



GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE NYC ANNUAL REPORT 2022





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GiGi's Playhouse NYC

“ has provided a platform for me and my family to enjoy with other families with similar journeys. The support system is awesome. I appreciate the commitment of each staff member/volunteer that dedicates their time to impact each child. ”



Letter from our Board Co-Presidents



What a year! 2022 was a significant milestone at GiGi's NYC. We celebrated our 10-year anniversary, and we could not be prouder of all that we have achieved and how we have grown as individuals and a community over the past decade.

We have had the pleasure of watching our participants grow from kids with so much energy and excitement, into teenagers with dreams and aspirations, and now as young adults turning those dreams into realities and living to their fullest potential. Our participants are going to post-secondary opportunities including college and transition programs, working successfully at restaurants, bakeries, sporting events, country clubs and so much more. The possibilities are endless!

Our community challenges the status quo: they advocate for themselves, they live independently, and some are even in committed relationships. Their dreams have come true, and their achievements are a direct result of the foundation they have built at GiGi's NYC; whether it be the 1:1 Literacy and Math Tutoring programs, NYU Speech and communication programs, exercise programs including GiGiFit, Zumba and Yoga, or our social programs facilitating relationships, appropriate behaviours, boundaries and more.



But there is so much more to do. With over 50% of our participants now age 18 and older, we must continue to build out our life changing programs for our young adult and adult population. We plan to launch Career Development Programs in 2023 designed to help educate our adults in successful independent living skills including money management and budgeting, health and wellness, communication and public speaking. In fact, our amazing Annual Gala on October 20, 2022, together with our annual appeal, we raised more than \$65k to fund these programs. We are so looking forward to our continued growth and commitment to our families as we enter our next decade!

We would be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to also welcome our very many new families to our community. Whether expectant parents, new-borns or toddlers, a new generation has been welcomed into our community, finding support, therapy options, storybooks, and educational seminars.

It is critical that we continue to grow our programs for this younger age group while simultaneously launching and expanding our Career Development Programs.

As you read through these pages, we believe our community will come to life in front of your eyes. The strength, dreams, and potential of all our participants is tangible: walking down the red carpet at our fashion show, displaying fabulous artwork at our corporate partnerships, advocating for ourselves at the annual Buddy Walk, and raising awareness as we Dance for Down Syndrome. It was a hell of a year!

Help us follow this trajectory and watch our community shine even brighter. We would not be where we are now without our generous donors and supporters. Come along for the ride and make a difference in this world with us.

With much love,

Jane Providenti

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Founders' Principles



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.

GiGi's NYC serves over 1,000 people with Down syndrome and their families, representing almost 10% of the NYC Down syndrome population of approximately 11,000.

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.

We offer a supportive and nurturing environment that enables those with Down syndrome, their families and even expecting parents, to connect and learn from one another to navigate the world they share.

GiGi's NYC is consistently at the forefront of innovation, as evidenced by our migration to a more virtual world. We design and deliver online programs to complement our face-to-face programs for our growing community, all while being completely funded by our generous donors.

Vision

Our vision is to see a world 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

