



"A Down Syndrome Awareness Center"
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Loving a child with Down syndrome is contagious...
 Help us spread the love!!!

Now with two locations!

Let's show them how strong we are!

In this day and age when all you hear about is how NOT to have a child with Down syndrome, we want to celebrate having a child WITH Down syndrome at the GiGi's Playhouse 2 year anniversary party!! Please invite your friends and family to not only celebrate and raise awareness for Down syndrome but to have a free afternoon of food and fun!! We will supply the entertainment, food, fun and valet parking, you just bring your friends and family!

The little guys will love the petting zoo and pony rides while the bigger guys party and dance!! There is something for all ages!!! Pumpkin decorating, cookie decorating, games, moonwalk, prizes and the list goes on!!!

We have invited kids from area schools to stop by for some fun and Down syndrome awareness! We want them to see that kids with Down syndrome like to party too!! JUST LIKE THEM!! This is a celebration of our kids! We have a lot of new families, so lets show them how strong the Down syndrome community really is!!

Sunday October 2nd, 12 - 3 pm!! Join us for a FREE afternoon of Food, Fun, Animals, Dancing & MORE!

We are re-shooting our "Wall of Fame" that day so make sure to get your child's picture taken in the Playhouse!!

High Fives were flyin'!!

The Barrington Area Soccer Association (BASA) put on a soccer clinic for kids with special needs and their siblings. Because it was advertised through the Playhouse and the UPS for Downs e-group all of the kids had DS, but any child with special needs was welcome! They will be doing another clinic in the fall, but because of the great response, they have decided to break it up into age groups. We will keep you posted!

Thank you BASA!!!



GiGi's Playhouse

October 2005

Literacy update



Jacob Spenadel is not only learning to read but having fun while building his self esteem!! We now have over 30 individuals in the program from ages 2-26. A satellite program is being opened in Champaign Illinois and in Plainfield at GiGi's Playhouse too! Funds are being raised through calendar sales.

Open House!!

Please join parents and teachers for a light dinner and a brief overview of the GiGi's Playhouse literacy program on Tuesday, October 4, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

The program includes **FREE** individual tutoring for your child with DS, personalized books and flash cards, parent instructions and teacher consultation (if needed)
 For more info contact Shari at 847-885-PLAY!

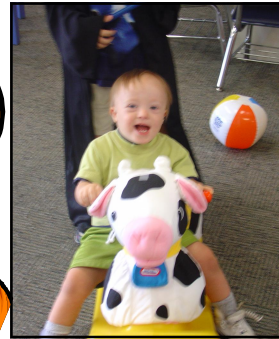
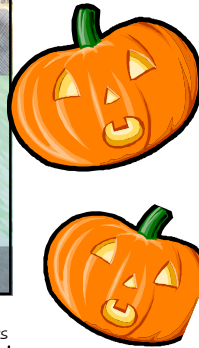
Welcome!!



Carl came with his sister and some of his friends for his first time!! Boy did they have fun!!!



The Nelson family with their new baby brother Wyatt! Wyatt's mom, Debbie, says "GiGi's Playhouse is already such a special place in our hearts, and Wyatt is only 11 weeks old!"



Eddy's family drove in from Oak Park to party with the 2 and under crew!!



Sierra and her Grandma came with Mommy to play and meet some new friends!!

Happy Birthday!

We will be sending out Birthday cards to all of our kids and adults with Down syndrome! We are missing a lot of dates. Please call the Playhouse with birthday info! We are working on little gift certificates for them as well!!

Heart Smart!!

Check out the 2 and under playgroup! Of the 8 kids with Down syndrome 7 of them had open heart surgery before the age of one!! Look at them now!!! (you should see them in action!) The group meets the second Saturday of the month.



Siblings, friends and family!



Some of the brothers, sisters and friends of the kids from the Thursday play group helped to make get well cards for some of our sick friends!



Max's Big sister Sam reads a story to Kylie during the 2 and under playgroup.

Information Hot Line!! 847-885-PLAY

Thomas Maye (father to Brian I with DS) would like to start a Chicago affiliate to the DADS (Dads Advocating for Down syndrome) group in Indianapolis. This group does great things for DS and is all about the DADS! See them at their table at the anniversary party or email Tom at mayfamily00@sbcglobal.net.

The next 2 and under group will have music therapist Brenda Papierniak here to entertain us!!
Saturday Oct. 8 at 10 AM!

