

Because of you... 2021 WAS AMAZING!



Dear Friends,

2021 has been quite a roller coaster, but we haven't stopped working hard to grow and fulfill our mission despite the challenges. We would not have been able to achieve these successes without you!

Because of you, we never let our families down, despite the tumult of the past two years. Because of you, GiGi's Playhouse Annapolis continues to provide free educational and therapeutic programming that is offered in-person and virtually to serve every family's needs. Because of you, we were thrilled when we heard our families say:

"I was amazed at the growth of my child's skills. Thank you GiGi's Playhouse!"

"I never imagined my child achieving that, GiGi's helped me raise my expectations!"

"GiGi's was the first place we felt safe bringing our child to once we ventured back out into the community. We lost all services and GiGi's was there for us."

Some highlights from this year...

Achieved "Tier One" nationally, as one of the most active Playhouses across the network in participant engagement and volunteer hours;

Recognized nationally for Excellence in Programming and Fiscal Responsibility;

Co-led the development of the Generation G, GiGi's National Youth Board; and

Developed strong relationships with state and local government representatives.

Our word for 2021: AdaptABLE and for 2022: UnstoppABLE!

Thank you to all families, volunteers, and supporters who continue to make a difference in our community. We can only continue to provide free programming because of generous people like YOU.

Please consider making a year end donation to help make 2022 one full of goodness, growth and grace. Together 2022 will ignite dreams of achievement! Thank you.

Happy Holidays from GiGi's Playhouse Annapolis,

Board of Managers, Judy, & Andre

Because of you...

WE'RE GROWING



Our programs

In addition to GiGi's signature group programs and 1:1 educational programs offered in Annapolis, we...

- Provided 82 weeks of virtual GiGi's Kitchen Adults programming on the GiGi's-At-Home National platform;
- Successfully piloted the GiGi Prep Career Development Program for adults 18+;
- Expanded the Amina Grace Speech Program by hiring a Speech Language Pathologist to provide direct services and supervision of Loyola University Maryland student clinicians;
- Launched the GiGiFIT Toddler Program.

By The Numbers

GiGi's Playhouse is a 99% volunteer run, donation-funded non-profit organization that takes pride on running itself like a business. General administration only counts for 5% of our functional expenses and our programs are FREE! Our annual metrics:

- 5,492 Free Program Participation Hours
- 6,424 Volunteer Hours
- 600 Families Reached

Like every business, the pandemic affected our bottom line. We didn't let that stop us: we used the adversity as a springboard to diversify our programs and our program delivery, pivoting to virtual program delivery within weeks of the global shutdown, reaching many previously underserved rural and urban communities in the US, and growing the GiGi's family to encompass individuals and communities in 77 countries.

Pursing Our Mission:

This past year we expanded awareness and achievement of individuals with Down syndrome and spread a message of acceptance for all across the greater-Annapolis region through the virtual "Seas" the Day Gala in March, GiGiFIT Accept-Dance Challenge in June, 2nd Annual Golf Outing in October, and community outreach events. Thank you to all who participated and supported these events. We hope you will enjoy and engage in our 2022 events too!



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"We have seen a tremendous improvement in our son. His movements and emotions have been greatly impacted by our interactions in the LMNOP program. We have also received resources which have allowed us to connect with other families with children with Down syndrome. It's a huge support knowing that there is an organization like GiGi's out there willing to help and care for families like us!"
- Maria M., GiGi's Parent