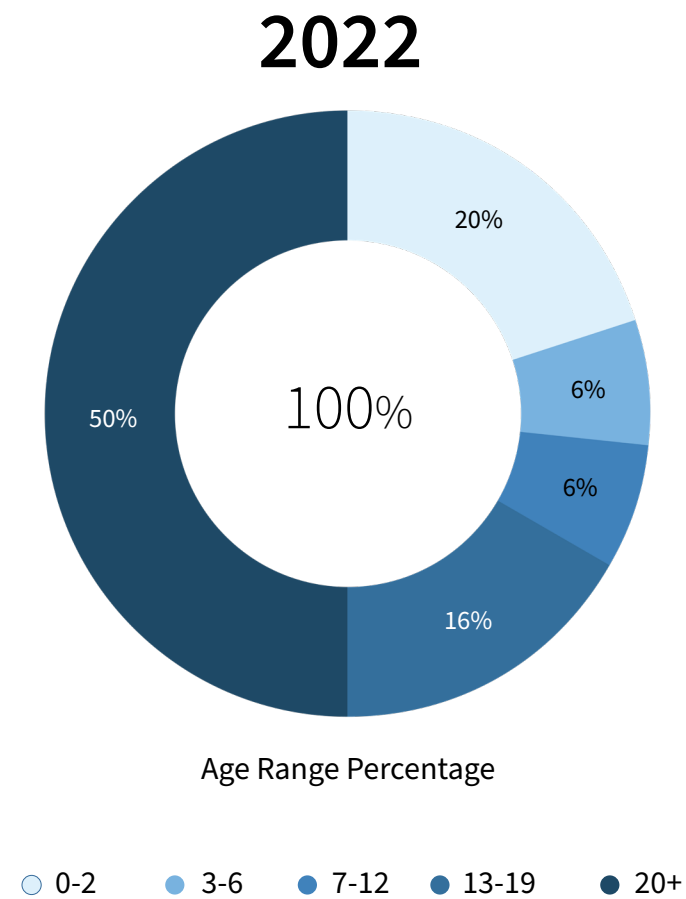
Our mission is to improve the lives of all people with Down syndrome, from birth through adulthood, by providing them with the resources they need to apply to life's challenges and achieve. We accomplish our mission by providing innovative, life-changing programs, at no cost to our participants and their 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 recognize and celebrate their unique talents and achievements to honor their rightful place in the world, where they can contribute.

GiGi's NYC opened its doors in 2012, under the vision of our founders, Tracy Nixon and Debbie Morris. Their dream was to create a place where their daughters would be able to socialize, learn and make lifelong friendships. Ten years later, we are still the only organization in New York City solely dedicated to serving the Down syndrome community by providing therapeutic, educational and recreational programs and events to participants and their families on a regular basis. 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



<p>New families: 96</p> <p>Total families served: 1,000+</p> <p>Total unique volunteers: 331</p> <p>Volunteer hours: 5,242</p>	<p>Ages served:</p> <p>0-2 - 20%</p> <p>3-6 - 6%</p> <p>7-12 - 6%</p> <p>13-19 - 16%</p> <p>20+ - 50%</p>
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Letter from our staff: Rosella Lofaro

What a monumental year! 2022 marked our 10th Anniversary, and I am so grateful to have been a part of it. The GiGi's NYC community continues to prove there is no task too big, and there is no goal that isn't within their reach. It is my great honor to witness the force of nature that this community is, and it is my pleasure to work with an amazing group of volunteers, staff, participants, families and supporters each day.

Some of the highlights I will cherish most from 2022 are as follows:

- We celebrated our participants who graduated in 2022 with a party in their honor. What an achievement!
- Our Playhouse was chosen to host a special edition of Fantastic Friends during a visit from our Chief Belief Officer, Nancy Gianni, THE GiGi Gianni, Franco Gianni, Qatari Minister of Social Development and Family, Mariam Al-Misnad, and several Qatari Dignitaries. What fun it was to learn about each other's cultures as we painted the Qatari flag!
- Marco Santini, an award-winning NYC-based artist, fashion designer, photographer, and inventor who draws inspiration from inclusion, positivity, and language, led our participants in creating artwork that was featured at our 10th Anniversary Gala. It was so cool to see their artwork "come to life" in the centerpieces.
- In honor of our 10th Anniversary, we created artwork made of individual handprints that we combined to create a mural. It is symbolic of all who have left their imprint on our Playhouse by giving their time, talent and dedication.
- We collaborated with Alivia, a radiant womenswear brand, to give our participants the opportunity to have their artwork featured in



one of Alivia's future collections. Can't wait until Alivia unveils the collection – stay tuned!

- We onboarded our highly dedicated Programs Coordinator, MacKenzie! She quickly became right at home with our community and has proven to be an excellent addition to our team. Looking forward to all the programs and events she has in store for us!

