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GiGi's Playhouse Set to Hold Virtual i have a voice Reimagined Gala

TV celebrities Bill and Giuliana Rancic host online event to benefit international Down Syndrome Achievement Centers and their online GiGi's At Home platform

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Illinois (February 8, 2021) - It's back – and it's all online! That's right, GiGi's Playhouse will be hosting its annual gala, *i have a voice*, and this year it is completely reimagined so anyone can attend from the safety of their own home! The *i have a voice Reimagined Gala* will take place on **Saturday, February 20, 2021** from **6:30 to 7:30 CST**.

"This year, we are giving our guests an interactive gala experience," GiGi's Playhouse founder and Chief Belief Officer Nancy Gianni said. "Our show is going to be unforgettable! We are excited to welcome Bill and Giuliana Rancic to the GiGi's Playhouse family to host. We'll also have special guests, including Julianne Hough, inspirational stories, live and silent auction items and so much more! It's a night you won't want to miss!"

Normally an in-person, black-tie event—this year, attendees can choose to dress up or dress down when they join in the fun! From chic, trendy attire and your own rolled-out red carpet to a themed pajama party – the options are limitless!

"Our guests will be dazzled by stunning entertainment, guest appearances and unique opportunities that have the elegance and extravagance experienced in our past in-person galas - in true GiGi's fashion," Gianni added.

Guests can participate in an online auction and by purchasing raffle tickets for the chance to win \$10,000 in cash!

Get interactive by posting photos on social media from your watch party, tagging GiGi's social media pages and using the hashtag #ihaveavoice! Register to receive your viewing link, sponsor, donate or purchase raffle tickets for the event. Attendance is <u>free</u> and upgrades are available to create a custom gala experience. More information about the *i have a voice Reimagined Gala* can be found online at gigisplayhouse.org/i-have-a-voice-gala/.

About GiGi's Playhouse®: GiGi's Playhouse is the only international network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers providing free life-changing therapeutic and educational programs for all ages. GiGi's Playhouse started in 2003 when GiGi was only 1 year old. Today, there are 50+ locations across the U.S. and Mexico and serve families in 45 different countries! With worldwide demand to open over 200 locations, GiGi's Playhouse is on a mission to change the way the world views Down syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all. During the COVID-19 pandemic our virtual education platform, GiGi's At Home, allowed us to continue our commitment to offer free programming to our families both LIVE and On Demand. Learn more at www.GiGisPlayhouse.org.

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