianni, Chief Belief Officer: Believing in Our Future!							
9:55 AM	10:00 AM	0:05	General Session	Commercial: Harry Moon Partnership							
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	0:15	Transition	Snack in Utopia Foyer							
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	1:00	Breakout 1		Fostering Healthy Transitions in Board Leadership Roles	Risk Management Case Studies	Understanding What the Playhouse Staff Does Each Day	Serving the Other 90%: The Virtual Playhouse as an Extension of Your Playhouse	Messaging through SMS, Email and Snail Mail		GiGi's Ambassadors - SMART Goals
11:15 AM	11:30 AM	0:15	Transition								
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1:00	Breakout 2		New Families - Creating An Unforgettable Experience	Building Tomorrow's Leaders: Launching a Local Youth Board with National Impact	Persistence Through the Dip - Seeing the Light Through Challenging Times	Treating Adult Participants as Adults	Educator Symposium Sneak Peek	Treasurer Roundtable	GiGi's Ambassadors - Health & Wellness
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:00	Lunch	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer		Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer					
1:30 PM	1:50 PM	0:20	General Session	State of Our Technology							
1:50 PM	2:15 PM	0:25	General Session	SOE Certificates							
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	0:15	Transition								
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	1:00	Breakout 3		Metrics To Drive Your Playhouse Goals	Crafting Your End of Year Giving Campaign	Preparing for the Future: Engaging Your Younger Volunteers Now	Developing Medical Champions through Teddy Bear Clinics	Leading Through Relationships Part 2: Identify & Manage the Many Hats We Wear	Tech Q&A: Curiosity Quenchers	GiGi's Ambassadors - Media Relations
3:30 PM	3:45 PM	0:15	Transition								
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	1:00	Breakout 4	[room setup]		Empowering Multicultural Communities	Strategic Planning Essentials	Communicating with Participants with Limited Speech	Event Strategy, Venues, and Themes		GiGi's Ambassadors - What More Do You Need?
4:45 PM	5:00 PM	0:15	Group Photo				Group Photo (Nirvana Foyer)				
5:00 PM	5:30 PM	0:30	Break	BRAIN BREAK							
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	1:00	Cocktail Reception	Cocktail Reception (in Utopia Foyer)							
6:30 PM	10:30 PM	4:00	Dinner	Awards Ceremony, Banquet, and Dancing							



GiGi's Playhouse
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Sunday, November 10

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Start	End	Duration	Session	Utopia AB and CD
9:00AM	12:00PM	3 hours	Workshop	1/2 Day Strategic Planning Workshop