Working with this community continuously reminds me of how lucky I am - that I get to be in the company of such a welcoming and loving group of people. I always tell our new volunteers that volunteering with our community usually doesn't feel like "work," it feels more like fun! I look forward to the countless memories to be made, and watching all the potential of our participants unfold as they continue to grow and learn. A special thanks to all our supporters who help us continue fulfilling our mission of spreading acceptance and awareness for the Down syndrome community, allowing them to reach their highest potential and take their rightful place in the world.

Sincerely,

R. Lofaro

Rosella Lofaro
Operations Manager

Letter from our staff: MacKenzie Leger

2022 was the year I was welcomed into the GiGi's NYC community, and I am so grateful! I have been surrounded by so much love and laughter this past year. I have learned every single word to the song "Bruno." I have mastered the art of filming participant TikToks. I have learned the tangled web of Playhouse dating inside and out. I have also learned how incredibly talented, passionate, and hardworking our community is.

Some of my favorite moments from this year include planning and running 6 weeks of summer programming. We performed on the Apollo stage, played putt-putt on the Hudson, made art at MoMA and so much more. We were also able to host our first annual Holiday Market which featured projects made by our adult participants in the Gratitude Art Committee! We relaunched LMNOP (our program for 0-3-year-olds) and prepared to launch our new Filmmaking class (for participants ages 18+) to serve our community at all stages of life.

I am thankful for each and every one of our participants. You are all magical! You are kind, creative, smart, loving, and funny. There is never a dull moment at this job. I laugh every day. I receive hugs every day. I have gotten to celebrate birthdays, graduations, new jobs, new family members and so much more. You have blown me away with the projects you create, ideas you have, and the love and patience that you share with one another and with me!



I am thankful for our incredible parents and families. You have taken me in as one of your own and have given me a family in New York. You bring me my favorite energy drinks, take me out to meals, make sure that our coffee and snack bar are always stocked, welcome new families so I can lead programs and keep us safe. I can't say enough about how awesome you all are.

I am also so thankful to our volunteers! You give so much time and energy and love our participants so well. It is so fun getting to watch each of you grow in your relationships with the participants and in confidence to lead and engage our participants. You all roll with the chaos and keep me sane!

Here's to another great year with GiGi's NYC!

MacKenzie Leger
Programs Coordinator

GiGi's NYC Ambassador: Fatima Mirza

GiGi's NYC is thrilled to introduce Fatima as our newest Ambassador.

She has been a dedicated member of the GiGi's NYC community since we opened our doors in 2012, consistently attending various programs and events. She joined us as our resident blogger in 2021 and has been sharing her "Words of Wisdom" ever since. Most recently, she started working at UBS Arena in 2022, proving yet again that Down syndrome knows no bounds!

Please read below to learn more about Fatima:

What does being a GiGi's NYC Ambassador mean to you?

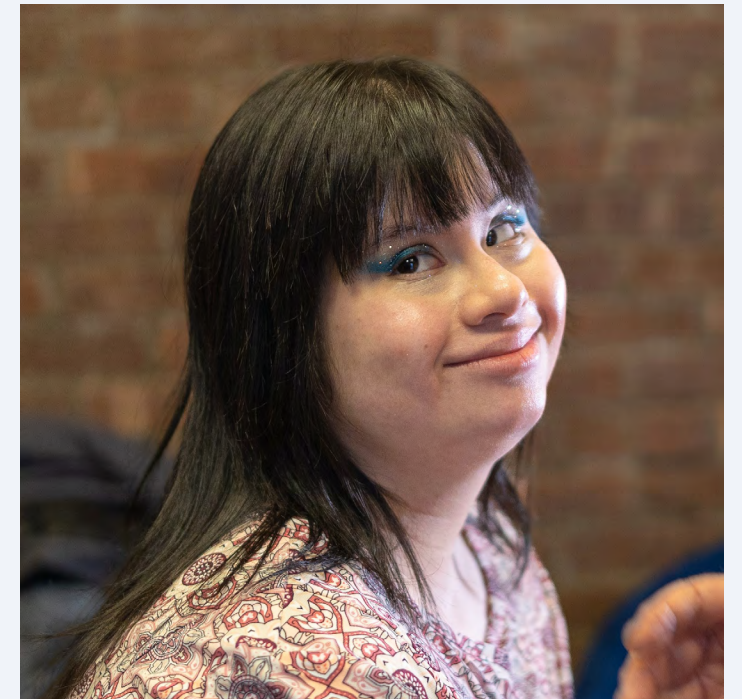
Hello, everyone! My name is Fatima, and I'm so excited to be the next Ambassador! I would like to give a big thank you to GiGi's NYC for this opportunity. Being an Ambassador means that I can be a role model. I'm excited to show the world that people with Down syndrome can do anything and can be independent!

