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We are proud to announce the opening of GiGi's Playhouse Chicago location this July. **GiGi's Playhouse** is a 501(c)3 not for profit Down syndrome awareness center. With multiple locations, we offer activities, resources, educational programs and support for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community. All of our activities are volunteer run and offered at no charge to the community. GiGi's Playhouse is a place where everyone belongs. The minute you walk through our doors you can't help but smile and be touched by Down syndrome! Please learn more about our programs on our website at [www.gigisplayhouse.org](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org).

**On August 16, 2008 we are hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Taste of GiGi's Playhouse" at 5pm in the Logan Square Auditorium. We are looking for vendors to participate in this exciting Chicago fundraiser. Please help us raise money while raising awareness.** We would like to showcase a variety of culinary specialties from Chicago area restaurants. We are asking local restaurants to donate menu items of their choice and provide people to staff the food station. We will provide everything else! Between 300-500 people are expected to attend this event. This is a great opportunity to promote your restaurant while helping raise money for a worthy cause. Other sponsorship opportunities include floral / decorations, servers / wait staff, linens, wine, hard alcohol, raffle prizes, and auction items. *Thank you to Cornerstone Café, Heineken, Hot Spot on Armitage, NoFriction Café, Rustik and The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago for your verbal commitments to participate!!*

**To be a sponsor of this event, please complete the enclosed sponsorship form by June 30, 2008 and return to GiGi's Playhouse, 3660 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melisa Gibel at 773-329-3077 or e-mail [mgibel@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:mgibel@gigisplayhouse.org).**

We are off to a great start, but we need many more sponsors like you to make this event a success. The event will be heavily promoted, so don't miss out on this great opportunity and get involved early! **Thank you!**

Sincerely,

Melisa M. Gibel  
"Taste of GiGi's Playhouse," Chair