

				GENERAL SESSION	BREAKOUT ROOMS			
Start	End	Duration	Session	Utopia ABCD	Nirvana A	Nirvana B	Nirvana C	
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	0:30	Check-In and Packet Pickup	Introductions and Welcome to Playhouse Staff				
9:00 AM	9:45 AM	0:45	Regional Teams					
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	0:15	Transition					
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	0:50	Breakout 1	Development Roundtable	Basic Salesforce Reports Made Easy		Expanding OT Impact	
10:50 AM	11:05 AM	0:15	Transition					
11:05 AM	11:55 AM	0:50	Breakout 2		All Things Marketing Cloud	Grants 101	Opening the Doors to GiGi University	
11:55 AM	12:55 PM	1:00	Lunch	Lunch in Utopia Ballroom				
12:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:00	Breakout 3		Basic Salesforce Reports Made Easy	Advanced Salesforce Reports: Beyond the Basics	Discover STEM Lab	
1:55 PM	2:10 PM	0:15	Transition					
2:10 PM	3:10 PM	1:00	Breakout 4	Mission-Driven Connections: Site Managers, Coordinators, and Operations Roles	Mission-Driven Connections: Executive Directors	Mission-Driven Connections: Program Roles		
3:10 PM	3:25 PM	0:15	Transition					
3:25 PM	4:40 PM	1:00	Breakout 5			Power Pairings: Connecting on 1:1 Programs		
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 Dave & Buster's, 601 N Martingale Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (Uber, Lyft, or Carpool to the Venue)				

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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									Chris Behrens, CEO: GiGi's Business Strategy	
9:40 AM	9:50 AM	0:10	General Session									State of Our Programs	
9:50 AM	10:00 AM	0:10	General Session									GiGi's Brand Opportunity	
10:00 AM	10:10 AM	0:10	General Session									Emerging HR Trends	
10:10 AM	10:25 AM	0:15	Transition									Snack in Utopia Foyer	
10:25 AM	11:25 AM	1:00	Breakout 1		HR Platform Conversion	Startup Networking and Connections	Board Recruitment and Succession Planning	Building your Stewardship Strategy	Behavior Solutions Lab	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Making Great Introductions		
11:25 AM	11:40 AM	0:15	Transition										
11:40 AM	12:55 PM	1:15	Breakout 2		GiGi's Leadership Lounge LIVE!	Strengthening Board and Staff Relationships	Hootsuite Social Media Secrets to Optimize your Social Media	Utilizing Salesforce and Other Tools to Become a Fundraising Machine	Beyond Roles: Creating Meaningful Volunteer Engagement.	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Be a Playhouse Tour Guide		
12:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:00	Lunch & Close Airwall	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer		Presidents Lunch (go to buffet and bring lunch to room)	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer						
1:55 PM	2:10 PM	0:15	Breakout 4										
2:10 PM	3:25 PM	1:15	Breakout 3		Real Estate Strategy & Planning Workshop	Creative Assests SELL: Families, Volunteers & Donors!	Tech Tools That Save You Time	Foundation Panel & Q&A	The Virtual Playhouse Update	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Strong Minds, Strong Bodies with GiGIFIT		
3:25 PM	3:40 PM	0:15	Transition										
3:40 PM	4:40 PM	1:00	Breakout 4		2026 Budgeting for Growth	Balancing Performance and Well-Being in the Workforce	The Mothership: YOUR Website Matters!	Identifying Your Case for Support and Making the Ask	Power in Partnership with Local DS Organizations	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Your Voice, Your Story		
4:40 PM	5:00 PM	0:20	Transition										
5:00 PM	5:15 PM	0:15	Shuttle	Shuttle Departs from Main Hotel 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	
9:05 AM	9:15 AM	0:10	General Session									Self Advocate Inspiration	
9:15 AM	9:55 AM	0:40	General Session									Nancy Gianni, Chief Belief Officer: Strength in Unity	
9:55 AM	10:00 AM	0:05	General Session									TBD	
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	0:15	Transition									Snack in Utopia Foyer	
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	1:00	Breakout 1		Youth Board: Empowering Teens to Lead with Acceptance and Impact	Marketing Roundtable 2026		Creating a Legacy for your Playhouse: Endowments, Planned Giving, and More	Expanding Inclusion: The Gen G Approach in Schools	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Discover Your Superpowers		
11:15 AM	11:30 AM	0:15	Transition										
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	1:00	Breakout 2		Board Governance 101: Best Practices for Stronger Leadership and Smooth Transitions	Let Your Light Shine: Prevent Burnout & Build Resilience	Executive Director and Treasurer's Roles in Playhouse Financial Management	Using Donor Intelligence Data from Donor Search to Strengthen Fundraising Capacity	Risk Management: Your Questions Answered	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	Fuel Your Body, Fuel Your Confidence		
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:00	Lunch	Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer			Lunch in Nirvana Foyer and Utopia Foyer			GiGi's Amina Grace Speech & Language SLP Collaboration Meeting			
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		Empowering Your Playhouse Ambassadors in Board Positions	Capital Campaign Planning and Execution	Tech Strategy and Open Q&A		Is it Sensory or Behavior?	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	My Story, My Voice		
3:30 PM	3:45 PM	0:15	Transition										
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	1:00	Breakout 4	[room setup]		Evaluating and Elevating Your Fundraising Events	Donor's View of GiGi's Financials and other Metrics	Exploring Satellite Opportunities for Sustainable Growth	De-escalation and Behavior Management Strategies	OPEN FOR SMALL GROUP GATHERING	STEM Lab in Action!		
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									



GiGi's Playhouse
2025 Annual Conference Schedule
Sunday, November 9

FINAL

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