What would you like to see from GiGi's NYC in the future?

I would like to see GiGi's NYC move into a bigger space so we can offer vocational programs for adults with Down syndrome. I also hope to start a business with GiGi's NYC.

What do you want the GiGi's NYC community to know?

I want everyone to know that I am loving, I enjoy helping others, and I am very kind to people. Also, I am caring, I have a great heart and I am a people person. I am very nice to others if they need help with anything.



How do you enjoy spending your free time?

I have fun hobbies and interests. For example, I like to spend time with loved ones, including my family, friends and boyfriend, Peter. I like writing, math, sign language (ASL), cooking and eating meals, traveling around the world and playing sports.

What does Down syndrome awareness and acceptance mean to you?

To me, Down syndrome awareness and acceptance means that individuals with Down syndrome are treated with respect and have the same opportunities in life as anyone else.

What achievements are you most proud of?

I am proud of myself for making speeches onstage in front of a lot of people, writing blogs for GiGi's NYC, being the next Ambassador and working at UBS Arena.

What are some of your goals?

My dreams are to travel by city bus and the subway to my job and GiGi's NYC, to get a second job on the weekend stocking shelves in retail and to help others.

GiGi's NYC congratulates Fatima on this amazing accomplishment!

Recurring Programs



Recurring Programs



Best Buddies

We re-launched our Best Buddies Chapter with The Dalton School and Columbia University, allowing our participants to connect regularly with their peer buddies in a one-to-one and group setting to engage in fun activities and conversations. Recommended for ages 14 and older.

Charla Familiar

With the success of Parent/Caregiver TableTalk is the Outreach Committee that launched Charla en Español for our families and caregivers in our Latinx community to unite and support one another in all areas. Recommended for parents, caregivers, siblings, and friends who have a loved one with Down syndrome.

CO/LAB Theater Group

In partnership with CO/LAB Theater Group, this musical theater program aims to develop and build various musical theater skills. The ensemble works together to create and perform their own number as they learn about various musical theater productions. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

Community Chorus

Chorus participants develop and reinforce skills such as body awareness, listening, vocal production, diction, and memorization. Performing builds confidence, self-esteem, and resiliency and provides the satisfaction that comes from working as a team. Recommended for ages 13 and older.

GiGiFIT

GiGiFIT helps participants build strength, endurance, power, joint stability, balance, and movement control. GiGiFIT empowers participants to be more independent and confident in their abilities while improving their overall health and wellness. Recommended for ages 13 and older.

GiGiKitchen

Participants prepare and cook healthy and delicious recipes. Participants are taught about kitchen safety, nutrition, food preparation, and health and wellness while also learning about measuring ingredients, food handling, ingredient identification, and various cooking techniques. At the end of the semester, participants prepare a three-course meal. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

GiGi's NYC Night Out

GiGi's NYC partners with New York Cares to plan an awesome social night for teens and adults. Each month there is a different theme and various activities that help facilitate social skills and friendship-building among peers. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

Gratitude Art Committee

Adults with Down syndrome gain hands-on experience creating art while expressing themselves, building confidence, and socializing with peers. Our artists volunteer their time and talent, creating art to share with our community and the world - showing our gratitude. Soci t  G n rale features a permanent installation of Gratitude Art in their New York City home office. Recommended for ages 18 and older.

