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**Tee up for individuals with Down syndrome:**

**GiGi's Playhouse Hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**

**HOFFMAN ESTATES, Illinois (August 12, 2020)** – For the first time since canceling events and closing its doors in mid-March, GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers will hold a socially distant in-person golf outing—all for a great cause! Providing a safe environment, avid golf enthusiasts and individuals who care deeply about GiGi's Playhouse's programs and mission will tee up on **Monday, August 31**. The **GiGi's Playhouse 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing** will take place at **The Wynstone Golf Course** in North Barrington.

The event begins with a shotgun start at noon. Participants will be able to enjoy the exclusive experience of golfing at this luxury Jack Nicklaus signature design course. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the course along with a special gift, silent auction, raffle and special attractions throughout the day!

"Thanks to fundraising efforts from events like this, GiGi's Playhouse is able to provide free programming to our incredible families," founder and Chief Belief Officer Nancy Gianni said. "This year, we introduced GiGi's At Home, which gave our participants the ability to continue taking part in our programming—in a virtual setting. Even as the world came to a halt at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, GiGi's Playhouse kept on going, and is serving more families now than ever before!"

GiGi's Playhouse changes lives through consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community, through a replicable playhouse model. We celebrate the many achievements of individuals and their families, develop new programs to benefit our participants, and work tirelessly to change society's outdated perceptions about the amazing potential of individuals with Down syndrome.

For additional information about the **GiGi's Playhouse 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**, please visit [gigisplayhouse.org/golf-event-inc](http://gigisplayhouse.org/golf-event-inc). The event is sold out to participants, but there are still Exclusive (\$1,000) and General (\$500) Hole Sponsorships available! **Contact** Sharon Fulgenzi at [sfulgenzi@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:sfulgenzi@gigisplayhouse.org) for more information, to purchase a hole sponsorship, or to make a general donation that will help support programs for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

**About GiGi's Playhouse®:** GiGi's Playhouse is the only international network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers created to provide free life-changing therapeutic and educational programs for all ages. With 49 locations across the U.S. and Mexico, and a demand to open 200 more, 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. Learn more at [www.GiGisPlayhouse.org](http://www.GiGisPlayhouse.org).

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