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Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
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NYC

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT FRANK SAWYER

We expected 2020 to be an awesome year. Perfect vision. It sounded so promising. Then, early in the year the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

While always being innovative, in 2020 GiGi's NYC was called upon to be more innovative more quickly than we ever could have imagined. We answered the charge. In the middle of losing loved ones, close quarter quarantine stress, social distancing, burning out with online schooling and work - we had a year of achievement. Because of the resiliency of our participants, families, expectant parents, staff, volunteers and Board members, combined with the generosity of our donors - 2020 exceeded all expectations. Following are a few highlights of what we accomplished together.

- Reached and **surpassed serving 1,000 individuals with Down syndrome** and their families.
- **Transformed our NYC face-to-face programs for online delivery at the onset of the pandemic**, maintaining and strengthening our community virtually for our local participants while attracting a global audience. Our participants even led some of our virtual programs.
- **Increased the variety of virtual programs** we offered individuals with Down syndrome. **Designed and delivered original programs for our NYC parent/caregiver community**; addressing the needs and unique issues the pandemic created.
- **Increased our summer programming to five weeks**, including an additional week of programming for the adults. We leveraged the benefits of virtual participation to enlarge the world view of our participants. They were taught skills online by more leaders in their fields from across the country than ever possible before, because travel was not a barrier.
- **Redesigned all of our creative arts programs for virtual participation, providing the skills to our artists and singers necessary for achievement, sharing their creations with the world.**
- **Expanded our Board of Directors** with six new members from American Express, Microsoft, Pfizer, College Board, Kyndoo and Dechert, LLP.
- **Produced our 2020 Gala, our most successful to date**; a fully virtual event live-streamed from a Manhattan studio; grossing 46% more than 2019 - breaking our fundraising records, we embraced the possibilities of our virtual gala to success.
- **Continued to diversify our donor base** with new individuals, corporate sponsorships and foundations, ensuring the financial future of GiGi's NYC.

Joined forces with Tola Makinde and the Moyinoluwa Rainbow Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria; accelerating achievement of both our missions. Other partners are offering to be involved in this important relationship. We have included our Nigerian partners in many of our initiatives online, demonstrating

to their parents and community their achievements, that they belong and are valued.

I have witnessed firsthand the impact of GiGi's NYC. My brother Peter has been empowered by attending our programs and by learning social skills through the GiGi's NYC relationships he has developed. At the age of 55 Peter knows he truly belongs in the greater community as his whole self, achieving more of his potential while making the world a better place to live work and prosper, all because of GiGi's NYC.

2020 was an extraordinary year filled with many challenges, exceeded by our accomplishments. We increased the variety and doubled the number of programs we offer our community, reaching many more participants and families around the globe. As GiGi's NYC returns to in-person programming in 2021 while integrating our virtual programs, our leadership will address our requirement for a larger space to better serve the evolving needs of our growing community.

I am humbled and inspired by how everyone pulled together this past year. Once again, we are eternally grateful for your continued generosity.

Respectfully,



Frank Sawyer
Board President, GiGi's NYC



OUR STORY

OVERVIEW

GiGi's Playhouse NYC is the only organization in New York City solely dedicated to the development of individuals with Down syndrome of all ages, from birth through adulthood and at every phase of life. We provide therapeutic, educational, social and creative arts programs and events year-round, at no cost to participants or their families. We empower our diverse participants to be included in the greater community, to be their whole selves as they truly belong, and to make the world a better place. GiGi's Playhouse NYC offers a supportive and nurturing environment that enables individuals, parents, expecting parents and families to connect. With our migration to a more virtual world, GiGi's Playhouse NYC is at the forefront of innovating and delivering online programs for our growing community, all while being completely funded by our generous donors.

VISION

Our vision is to see a world that is socially just; where individuals with Down syndrome have a voice, and are accepted and embraced in their families, schools and communities, making the world a better place.

MISSION

Our mission is to improve the lives of all people with Down syndrome, from birth through adulthood, by providing them with the resources they need to apply to life's challenges and achieve. We accomplish our mission by providing innovative, life-changing programs, at no cost to our participants and families. GiGi's NYC's programs and events empower people with Down syndrome to realize their fullest potential and build the skills necessary for success in school, work and their community. We openly celebrate and share their unique talents and achievements to honor their rightful place in the world.



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FOUNDERS PRINCIPLES

GiGi's NYC opened its doors in 2012, under the vision of our founders, Tracy Nixon and Debbie Morris. Their vision dream was to create a place where their daughters would be able to socialize, learn and make lifelong friendships. Eight years later, we are still the only organization in New York City dedicated to solely serving the Down syndrome community. GiGi's Playhouse NYC is realizing its vision and mission. We are changing the perception of Down syndrome in New York City and beyond, by recognizing and celebrating the many achievements of our diverse community.



