



**GiGi's**  
PLAYHOUSE™  
Down Syndrome Achievement Centers  
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Cleveland, OH

"Everyone at GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland has been so welcoming and helpful to our family! My grandson, Zayden, learns sign language in LMNOP, and works on OT and PT in GiGiFIT Toddler. Both programs have allowed him to grow, learn and interact with other children, as well as allowed us, his family, to connect with and be supported by other parents and caregivers in the Down syndrome community. This program has been a great benefit to my family. Thank you so much for your organization!"

Carolyn Martin, grandmother to Zayden



When you see the pride, the satisfaction, and the excitement on the faces at GiGi's Playhouse, you know all of our fighting—and theirs—is worth it. That determination and aspiration are in our DNA. During these most challenging of years, we fought, both as an organization and as a community. And look at all we've accomplished!

It's only possible because of you. As 2021 draws to a close, help us plan for an even brighter 2022.

*Donate Today!*



**GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland by the numbers this year:**

5%	General Administration cost
475+	Families Served
99%	Volunteer Run
223	Volunteers
3,700+	Hours of Programming
33,500	Website Views
200k+	Social Media Reach
0	Cost to Our Families
= A WORLD full of LOVE and ACCEPTANCE	



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Dear Friends,

**Thank you.** Because of you, GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland has triumphed during the unthinkable. Because of you, we're now reaching more families in our community, in new and innovative ways. Because of you, we never let our families down, despite the tumult of 2020 and 2021. Because of you, GiGi's Playhouse is stronger than ever. And because of you, our families and participants were never alone or without access to the programs and support which help them thrive.

Leading a 99% volunteer-run organization through a pandemic forced us to dig deep. Our only choice was to think big, to innovate, and to automate... so that's what we did! We are so proud of our Cleveland volunteers, advocates and participants for continuing to show up and give their Best of All every single day! This year we hosted our first ever Dash for Down Syndrome 5k, which was among the top 10 of all Playhouses for participants, giving us the opportunity to engage with our community in a new and exciting way! Our Project Pulse drum circle performed repeatedly to much acclaim, including at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Brew Ha Ha, and Lakewood Park. And we expanded our GiGiFIT exercise program to everyone from infants through adults!

But please don't think we are making it through this pandemic without casualties. As hard as we have worked, our Playhouse is down in revenue for the year, and our programs are nearing capacity. Despite our numerous positive outreach endeavors, participants from our Playhouse were victims of acts of hate, right here in our own Northeast Ohio community. We have much to do... and we will! Without your support we would not be able to continue growing our mission and providing FREE therapeutic and purposeful programming.

We are so excited for all the fun and growth we are planning for 2022 and can't wait to share it with you! Because of you, our Cleveland Playhouse has become the incredible place where people with Down syndrome are always celebrated, empowered and INCLUDED.

Thank you, and we love you all!

Emily Monteleone, Board President

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*Because of you,*  
**we are helping people with Down syndrome live longer and healthier lives.**

*Because of you,*  
**our purposeful programs are free.**

*Because of you,*  
**we are empowered to achieve the unimaginable.**