Leaders in Communication

In partnership with The NYU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, our participants work with NYU graduate school speech-language pathology clinicians in a dynamic series of sessions focused on social communication skills, interview skills, empowerment, and advocacy. Recommended for ages 13 and older.

LitLab

LitLab connects participants with volunteer tutors to engage in arts-inspired learning and to create presentations on various engaging topics. We focus on reading, public speaking, PowerPoint, and social skills, as we dive into fun research projects based on a mutual appreciation of music, art, dance, reading, cooking, and more. Recommended for ages 10 and older.

NYU Speech Program

In partnership with the New York University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, GiGi's NYC participants have the opportunity to receive screenings, evaluations, and intervention services in speech, language, hearing, and voice and stuttering on an individual basis. Recommended for all ages.

One-to-One Literacy Tutoring

The One-to-One Literacy Tutoring Program uses a methodology with documented success based on research by professionals in the field. Our goal is to foster a love for reading and provide an opportunity to develop and master skills. Trained tutors work at the level of each student, continually challenging and encouraging them to reach their highest potential. Recommended for ages 3 and older.

Parent/Caregiver TableTalk

TableTalk is a safe space where the GiGi's NYC community can share their experiences, swap resources, network, build connections, and so much more. Recommended for parents, caregivers, siblings, and friends who have a loved one with Down syndrome.

Self-Defense

This program is a martial arts-inspired workout that teaches our participants the basic techniques to protect their health and well-being. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

TeenTastic

TeenTastic promotes socialization, friendships, and connection among our participants in a casual and fun setting. Recommended for ages 13 to 20.

Yoga

This program aims to provide our participants with simple meditation and teaches them various body postures for health and relaxation. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

Zumba

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves to create a fun and interactive workout. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

Summer Programs



New Programs



Summer Adventures

This program allows our participants to explore their independence while learning life skills, developing social skills and relationships, and experiencing the culture and arts of New York City. Recommended for ages 13 to 20.

Summer Clubhouse

Summer Clubhouse encompasses a broad range of activities that facilitate sensory exploration, gross and motor development, and language skills. This program leverages parent/caregiver involvement in various activities at the Playhouse and within and around NYC. Recommended for ages 5 to 12.

Summer Horizons

Participants have the opportunity to continue developing meaningful life skills through shared experiences and various learning opportunities while participating in numerous activities. Building friendships and reinforcing skills such as self-confidence, healthy lifestyles, money management, and more are all part of the curriculum. Recommended for 21 and older.

Early Childhood Pilot Program

The staff and students from Hunter College Graduate School of Early Childhood Special Education piloted a new program designed for families with children ages 0-3 aimed to identify the family's core strengths, provide an assessment of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), and assist with navigating the world of early intervention.

Families were matched with two student interns who met with the family individually once per month for a total of 4 sessions. The program was in collaboration with GiGi's NYC and supervised by a Hunter College Graduate Field Coordinator of Early Childhood Special Education and professional in the field of early childhood development.

Dance

Dance introduces basic dance styles, techniques and movements to participants while improving gross motor skills, increasing mental and muscle memory and increasing cardiovascular conditioning, strength, flexibility and coordination. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

Fantastic Friends: Bowling Buddies

We re-launched Fantastic Friends: Bowling Buddies, a fun purposeful and social gathering for adults with Down syndrome, their peers and the community. Supports the development of social skills and language through peer-to-peer interaction in a casual and fun setting. Recommended for ages 18 and older.

Leaps and Bounds

We re-launched this program for families with children ages 3-5, which aims to promote fine and gross motor development, speech and language development, and socialization. This is a play-based program where we sing, read, and engage in a variety of fun activities that will stimulate growth in an educational and nurturing environment and help prepare your loved one for kindergarten. Family members are a key participant in this program and will encourage their child to reach their full potential during each session.