OUR COMMUNITY

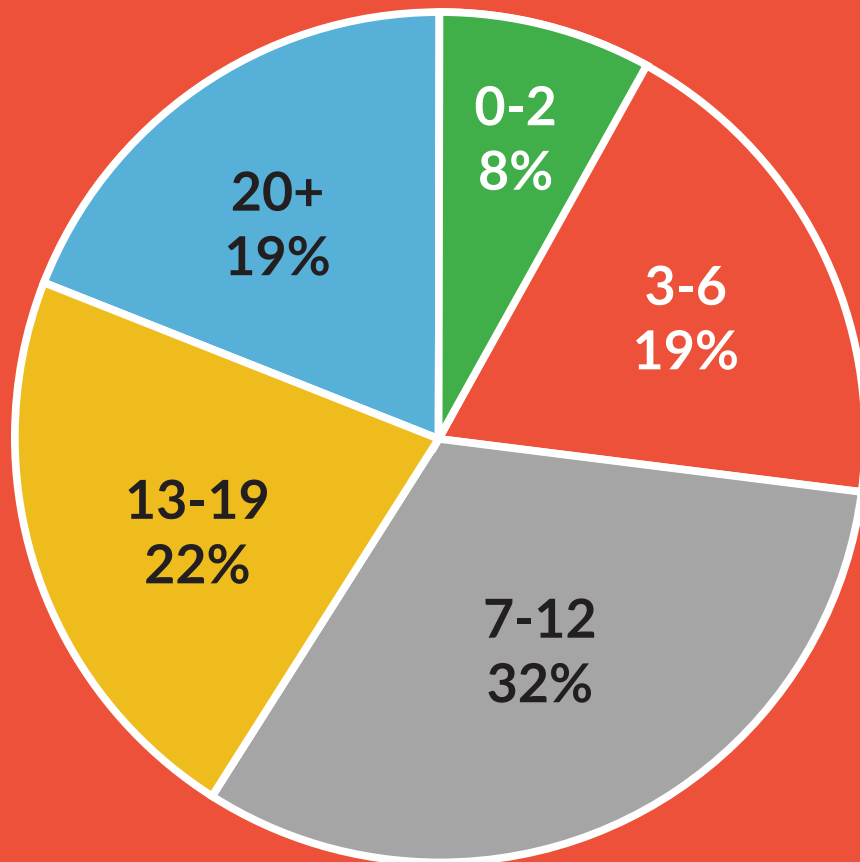
COST TO FAMILIES: \$0

NEW FAMILIES: 56

TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 1,000+

TOTAL UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS: 278

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 5,100



AGES SERVED



All five boroughs of NYC, Westchester County, NJ and CT.

Additionally, because of our virtual format in response to COVID-19, we have families joining us from around the world, including:

- Chile
- Dubai
- Nigeria



LETTER FROM OUR STAFF

ROSELLA LOFARO & HANNAH PROVIDENTI



Rosella Lofaro

Despite the many challenges of 2020, GiGi's Playhouse NYC persevered and was able to accomplish more than we could have ever imagined! Playhouse programs and events commenced as usual in January, and by the time March came around, we had to transition to an entirely virtual model almost overnight. GiGi's NYC was determined to continue providing dynamic, life-enhancing programs and events to our participants, families and community. We quickly adapted our weekly programs, special events and lectures to a virtual format, while also developing new programs to meet



Hannah Providenti

the evolving needs of our community and establishing new partnerships on a national and international level. We celebrated our most successful 'i have a Voice' Gala to date in October, which was streamed live from a premier production studio in Manhattan and raised over \$230,000. We ended the year strong with a successful Annual Appeal campaign and beautiful holiday concert from our Community Chorus, all while celebrating the achievements of our participants along the way. Even a pandemic cannot stop GiGi's NYC from serving our community and fulfilling our mission!

With the onset of the pandemic, we launched Pen Pals and Parent/Caregiver TableTalk to keep our community connected in response to the lack of in-person socialization opportunities, in conjunction with our weekly programs and special events. To keep our community active during quarantine, we started weekly Zumba classes that continued through the close of the year. The Summer kicked off with our incredibly popular programs Summer Horizons, Summer Adventures and Summer Clubhouse, which served all ages of those with Down syndrome. We were proud to achieve our highest participation rate at Summer programs to date, and increase Summer Horizons to two weeks for the first time in GiGi's NYC history. In August, we also established Dad's Social Club and Parent/Caregiver TableTalk in Spanish - Charla Familiar, and relaunched Gratitude Art Committee. Our fall semester saw the addition of our Rising Stars program, the first time an improv theatre class was offered to our participants, as well as new Judo and LitLab programs. Due to high demand, these programs will continue throughout future semesters. The fall semester introduced Monthly Magic Mondays, led by a professional magician and featured many guest magicians. In accordance with social-distancing guidelines, we hosted a "Spooktacular" Halloween Bash in Central Park. Our programs proved to be a lifeline during the pandemic and we were thrilled to continue providing purposeful programs encompassing therapeutic, educational, social and creative arts to our entire

community. 2020 also provided us the opportunity to focus on the importance of enlarging our community and expanding our network. GiGi's NYC is honored to have partnered with many wonderful organizations and individuals, and we look forward to our continued collaboration with partners' efforts to spread global acceptance and awareness for the Down syndrome community.

