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GiGi Gianni is first person with Down syndrome to co-host video podcast

GiGi's Playhouse launches new video podcast: A Little Something Extra

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Illinois (February 3, 2021) - GiGi's Playhouse is set to make history with the first person with Down syndrome to co-host a video podcast! In its mission to change how the world see Down syndrome and send a global message of acceptance for all, GiGi's Playhouse is excited to announce a new podcast, *A Little Something Extra*, with founder Nancy Gianni and her daughter, THE GiGi Gianni.

From A-list actors to athletes to everyday people, we'll have something for everyone. Most importantly, we'll celebrate each guest's "something extra," which is the piece of you that truly makes you who you are.

"We all have a little something extra inside of us, and sometimes we don't even know it's there," explained Nancy Gianni, founder and Chief Belief Officer of GiGi's Playhouse. "We'll get to the heart of what makes our guests so inspiring – their superpower – even if they do not feel it within themselves."

A Little Something Extra joins the world of podcasting to give individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds a voice and will feature guests both with and without disabilities. Early guests will include NBA player Justin Jackson and actors John C. McGinley and Amanda Booth.

"We will empower, uplift and motivate our audience with each episode," Gianni said. "Our goal is to have viewers and listeners join us in the mission of spreading global acceptance for all!"

A Little Something Extra with Nancy Gianni and The GiGi will be available to watch on YouTube, Apple, or alittlesomethingextrapodcast.org or listen via Spotify and numerous other podcast streaming services.

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 more than 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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