LMNOP

We re-launched Learning Music N' Our Peeps (LMNOP), in partnership with the faculty and students from Hunter College Graduate School. LMNOP is an interactive and engaging program for families with children ages prenatal to 3 years old. This program guides parents and young children through various developmental activities including exploring current and emerging abilities, learning basic sign language and other forms of communication and creating socialization opportunities through music, stories, and play.

One-to-One Math Tutoring

Building math skills for individuals with Down syndrome increases independence in their school, in the community, and in the workplace. The aim of this program is to help promote a positive experience of learning mathematics with a sound foundation of basic number understanding. Students can start in our program as early as age 3 or any year after that.



Special Events



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1st Annual Holiday Market

We hosted our first Holiday Market which featured one-of-kind items created by our community, such as ornaments, paintings and a community cookbook!

4th Annual Fashion Show

We held our 4th Annual Fashion Show, which raised over \$10,000! The show featured models of all ages with Down syndrome strutting their stuff down the runway, shining bright like the stars they were born to be.

8th Annual Dancing for Down Syndrome

With the mentorship of our Associate Board, our inaugural Youth Board hosted our 8th Annual Dancing for Down Syndrome event. They organized an amazing event and raised over \$20,000!

Alivia Collaboration

We collaborated with Alivia, a radiant womenswear brand, to give our participants the opportunity to have their artwork featured in one of Alivia's future collections.

BenAnna Band

The BenAnna Band jammed out with our community, thanks to their high-energy musical performance.

Dance with Unique Movers

Unique Movers uses a positive reinforcement approach to teach dance and movement skills to children and young adults of all ages and abilities.

The mission is to spread the love of dance to those with differing developmental, physical, or behavioral needs in a more relaxed and inclusive dance environment.

GiGi's NYC and Unique Movers welcomed our participants and their families to join us in person for some fun and bonding!

Graduation Party

We celebrated our 2022 graduates with a party in their honor. We had multiple participants who graduated from high school this year - sky's the limit!

Handprint Mural

In celebration of GiGi's NYC 10th Anniversary, we hosted an art event to honor the many achievements of our community. We created artwork for a mural that symbolizes all who have left their imprint on our Playhouse by giving their time, talent and dedication.

Halloween Spooktacular

We had a hauntingly fun time at our annual Halloween Spooktacular.

Karaoke

Participants tapped into their inner rock star at this community favorite event!

National Leadership Conference

GiGi's NYC staff and Board attended the National Leadership Conference in Illinois, where our participant Malik was a presenter.

NDSS Buddy Walk

GiGi's NYC participated in the 2022 NDSS Buddy Walk as an exhibitor and met many new friends that we hope to see join us virtually and/or in-person!

Parent/Caregiver Night Out

GiGi's NYC parents and caregivers had a "night out" at the Playhouse, where they painted their own masterpiece via a guided lesson.

Special Art Event with Marco Santini

We collaborated with Marco Santini, an award-winning NYC-based artist, fashion designer, photographer, and inventor who draws inspiration from inclusion, positivity, and language. He led our participants in creating artwork which was featured at our 10th Anniversary Gala.

Special Edition of Fantastic Friends

We hosted a special edition of Fantastic Friends during a visit from our Chief Belief Officer, Nancy Gianni, THE GiGi Gianni, Franco Gianni, Qatari Minister of Social Development and Family, Mariam Al-Misnad, and several Qatari Dignitaries.

Sports Clinic

Kyle Galin and Isaac Shapot--two Associate Board Members and former Vanderbilt Intramural basketball & soccer champions--lead our participants through an afternoon of basketball, soccer, and tons of fun!

Storybook Workshop

We hosted a three-part special event, Storybook Workshop, where our participants used their creativity to author and illustrate their own storybook.

Valentine's Day Party

Participants were encouraged to wear red, pink and purple and join GiGi's NYC for our Valentine's Day-Themed Pizza and Paint Party!

WDSO Celebration

We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day (WDSO) in the following ways:

Our GiGi's NYC Night Out participants attended a Brooklyn Nets game, thanks to a generous ticket donation.