2020 has strengthened our commitment to meet the needs of our community by providing valuable services and resources to accomplish our mission, regardless of obstacles we have encountered. We and our team are proving that nothing can prevent us from providing individuals with Down syndrome and their families the life changing programs, opportunities and support they deserve. We appreciate the staff and volunteers who have given their energy and talents serving our community during their tenures. Working with the GiGi's NYC community is such a rewarding experience. The more we are involved the more we are changed by seeing first hand our community grow together, and supporting each other. We are moved to watch our participants achieve while demonstrating the impact they are having on the world. We are filled with gratitude to be an impactful part of the lives of our participants, families and community.

Sincerely,



Rosella Lofaro
Operations Manager



Hannah Providenti
Programs Coordinator

GIGI'S NYC AMBASSADOR

MALIK JABBAAR

To GiGi's NYC and so many others, Malik is a real-life Super Hero. In recognition of his contributions to the Down syndrome community in New York City and beyond, Malik Jabbaar earned the 2020 GiGi's NYC Ambassador Award. His commitment transcended the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Malik was a constant presence, appearing on radio shows, being our voice during in-person and virtual events, creating a sense of normalcy, while providing comfort and keeping us connected to the broader community. Malik always inspires us to be our best selves.

“When GiGi's NYC reopens, I would like to work with the previous Ambassadors to talk about the programs and share ideas with the Board of Directors. Also, I want to see my GiGi's friends in person.”

– Malik Jabbaar



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OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

This year we transformed our NYC face-to-face activities into virtual programs at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We maintained and strengthened community for our local participants, while attracting a global audience. The variety of programs that we offer to individuals with Down syndrome was increased and finetuned throughout the year to address the evolving needs for online delivery. We also designed and delivered original programs for our NYC parent and caregiver community to address the needs and unique issues created by the pandemic. Creativity and innovation was the core of our success.

EARLY & SCHOOL AGE

NEW PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

New Parent Support Group is a family-based group session supervised and facilitated by a Hunter College Graduate Professor of Early Childhood Special Education and professional in the field of early childhood development. It is an opportunity for families to engage in structured conversation on a specific developmental topic for each session, focusing on parent-child interactions and direct support of child learning through guided interactions and strategies in the home environment or setting of the family's choosing. These sessions are also set up as an interactive learning experience for Hunter College Graduate students in early childhood

special education, giving them essential opportunities to engage with families and to work toward the goal of facilitating such support group sessions in the future. Hunter students in attendance will have opportunities to join the conversations, provide direct support strategies and facilitate one session topic as a team. Recommended for families with children ages prenatal to 3 years old.

LMNOP

Language Music N' Our Peeps (LMNOP) is an interactive and engaging program designed to guide parents and young children through learning basic sign language and other forms of communication while using music and language-based activities. Recommended for families with children ages birth to 5 years old.

LEAPS & BOUNDS

This program promotes social, emotional, large and small muscle group development. Children participate in fun and engaging activities that require movement and interaction with their environment. Recommended for ages 3 to 7 years old.

FAMILY FUN MOVEMENT

An opportunity which brings the family together with movement and music allowing all participants to groove and have fun in unison. This program introduces basic dance styles, techniques and movement while participants improve their gross motor

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skills, increase mental and muscle memory, strength, flexibility and coordination. Recommended for ages 10 and under.

1:1 LITERACY TUTORING

The Literacy Tutoring Program uses a methodology with documented success based on the research by professionals in the field. Tutors meet 1:1 with participants at a mutually convenient time. The Literacy Tutoring Program includes not only direct instruction with the child, but education for parents, school teachers and therapists as well. Recommended for ages 3 and older.

SCHOOL AGE AND OLDER

LITLAB

LitLab is a social outreach initiative connecting teen and adult participants with volunteers to engage in virtual arts-inspired learning, based on our

COVID-19 pandemic mantra: Just because we have to practice social-distancing, doesn't mean we have to socially isolate. GiGi's NYC participants are matched with a volunteer buddy 1:1, meeting weekly to create and develop to completion presentations on topics they choose, increasing their commitment. The program focuses on reading, public-speaking, PowerPoint and social skills, including learning how to provide and receive feedback. Participants fully immerse themselves in engaging research projects based on their excitement and appreciation of music, art, dance, reading, cooking and more. Recommended for ages 10 and older.

GIGIFIT

This program introduces the key movements of foundational, hip-strengthening and vestibular/balance exercises. We focus on improving areas of fitness through activities in strength, endurance, joint stability, balance, movement control and more. GiGiFIT Teen & Adult incorporates age-appropriate activities that teens and adults can be successful with and strengthen their bodies purposefully. GiGiFIT promotes wellness through nutrition, pushing through barriers and building self-confidence. Recommended for ages 13 and older.

JUDO

Through our partnership with New York Cares, we offer a mindful, martial arts workout to our participants. Recommended for ages 5 and older.



YOGA

In partnership with New York Cares, this program aims to provide a meaningful and engaging program of movement and mindfulness! Recommended for ages 5 and older.

