

GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis Gala

Saturday, February, 24th 2024
Indiana Roof Ballroom

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good evening and thank you so much for attending our tenth gala for GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis! It was January of 2014 when we hosted our first "crowdfunding" event at a brewery in downtown Indy. Our only goal was to begin to spread the word about our idea to open a brick & mortar Down syndrome achievement center in our area. The response was amazing! The community truly showed up in support of our efforts and we knew we were on the right track. We also knew we had to continue to capture the attention of those interested, so in less than two months we designed a "Believe in our Build" gala at the Indianapolis Central Library, which in just one night raised enough funds for us to sign a lease, organize a buildout and hire an Executive Director! This evening is our 10th "I Have A Voice" Gala, a true celebration of our past, present, and future. Tonight we have the opportunity to acknowledge those who helped establish our organization,

those who have developed & implemented our programs, and those who have expanded our impact within the community. We also want to acknowledge each and every one of you for joining us this evening, as your presence is the greatest gift of all. So much has changed since the last time we came together at last year's gala! Our Board recognized that changes needed to be made within our Playhouse to ensure its ongoing success and worked closely with the local and national Playhouse staff to establish new leadership with a more collaborative approach to engaging our community. We recognize that change is hard, but we are now so proud to show off what this new team has accomplished! On behalf of the GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis Board of Directors, our Playhouse staff, and our gala committee members, we thank you once again for your support and look forward to celebrating with you as we embark on the limitless future ahead of us!

-Megan Peck, Board President

THE EVENING MENU

Appetizers:

Mini Beef Wellingtons & Caprese Skewers
Of Mozzarella, Tomato and Basil

Salad:

BLT Chop Iceberg, Bacon, Grape Tomato, Focaccia Croutons, Sunflower Seeds & Green Onion, Parmesan Peppercorn Dressing
Petite Baguettes and Butter

Entree:

Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast in Lemon Basil Cream, Whipped Potatoes, Broccolini & Peppers

Dessert:

Salted Caramel Brownie topped with White Chocolate Mousse

Coffee, Water, & Iced Tea Served With Dinner

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OUR MISSION

"To change the way the world views Down syndrome and send a global message of acceptance for all."

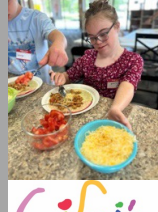
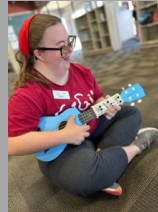


SIGNATURE DRINK

The Indiana Roof Ballroom created a signature drink to help us celebrate! Head over to the bar & ask for the...

"GiGi's Highball"

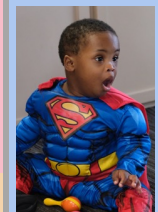
Fresh Raspberries
Mint Leaf
Basil Leaf
Tito's Handmade Vodka
Simple Syrup
Lime Juice
St. Germain Liqueur



DID YOU KNOW?
Down syndrome (also referred to as 'Trisomy 21') results from a third copy of the 21st chromosome and is the most frequently occurring chromosomal disorder.

Down syndrome occurs in about 1 out of every 691 births.

In the 1950's, the life expectancy of someone with Down syndrome was 12 years old. Today, it is over 60 years of age thanks to medical advances and places like GiGi's Playhouse that help individuals lead more enriched and fulfilling lives!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:00-7:30	Cocktail Reception
7:30- 8:00	Program Begins
8:00-9:00	Enjoy Dinner

Please note that the Silent Auction will close at 9:00 pm. Items may be collected by winners at the end of the evening

9:00-9:25	Program Resumes
9:25-9:40	Live Auction
9:40-11:15	Music/Dancing

Bar will close at 10:45pm.

THIS EVENING'S EMCEE



Brittney Bailly
B100 (Station: 100.7)
@Brittneyonthebee



Brittney has hosted the B100 Morning Show in South Bend, Indiana since 2021 & has enjoyed working for The Bee for the last 12 years! Her true radio career began when she was 8 years old with a boombox in her room, showing that dreams really do come true! She loves to share joy for life & highlight amazing organizations & individuals who make Michiana great! Last year, The B100 Morning Show was nominated for a Country Music Award in Nashville, TN! At home, Brittney & her husband are very blessed with 5 children & another baby boy coming this June! God has blessed Brittney with incredible opportunities to help others through the power of radio & she is more than honored to be here tonight to highlight the marvelous work of GiGi's Playhouse!

#GenerationG

A conscious decision to be better every day.

#GenerationG is a global social campaign of acceptance for all people, not just those with Down syndrome.

GiGi's Playhouse has 58 locations around the country and serves families in 88 countries! Our achievement centers provide FREE programming that enables people with Down syndrome to live happy and healthy lives, but we have only scratched the surface. Parents of babies with Down syndrome still rarely receive positive encouragement from their medical teams, both prior to birth and after. Students with Down syndrome still experience unfounded discrimination at school and on social media. Qualified adults with Down syndrome still can't access meaningful jobs. We want to level the playing field, not just for individuals with Down syndrome, but for people of all abilities!

#GenerationG is our way forward in this world and we need you to join us!



PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

"Desimber has been attending GiGi's for about a year and a half. She participates in many GiGi's programs including Fantastic Friends, SMART (Achievers), GiGi's Kitchen, Summer Baking Week, and lots more! She absolutely loves her friends and crew at GiGi's."

The volunteers are awesome too! Both the GiGi's staff and volunteers go above and beyond to ensure all participants' needs are met. Desimber always looks forward to attending and visiting with her friends. She loves the programs equally as they offer and provide all her favorite things. She loves food

and cooking, and she is literally a social butterfly! She always greets everyone with multiple high fives and hugs. Her smile and laughter are contagious! She truly enjoys going out into the community with friends and gets to experience many different activities in an inclusive environment where everyone truly feels welcomed and comfortable being themselves. GiGi's truly is like a second family to us. We wish we would have found it sooner!"



PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

"Aiden began attending GiGi's when he was less than 6 months old. We instantly fell in love with the LMNOP program. Every week was a different plan with circle time, music, reading, and instructional activities. As new parents, we were able to form bonds with other parents. Aiden has a busier schedule now. But we still try to make it back to GiGi's as much as we can."



"When I moved to the area, the first place I reached out to was GiGi's Indy because I knew that I wanted to be involved. I have found my people! The best part of my job is getting to make music with an individuals entire family and getting to see their growth over time."

-Lindsay Z, Resounding Joy



GIGI'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The GiGi's Indy Staff & Board Members look forward all year long to attending the National Conference. With over 80 different breakout and networking sessions, the busy 3 days in Chicago are full of sharing ideas, experiences and support. And with over 350 attendees from 63 different Playhouse cities around the world, there is no shortage of Playhouse pride and excitement for our shared mission.



Your local giving has a national impact!



Gala To Do List:

- Take a group photo ☐
- Buy beads for Heads or Tails ☐
- Check out the Wine Pull ☐
- Bid on a Silent Auction Item ☐
- Try the GiGi's Highball ☐
- Give Liz a high five ☐
- Introduce yourself to a member of the Best of All Band ☐
- Ask a Board Member what they love most about GiGi's ☐

GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis provides therapeutic & educational programming for individuals with Down syndrome and their families AT NO COST. With programs that range from a prenatal diagnosis all the way through adulthood, GiGi's Indy is proud to provide a lifetime commitment to those we serve. Your support this evening means the world to us! As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we rely entirely on donations from generous individuals who believe in what we do and want to be a part of it too. While we offer programs at no cost for families- they are not free for us to provide. On average, it costs about \$41 to host an individual at the Playhouse for 1 hour. On average individuals spend 23 hours participating in programs each month at the Playhouse. Every single dollar that we raise tonight goes directly back into the programs that we offer, the place where they happen, and the people who make it possible. If you have never been to the Playhouse, we'd love for you to stop by! You and your family are always welcome!

GI GI'S INDY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

LMNOP	Music Early Learners
Destination Discovery	GiGiFIT Toddler/Adult
Art Explosion	GiGi's Kitchen
Drama Troupe	Kids/Teen/Adult
1:1 Literacy Tutoring	Fantastic Friends
Moms' Night Out	Teen Tastic
Open Play	Music Makers Adult
GiGi's Summer Adventure	EPIC Achievers

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INDY STAFF

RILEY FORSYTHE Operations Manager

"Being part of an organization that values inclusion, community, & kindness is a true dream. I believe that every person should be given the tools to allow them to be their best selves despite a diagnosis."



"We talk about GiGi's Magic, but it's truly magical to be able to support families from the minute they walk in the door and to know you will be with them for a lifetime."

MOLLY BRUMLEVE Programs Manager

SAIGE HUBBARD Adult Programs Coordinator



"I love working for GiGi's because it is a warm & welcoming community that focuses on helping our participants live their best lives!"

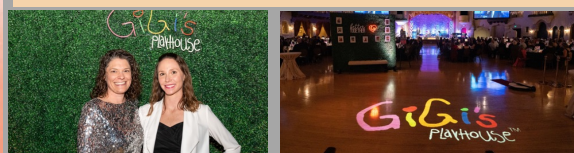
"It is an honor to be a part of this incredible community. There is always so much love to share!"

Thank you so much for your support this evening! It means the world to have you here."

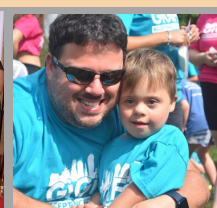
LIZ RICHARDS Executive Director



"Working with GiGi's Playhouse on their annual gala has been so rewarding for our team, both professionally and personally. It has been an honor to help GiGi's develop their event, as well as being able to donate and volunteer throughout the last decade. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful organization!" —Kile Shaw, The Indiana Roof Ballroom



2024 GALA COMMITTEE



This dedicated group has been volunteering for months to help with the planning of this years Gala. We could not be more thankful for their hard work and commitment to GiGi's Indy.

Molly Brumleve
Megan Chaffee
Molly Dubovec
Jan Gould
Kendra Kattau Smith

Nick Ohrn
Megan Peck
Jennifer Sitzman
Wendy Varvil
Paige Voorde



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-Tito

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If you're ever in the area, we would love to extend an invitation to
have you visit the Playhouse! You're welcome anytime 😊



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