Promoted the social media campaign in the days leading up to WDSO, "Demystifying Down Syndrome," by highlighting some common misconceptions about Down syndrome and the corresponding facts.

Several of our participants were guest speakers at major corporations such as Société Générale, AIG and Microsoft.

We celebrated the launch of Turn Down for What, a non-profit founded by long-time GiGi's NYC volunteer, Claire Kuhn.

We hosted a FUNdraiser at Tommy Bahama.

Our Co-Founders, Debbie Morris and Tracy Nixon, were interviewed by Better Together Community, to reflect on the last ten years since we opened our doors.

Community Education



Financial Overview



Ken Siri
CFA, Self-Direction Broker, Mentor, Author, and Autism Advocate

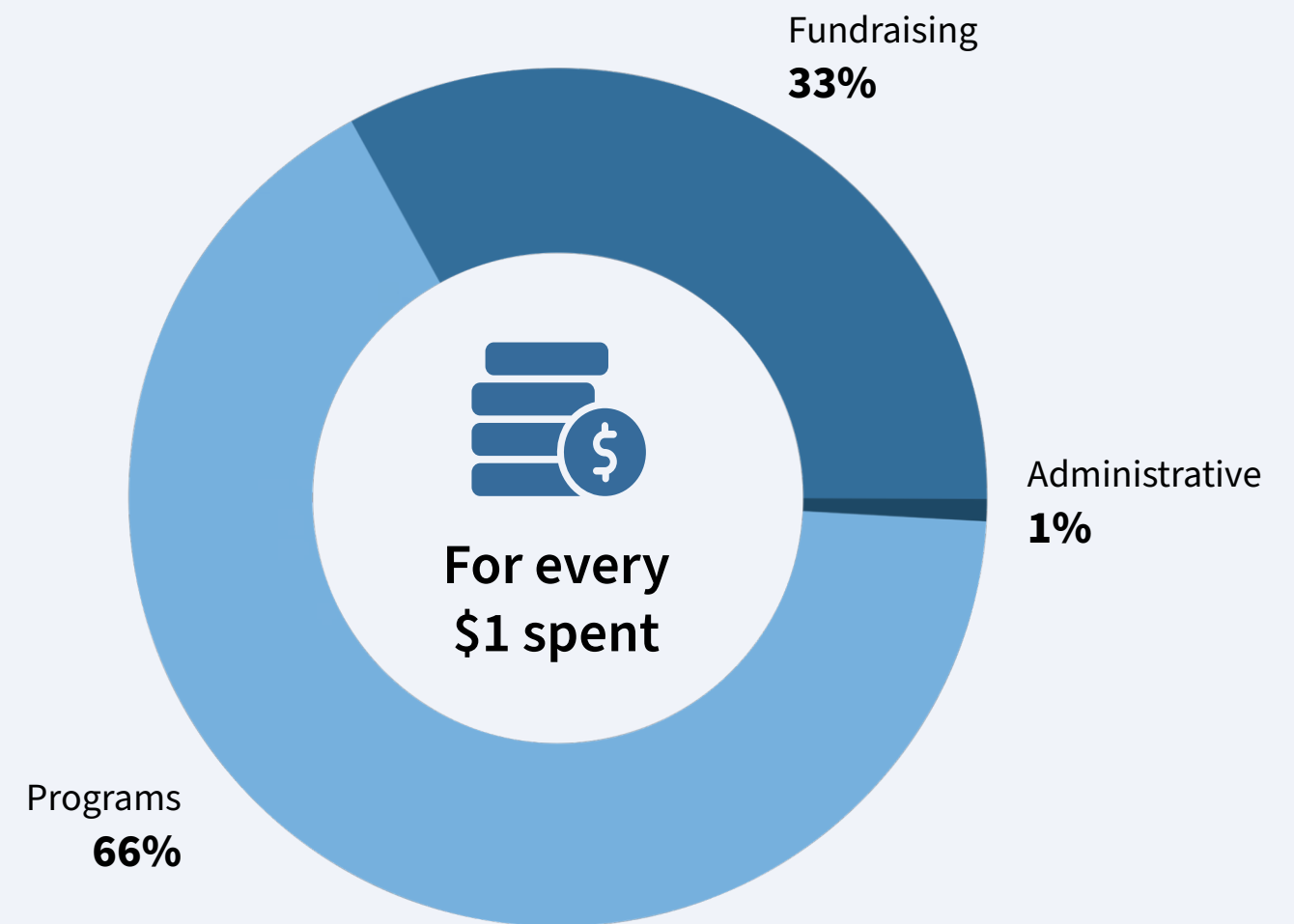
Three-part series on Self-Direction.