ZUMBA

Zumba is a fitness program created through our partnership with New York Cares that combines Latin and international music with dance moves to create a fun and interactive workout! Zumba classes are a cardiovascular activity that provide an opportunity to improve muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility and boosted energy! Recommended for ages 5 and older.

RISING STARS

This program introduces the art of improv comedy theater to our community.

Recommended for ages 13 and older. See creative arts programs.

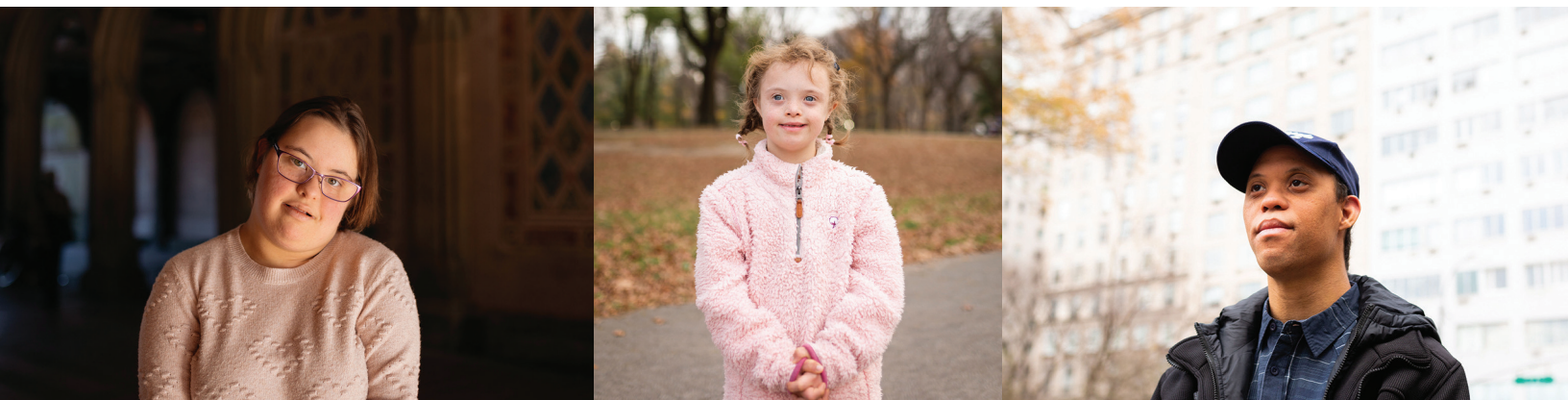
TEENS

TEENTASTIC

This program promotes socialization, friendships and connection among our teens. Recommended for ages 13 to 20 years old.

TEENTASTIC NIGHT OUT

GiGi's NYC partners with New York Cares to plan an awesome social night for Teens with Down syndrome. Each month there is a different theme and various fun activities! This is the perfect chance to practice social skills and build friendships with peers. Recommended for ages 13 to 20 years old.



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ADULTS

GRATITUDE ART COMMITTEE

Adults express themselves and give back to the our community through their art! Recommended for ages 18 and older. See creative arts programs.

BOWLING BUDS

Bowling is a perfect activity for adults of all abilities. Volunteers encourage socialization and create a fun environment for adults on this night out. Recommended for ages 18 and older.

ALL AGES

MONTHLY MAGIC MONDAYS

Abracadabra it's magic! This mystifying program engages participants in an interactive magic show and provides the opportunity for participants to learn magic tricks! Recommended for all ages.



NYU SPEECH PROGRAM

The New York University Speech-Language Hearing Clinic supports individuals across the lifespan with a range of communication needs. They provide screenings, evaluations and intervention services in the areas of speech, language, hearing, voice and stuttering in individual and group settings. Graduate students meet with participants at a mutually convenient time. Recommended for all ages.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Our Community Chorus delights all who get to see them perform. They are available for bookings across New York City. Recommended for all ages. See creative arts programs.

SUPERYOU

GiGi's Playhouse NYC continues our collaboration with The SuperYou FUNdation and Lourds Lane! Recommended for all ages. See creative arts programs.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

In 2020, as a result of COVID-19 and new social-distancing guidelines, we entirely redeveloped our summer programs and curriculums to create an engaging and dynamic virtual experience for all of our participants. Despite virtual programming, our schedule remained as active and exciting as past summers. Each day included activities that encouraged movement, creativity, life skills, and much more. Participants joined yoga, judo, fitness, musical theater, dancing, scavenger hunts, museum tours, art projects, singing, acting and special events.

Our virtual summer created new possibilities in terms of expanding our programs to families outside of the immediate NYC area. We collaborated with instructors and teachers around the country who brought their expertise and passion to our community. In addition, many of our successful summer partnerships, such as Judo, Improv and Magic Mondays, turned into weekly programs.



SUMMER CLUBHOUSE (AGES 7-12)

Each day followed a specific schedule of activities supporting language and social development, gross and fine motor skills and early literacy. Parents and caregivers participated in the program and volunteer counselors facilitated each activity.

