

GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis Gala

Saturday, March 1st, 2025

Indiana Roof Ballroom

WELCOME TO INDIANAPOLIS!

We are thrilled to have Chief Belief Officer, Nancy Gianni, & THE GiGi, Chief Inspiration Officer, join us this evening!

We are so excited to celebrate this last Decade of Difference with our very special guests!



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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...

"Tentini"

Pama Liqueur, Tito's Vodka, Lemon Juice, Raspberry Puree, Lemonade, Lemon Garnish.

Don't miss your chance to savor your sips in a signature glass!

THE EVENING MENU

Appetizers:

Basil Black Pepper Polenta, fruit and cheese kabobs, salami and herb cream cheese cornets

Salad:

Local Greens, Julienne Carrots, Red Cabbage, Radish, Julienne Cucumber, Tomatoes, White Balsamic Reduction

Entree:

Buttermilk Crusted Chicken Breast, Dijon Cream | Roasted Garlic Mashed | Green Beans with Peppers and Onions

Dessert:

Salted Caramel Brownie topped with White Chocolate Mousse, and Gluten Free Sorbet

Coffee, Water, & Iced Tea Served With Dinner



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

5:00-6:15

Cocktail Reception

6:15

Program Begins

6:30-7:30

Enjoy Dinner

Please note that the Silent Auction will remain open. Items may be collected by winners at the end of the evening.

7:35

Auction

7:50

Heads or Tails

8:00

Music/Dancing



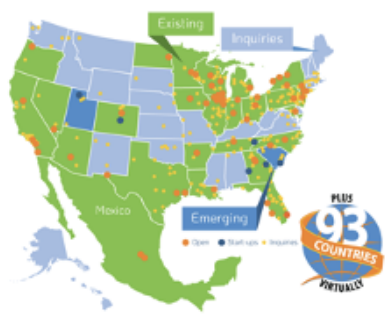
#GenerationG

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 over 50 locations around the country and serves families in 93 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!

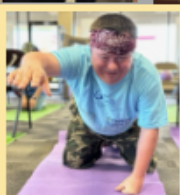
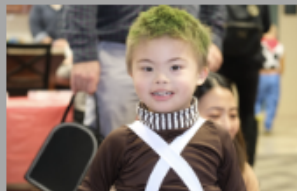


Your local giving has a national impact!

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Blue Dolphin Pool Service



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I will never forget the day in August of 2012 when I reached out to Nancy Gianni, Founder of the GiGi's Playhouses, and asked her if she would consider adding a location in Indianapolis. I was sitting at Riley Hospital for Children with our infant son, Nolan, who had unexpectedly been born with 47 chromosomes and 6 holes in his heart. I felt alone and isolated, among so many other confusing feelings.

From the day we got our "YES!" from Nancy to our Grand Opening in January of 2015, our Founding Board Members worked around the clock to cultivate a community, design a "Believe in Our Build" Gala, sign a lease, organize a buildout and hire an Executive Director.

It's hard to imagine that tonight we are celebrating our 10th birthday... double digits! We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge those who have helped establish our organization, those who have developed & implemented our programs, and those who have expanded our impact across Central Indiana. We would never be where we are today without your support!

Tonight, we will also begin to shift our focus on the next 10 years. What will 2035 look like? What will it take to continue to grow our impact? To add staff? Add programs? What do we need to ensure the world sees not only the ability, but the advancement of individuals with Down syndrome?

We need you! Please don't let the party end tonight. We invite you to volunteer at our Playhouse to socialize with our Fantastic Friends, dine with our Kitchen Kids, and dance with our Best of All Band. We encourage you to share your time and talents with our various committees. We applaud you for not only donating during this event, but also setting up a monthly or annual donation to our cause.

I think I speak for us all when I proudly share that tonight I do not feel alone, isolated or confused. Looking out at this enthusiastic and energetic crowd, I feel encouraged, empowered and excited! What a beautiful space we have created.

On behalf of the GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis Board of Directors, our Playhouse Staff, and our Gala Committee, we thank you once again for your support and look forward to celebrating with you as we raise money to dream & design the next 10 years!

-Megan Peck, Board President

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 Signature Drink ☐
- 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- but they are not free for us to provide. On average, it costs about \$50 to host an individual at the Playhouse for 1 hour, and 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!

GIGI'S INDY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

LMNOP	GiGi's Kitchen Kids/Teens/Adult
GiGi's Professionals	Music Makers Adults
Art Explosion	SMART Outings
Drama Troupe	Mom's Night Out
1:1 Literacy Tutoring	Achievers
Yoga	Friends Fitness and Fun
Music Early Learners	Teentastic
Social Skills	Fantastic Friends

2025 GALA COMMITTEE

This dedicated group has been volunteering for months to help with the planning of this year's Gala. From gathering silent auction items, to putting together centerpieces, coordinating entertainment, and making sure the evening runs smoothly, we could not be more thankful for their hard work and commitment to GiGi's Indy.

Dawn Braun
Mary Delaney
Dana Goodrich
Heather Hale
Mari Kennedy
Sandy Lucas

Riley Forsythe
Megan Peck
Jennifer Scavnicky
Teri Scott
Penny Tracey



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."



"Working with this incredible community has been truly rewarding, filling my life with meaningful connections and lifelong friendships that I will always cherish"

ADRIENNE NUMBERS Programs Manager

MALLORY MURPHY GiGi's Indy Intern

"Interning at GiGi's has been such a fun experience and such an honor. Each participant has taught me and reminded me that you can do ALL things regardless of diagnosis."



"The Indy community really is something special. It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve in this capacity.

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



Special Thanks to our incredible Emcee, Jim Cerone, Who graciously donated his services this evening

JIM CERONE
THE PERFECT HOST

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Friday, March 21st
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6:00 - 6:30 sensory friendly time



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