HELP!!!! Grant writer needed!!! Please call us ASAP even if you only know of someone who might know how to write a grant!!!

Thursday open play 10-12

Back to school has really taken a toll on our Thursday open play group! The kids that are left want to meet new friends! Volunteers help with the kids and the coffee is always on!



DS Support Buddy Walk

Sunday, October 9 from 1-5 PM at Community Park in Lisle.
Face painting, food, games and lots of fun!

This year you could walk as a team! For more info call 815-436-8693 or check out the website at www.dssupport.net/buddywalk

Everyone is welcome at GiGi's Playhouse! Due to the need for scheduling volunteers and acquiring supplies, *reservations are greatly appreciated* for all playhouse activities. Call the Playhouse to make a reservation for all events at (847)885-PLAY, or e-mail gianni4567@aol.com. Feel free to leave a message - see you soon!! Check the website for constant updates and to see pictures of the activities www.gigisplayhouse.com!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GiGi's Playhouse is located 3 miles West of Woodfield Shopping Mall on GolfRd.next to Schaumburg Toyota in the Brandess Center 1069 W.Golf Rd. Hoffman Estates, IL.60194</p>						<p>1 The open Bday party is re-scheduled to Nov.5, due to Anniversary!</p>
<p>2 GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE 2ND ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!! 12:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>3 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>4 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30 Literacy Program Open House 6:00 - 8:00</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 2 & Under Play Group 10:00 - 12:00 Katie MacDonald DS Literacy Volunteer Dinner 5:00 - 8:00</p>
<p>9 Hispanic Open Play 11:00 - 1:00</p>	<p>10 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00 Committee Meeting 7:00 - 9:00</p>	<p>11 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30</p>	<p>12 Reserved for Private Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>13 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 UPS for Downs Kid's Club Fall Party 1:30 - 3:00</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00 Scrapbooking Night Out 7:00 - 10:00</p>	<p>18 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>21 Friday Friends Halloween Party!!! 7:00 - 9:00 (ages 18 & up)</p>	<p>22 Ups for Downs Lunch with the Kids 11:00 - 1:00</p>
<p>23 Polish Playgroup 1:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>24 Literacy Program 9:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>25 Literacy Program 9:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 6:30 Ups for Downs Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>26 Reserved for Private Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>27 Open Play 10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 HALLOWEEN PARTY (ALL AGES!!) 11:00 - 1:00</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p>	<p>★ RSVP Greatly Appreciated (847)885-PLAY</p> <p>*** Friends & Family are always welcome at the Playhouse and there is No Charge for GiGi's Playhouse Events.</p> <p>For info on events at GiGi;s Playhouse too in Plainfield call 630-778-PLAY</p>				

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Our Hoffman Estates location is 3 miles west of Woodfield in the Brandess Center next to Schaumburg Toyota.



The Friday Friends (18 and up) are having a Halloween party Friday the 21st 7-9 PM!!

For the younger crew we have a rockin' party on the 29th from 11-1 pizza, prizes & fun!!!

October is Down syndrome Awareness Month!!



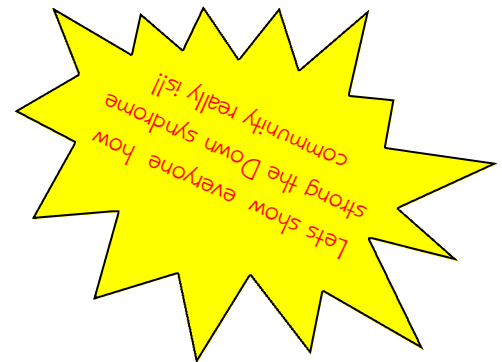
The caption with the above calendar pictures says "Daniella says I may have been given one extra chromosome but that chromosome is full of love!"

You can help raise awareness by selling our new 2006 "Look at us NOW!" Down syndrome awareness calendar and note-cards. 100% of the profits goes right back into Down syndrome awareness projects and programs for individuals with Down syndrome!! (like our free literacy program!) It's very easy!! Simply pass around the order form to co-workers, friends and family. It is so cute

that it sells itself and you raise DS awareness and funds for the Playhouse!! It is so beautiful you'll be proud of the order form alone!! Pass along order forms to your friends and family. I am sure they would be proud to raise some awareness!! Call the Playhouse for more order forms.

Help raise funds and awareness!!!!

2 year anniversary Bash!! Sunday October 2, 12-3!!



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