SUMMER ADVENTURES (AGES 13-20)

Teens with Down syndrome explored their independence while learning life skills, developing social skills and relationships and experiencing the culture and arts of New York City in a virtual way. Trained volunteer counselors supported participants through each activity-packed day.

SUMMER HORIZONS (AGES 21+)

Adults had the opportunity to continue developing meaningful life skills through shared experiences and various learning opportunities through a virtual portal. Through each activity, participants built friendships and reinforced skills like self-confidence, healthy lifestyles, money management and more.



CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAMS

OVERVIEW

At GiGi's NYC we offer life-changing programs and events at every phase of our participants' lives. We focus on the therapeutic, educational and social needs of those we serve, at no cost to our participants or their families. Here we spotlight our Creative Arts Programs. An increasing amount of scientific evidence proves that art enhances brain function. Art has an impact on brain wave patterns and emotions, the nervous system, and can actually raise serotonin levels. Art can change a person's outlook and the way they experience the world. At GiGi's NYC we nourish the entire body and mind to support each person's individual achievement.

SUPEROYOU

GiGi's NYC is thrilled to have implemented a program with The SuperYou FUNdation and Lourds Lane! The SuperYou FUNdation, founded and created by Lourds Lane, is a global non-profit that teaches youth (and adults) how to notice and celebrate the "superhero" qualities in themselves and in others through writing, music, singing, dance and art creation. Together, as superheroes, we can create a world that is empowered, inclusive and kind. Recommended for all ages.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Broadway's Laurie Gamache has conducted our Community Chorus since its 2018 launch. Comprised of individuals with Down syndrome, their families and

friends, Chorus participants develop and reinforce skills such as body awareness, listening, vocal production, diction and memorization. Performing builds confidence, self-esteem, resiliency and provides the satisfaction that comes from working as a team, completing a project and creating a community event. Recommended for all ages.

GRATITUDE ART COMMITTEE

Adults with Down syndrome gain hands on experience creating art while expressing themselves, building confidence and socializing with peers. Our artists have appeared in artshows across NYC. Guest artists teach our artists various styles. Our artists volunteer their time and talent creating art to share with our community and the world - showing our gratitude. Société Générale features a permanent installation of Gratitude Art in their New York City home office. Recommended for ages 18 and older.

RISING STARS

GiGi's NYC was excited to pilot this program and introduce the art of improv comedy theater to our community! Improv is the art of creating scenes and comedy on the spot using your imagination and personal experiences while working with your fellow players. Participants learn and play improv games, complete improv exercises and make up and act out scenes. Improv is fun, silly and all about supporting your own ideas and the ideas of others. Recommended for ages 13 and older.

OUR PROGRAMS AND LECTURE SERIES

FAMILY SUPPORT

PARENT/CAREGIVER TABLETALK

A collective creation out of necessity during COVID-19 by our Outreach Committee for parents and caregivers in our Down syndrome community. TableTalk is not about the Playhouse or our programs. It is about us – the GiGi's NYC community. It is a platform where our voices can be shared openly and freely on current topics, family matters, self-care and much more.

DAD'S SOCIAL CLUB

Dad's Social Club is a place for fathers and father figures to socialize and share their experiences, provide support and advice or just listen to each other. It is an opportunity for fathers and father figures to check-in with each other, discuss challenges they are facing and unwind. This meeting is not about the Playhouse or our programs, it's about the fathers and father figures at GiGi's NYC.

CHARLA FAMILIAR

With the success of the Parent/Caregiver TableTalk, the Outreach Committee launched Charla en Español for our families and caregivers in our LatinX community to unite and support one another in all areas. Con el éxito de la TableTalk para padres/cuidadores, el Comité de Alcance lanzó Charla en Español para que nuestras familias y cuidadores en nuestra comunidad LatinX se unan y se apoyen mutuamente en todas las áreas.

LECTURE SERIES

Terri Couwenhoven, M.S.

- Top 5 Issues and Concerns During Puberty
- Boundaries
- Supporting Healthy Dating Relationships

Bonnie Keilty, PhD

- Early Childhood Development Q&A
- Ask the Expert: Early Intervention and Support for Families
- Promoting Development and Learning in Everyday Interactions

Ken Siri, Self-Direction Broker

- Self-Direction Information Session

Sarah Tittle, PT, DPT

- On the Move! Physical Development Guidelines for Children with Down Syndrome, Ages 0-5 Years
- Return to Sport: Helping our Athletes with Down Syndrome Prepare and Return to Sports Safely

Syracuse University

- InclusiveU Info Session

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

MOYINOLUWA RAINBOW FOUNDATION

We announced a new international partnership with Moyinoluwa Rainbow Foundation (Morainbow/MRF)

Meeting through social media, Hannah Providenti (GiGi's NYC) and Tola Makinde (MRF), had online conversations regarding Down syndrome, our respective organizations and the differences between perceptions of Down syndrome in Nigeria and the US. Soon after, members of MRF's community attended several of our virtual programs along with GiGi's NYC participants. Seeing program participants from two diverse parts of the world work together made evident our similarities and the power of one voice.