Dr. Bonnie Keilty
Professor and Chair of the Special Education Department at Hunter College

Three-part Early Intervention & Child Development series for parents and caregivers with children ages prenatal to 3.

AHRC NYC
AHRC NYC presented an information session about the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (NYC DYCD) Train and Earn Program

The NYC DYCD Train and Earn Program is a 16-week career, work readiness, and occupational training program. It is designed to assist out-of-work, out-of-school youth between ages 16 - 24 develop professional skills and obtain entry-level employment.



CELEBRATING



A Decade of Achievement

Honoring



Tracy Nixon
Co-Founder
GiGi's NYC



Debbie Morris
Co-Founder
GiGi's NYC



Sandy Herzfeld
CEO, Guardian
Service Industries, Inc.



GiGi's NYC 10th Anniversary Gala

What a night! 266 guests joined us on Thursday, October 20th for GiGi's NYC 10th Anniversary Gala to celebrate a decade of achievement! We welcomed back Chris Wragge, Co-Anchor for New York's CBS2 News, to host the 10th Anniversary Gala. Chris continues to be dedicated to our community and an excellent advocate for people with Down syndrome.

Board Co-Presidents Jane Providenti and Yamira Siu updated the crowd on GiGi's NYC's most recent achievements and about our community's evolving needs as our participants mature into adulthood. They introduced Gala honorees, Co-Founders Tracy Nixon and Debbie Morris, along with Sandy Herzfeld, CEO of Guardian Service Industries, who have been the driving forces behind GiGi's NYC. In 2012, Tracy and Debbie opened our doors in Harlem and Sandy has been a generous supporter of our important work since 'day one.' The Down syndrome community has benefited tremendously from their vision and generosity.

Special guest New York State Senator Cordell Cleare presented the official proclamation provided by her office. Senator Cleare is a member of the Senate Disabilities Committee and will be exploring opportunities to support GiGi's NYC's mission.

As is customary, 2022 Ambassador Danielle, passed the baton to Fatima who will assume the role in 2023. A big thanks to Danielle for a job well done in representing GiGi's NYC and we look forward to hearing from Fatima in the coming year.

Miss Metropolitan and GiGi's NYC volunteer Francesca D'Alessandro not only welcomed guests on the red carpet, she also presented the 2022 Champion Awards. The awards are given to volunteers who go above and beyond to ensure our participants have the very best programs and activities. Francesca was surprised when we presented her with an award for her tireless efforts on behalf of our community.

GiGi's NYC Community Chorus brought down the house with their live performances and literally set the stage for Auctioneer LJ Ganser. With his usual good humor and flair, LJ kept the bidding alive, auctioning seven unique items and travel packages. Jennifer Patterson and her son Louis joined LJ on stage to promote the need to launch GiGi's NYC Career Development Programs. Jennifer's enthusiasm and heartfelt words resonated with the audience and raised more than \$65k to fund these critical programs!

Thank you to everyone who supported us. Your generosity keeps our programs going strong so that people with Down syndrome may achieve more than ever thought possible.



Sincerely,

Patricia Donini
Gala Chair

Our Donors & Supporters



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\$30,000+

Benno Ansbacher
Tracy Nixon

\$20,000+

Ricki & Sandy Herzfeld
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