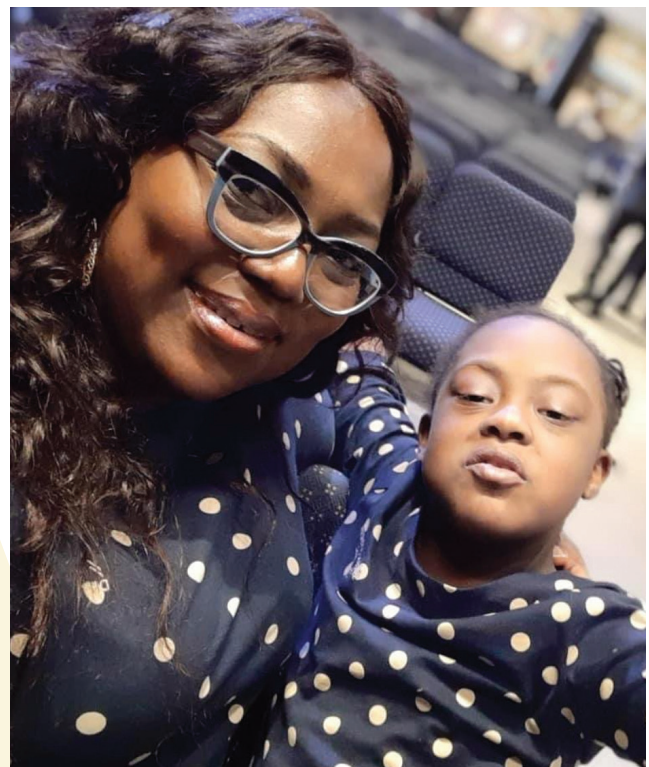
Our partnership was launched!

MRF is a learning center in Nigeria that works to help individuals with Down syndrome and their families move on with their lives after a diagnosis. MRF believes that individuals with Down syndrome possess extra ability and can live life to their fullest potential.

Tola Makinde, Executive Director and Save Down Syndrome Ambassador, founded MRF to help eliminate the stigma associated with Down syndrome and stop the genocide of those with Down syndrome in Nigeria. She is a tireless and fearless leader of her community. GiGi's NYC is honored to be partnering with Tola and MRF to increase positive awareness and acceptance of Down syndrome. By providing opportunities for

those with Down syndrome to achieve and be recognized for making the world a better place, we are demonstrating that anything is possible.

GiGi's NYC and MRF will collaborate in many ways, showing the power of two organizations learning from each other, working together and sharing one voice. With one voice we can inspire, we can dream, we can achieve our missions and we can partner across the globe to create a world where those with Down syndrome are empowered, accepted and embraced by their families, schools and communities, from Lagos to New York City - and beyond.



2020 'I HAVE A VOICE' GALA



On October 1, 2020, hundreds of people from around the world came together to enjoy GiGi's NYC's 2020 'i have a Voice' Virtual Gala. This was a unique experience, as it was our very first *virtual* gala.

Our 2020 Gala program was very compelling as Frank Sawyer, Board President, conveyed the importance of fundraising to our organization and the commitment of GiGi's NYC to the community we serve. **Thanks to the efforts of many, the event was a huge success, breaking all fundraising records for past Galas.**

Al Roker hosted the event with his beloved style and flair. His passion for our mission and quick wit kept our viewers inspired and laughing. Everyone enjoyed his good-natured ribbing with Chris Wragge, New

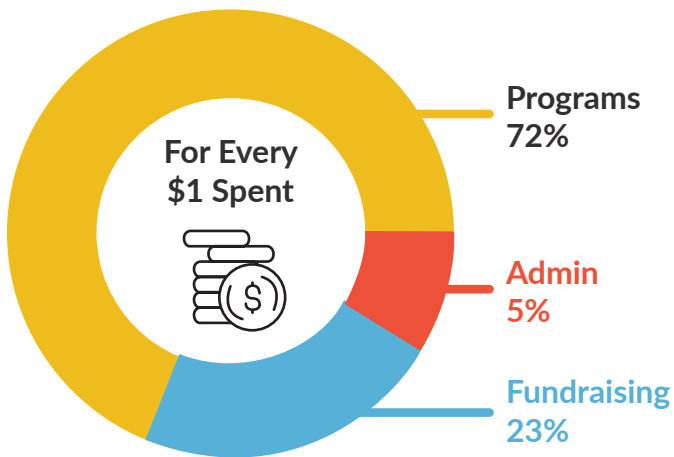
York's CBS2 News anchor and our honoree. It was especially moving to hear Al Roker and young Malik Jabbaar have a conversation about the teenager's role as GiGi's NYC 2020 Ambassador. Honoree Dr. Brian Skotko talked about his commitment to GiGi's NYC mission and his sister who has Down syndrome. It was especially moving.

Our co-founders of GiGi's Playhouse NYC, Tracy Nixon and Debbie Morris, reflected on the past eight years since its founding and shared their vision for the future.

The entertainment by Alexis Morrast, and SuperYou the Musical's book/music/lyrics writer & performer Lourds Lane along with Jessie Wagner and Militia Vox, was enjoyed by guests near and far.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2020 Expenses: \$271,740*



In 2020 we focused on reducing costs during COVID-19 while continuing to deliver programming to our community.

In addition, we were able to hold successful fundraising events despite the pandemic.

95% of our annual expenditures go directly to programming and fundraising that benefit our community and allow us to provide programming to families and individuals at no cost.

*These expenses exclude payments related to the 2021 Gala.



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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

GiGi's NYC is entirely funded by individual and corporate donations and foundation support.

\$25,000+

Benno Ansbacher

Andrew & Debbie Morris

Tracy Nixon

\$10,000+

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS

2020 reminded us that engaging with our community and expanding our network is more vital than ever. GiGi's NYC is honored to be partnering with the following entities.

AspireIQ

Best Buddies New York

CF Gardens

CO/LAB Theater Group

Andrew Coppa

Global Women's Empowerment Network

HoopWizard

Hunter College

The Imagine Society

Kendra Scott

KEEN Fitness New York

Keepsake Tales

SuperYou FUNDation

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Moyinoluwa Rainbow Foundation

MCM Creative Studios

Museum of Modern Art

Mushrooms for Wellbeing Foundation

New York University Steinhardt Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders

Piano Plus

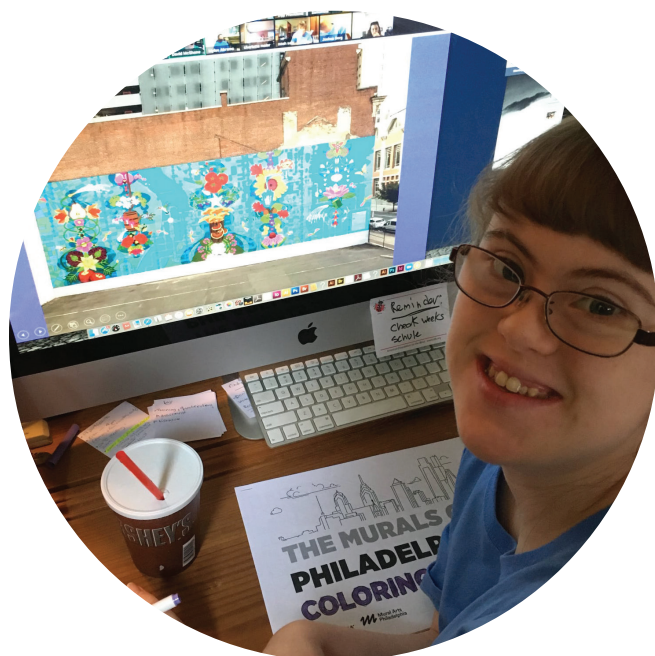
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Weill Cornell Medicine

Marymount School of New York



We look forward to continued collaboration with our new partners beyond 2020. Our combined efforts will promote achievement by our Down syndrome community, which we will recognize and celebrate!

TAKE ACTION



ENGAGE

Host a private donor cultivation event.

Choose GiGi's NYC as the primary beneficiary of your employee giving, matching gift and volunteer match campaigns.

Include GiGi's NYC in your estate planning.



SHARE

Market and publicize GiGi's NYC on your corporate websites and social media pages. Like and share our posts!

Donate broadcast and digital advertising to help GiGi's NYC reach more families and establish additional satellite programs.

Join GiGi's NYC in recruiting our elected officials to commit and persuade your elected leaders to do the right thing to the Down syndrome community by joining the Congressional Task Force on Down syndrome. Call, meet, inform.

Support us with every Amazon purchase you make by shopping through smile.amazon.com/ and select GiGi's Playhouse - NYC. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to GiGi's NYC.



PARTNER

Become a sponsor of GiGi's NYC's programs and events.

Create an endowment or donor advised fund to provide sustainable support for GiGi's NYC families and programs.



ACTIVATE

Join the conversation! Mobilize your networks for good.

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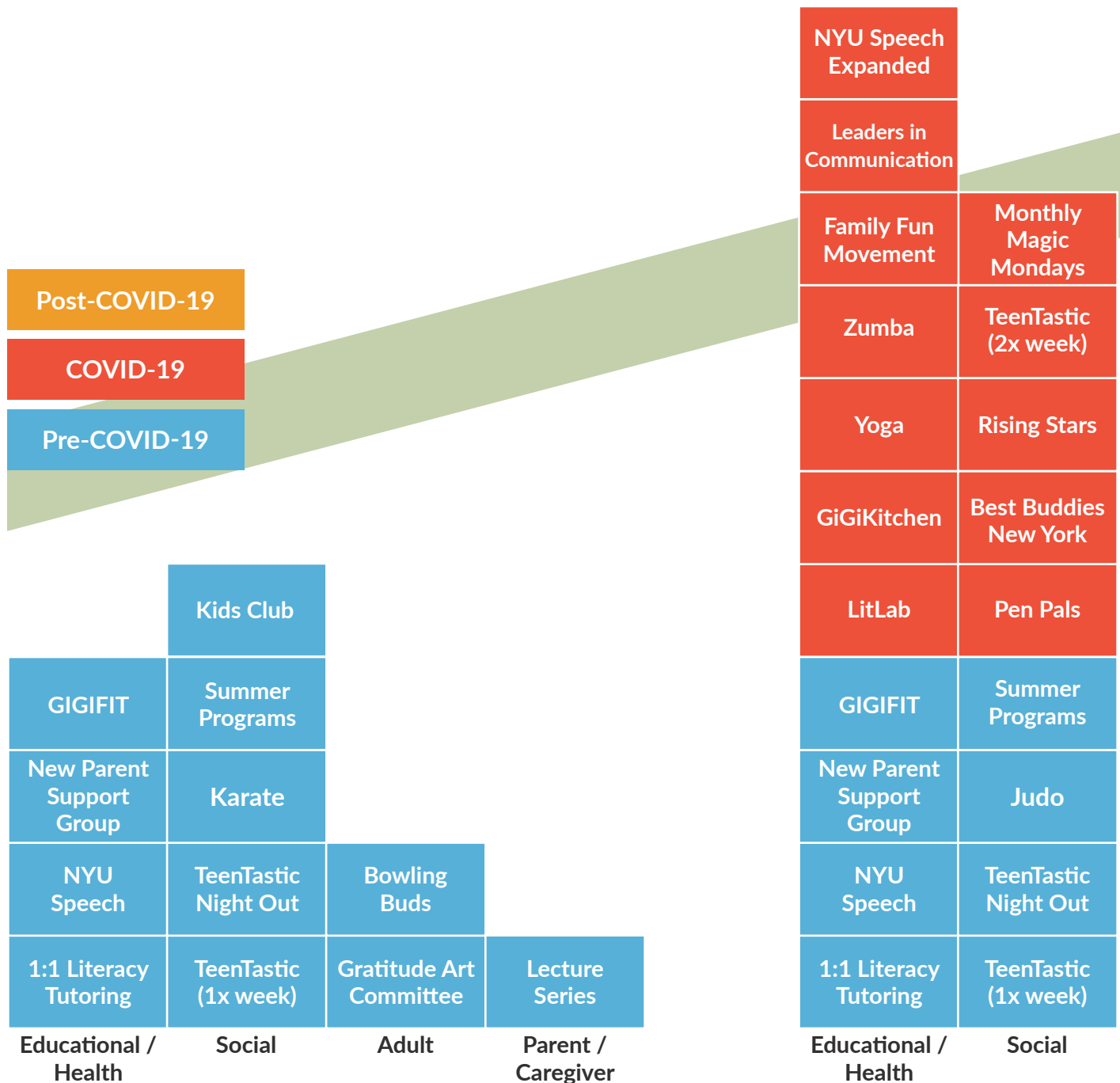
GIGI'S NYC PROGRAM GROWTH

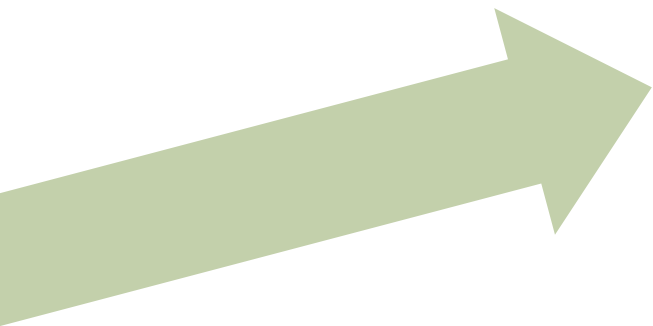
2012 - 2019

Founded in 2012, GiGi's NYC is the only organization in New York City solely dedicated to the development of individuals with Down syndrome of all ages, from birth through adulthood at every phase of life.

2020

GiGi's NYC responded swiftly to the COVID-19 environment with online virtual programs for our community, doubling the variety of offerings and reaching many more participants in NYC and around the globe.





		Soccer			
		CO/LAB Theater Group			
		1:1 Math Tutoring			
		NYU Speech Expanded			
		Leaders in Communication	Monthly Magic Mondays		
		Family Fun Movement	TeenTastic (2x week)		
		Zumba	Rising Stars		
		Yoga	Best Buddies New York		Benefits Education
		GiGiKitchen	Pen Pals		Lecture Series
		LitLab	Kids Club	Assisted Living Facilitation	Lecture Series Expanded
		GIGIFIT	Summer Programs	Internships / Work Study	Dad's Social Club
		New Parent Support Group	Judo	College Prep GiGi University	Charla Familiar
		NYU Speech	TeenTastic Night Out	Bowling Buds	TableTalk
		1:1 Literacy Tutoring	TeenTastic (2x week)	Gratitude Art Committee	Lecture Series
Adult	Parent / Caregiver				
		Charla Familiar			
		TableTalk			
Gratitude Art Committee	Lecture Series				

2021 AND BEYOND ...

GiGi's NYC is searching for a larger space.

To simultaneously conduct in person and online programs, we require a larger, more flexible space for our growing needs.

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