



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
educate. inspire. believe.



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"At this very moment somewhere in America, parents are getting the unexpected news that their baby has Down syndrome. Ten years ago I never expected to be that mother. I was shocked, scared, uneducated, and alone. I am proud to be a part of the social revolution that is changing all of that, GiGi's Playhouse."

— **Meg Christofferson**, Now
the proud mother of two children
with Down syndrome

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There are over **450,000**

Individuals with Down syndrome in
the United States.

OUR PURPOSE

To change the way the
world sees Down syndrome
and send a global message
of acceptance for all.

OUR PROMISE

Consistent delivery of free
educational, therapeutic-based and
career development programs for
individuals with Ds, their families
and the community, through a
replicable playhouse model.

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Life-Changing Free Programs!

GiGi's Playhouse is the **ONLY** nationwide network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers; profoundly changing lives through **FREE**, results-driven programs for individuals of all ages, families and communities.

36+
Playhouse
worldwide
locations

50,000+
FREE program
sessions
networkwide

100,000+
Playhouse
families served
worldwide



**GiGis Playhouse
Raleigh opened
in June 2016**

**We were the 31st
playhouse to open;
the only one in NC**

**The need is great
and growing
every day...**

475
individuals with
DOWN SYNDROME
participating in **FREE**
and **PURPOSEFUL**
programming in **RALEIGH**

**375 DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS**
leading programs,
tutoring literacy & math,
and donating their time

8 NEW
families per month
welcomed to GiGi's
Playhouse Raleigh

FREE and Purposeful Programs

Ages 0-3

LMNOP (Language, Music, 'N Our Peeps) • Kindermusik • Speech & Feeding Group Therapy

Ages 3-5

Leaps & Bounds • Toddler & Preschool Speech Group • Young Athletes

Ages 6-9

Playhouse Pals • Young Athletes

Ages 6-12

Kids Clubhouse

Teens 13-17

Teen Tastic • 21 Stars (After School) • Teen Yoga •

Teen Speech Group • Soccer Clinic

Adults 18+

GiGi Prep • Fantastic Friends • Advocacy Inspiration Team • Adult Yoga • Adult Speech • Walking Club

All ages

Destination Discovery

1-on-1 Literacy and Math Tutoring and 1-on-1 Speech Therapy





106

adults 18+ with Down syndrome
that we serve

800

volunteer hours each month

0 Cost of programs to
families. Cost will never
be a barrier to achievement
or acceptance.

We offer 16 Educational and Therapeutic Programs.
GiGi's Playhouse programs provide crucial physical,
occupational, developmental and speech therapy.

We also offer free tutoring in literacy and math to ensure
success in school using best practices that maximize learning
for our participants.

GiGi Prep is a multifaceted program designed to expand,
enrich and educate the adult population at GiGi's Playhouse.

The main vehicle by which expansion, enrichment and
education is delivered to the adults is community connection.
Adults with Down syndrome, who previously may have spent
significant amounts of time at home, find a myriad of
opportunities to grow and feel part of their larger community.

GiGi Prep is offered three days per week for 12 weeks.



Participants in the GiGi Prep program
engage in enriching activities,
particularly in the area of community
service whereby the participants
become the givers of help instead of
the recipients. GiGi Prep participants
give back to the community through
work with various hunger elimination
agencies, clothing providers, senior
centers and work with local fire
departments.



Valued Community Partners

Holly Springs Fire Department
Cary Page Rotary Club
Note in the Pocket
Interfaith Food Shuttle
Ronald McDonald House Chapel Hill
Flour Power North Hills
Kendra Scott
Triangle Volleyball Club
Championship Martial Arts Cary
Wake Med Hospitals
The Green Chair Project
CEI - The Digital Office
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Duke Energy
Petals on the Go
Barry's Cafe
Swift Creek Fire Department
Triangle Down Syndrome Network
Church of Christ - Chapel Hill
North Carolina Central University
Anna's Angels
WRAL TV



Existing Places of Employment for our Participants

Chick-fil-A Holly Springs
 McDonalds Cary
 Bonefish Grill North Hills
 Cafe Carolina Chapel Hill
 Carrboro Pizza
 Whole Foods Cary
 Bojangles Cary
 NC Legislative Internship
 321 Coffee



321 Coffee

-blending communities-
 3 goals | 2 communities | 1 Outcome

Inspiring customers to integrate with the
 special needs community to promote
 societal unity.

"The special needs community is home to some of the kindest, happiest, and most genuine people I'm lucky enough to call my friends. I recognize that not everyone has the opportunity to interact with this community in the ways that I have been able to, and that's why I wanted to start 321 Coffee."

-Lindsay Wrege, CEO
 LFWREGE@ncsu.edu



OAK CITY
 coffee roasters

CITY CUPS is a product of Oak City Coffee Roasters, created to provide meaningful work for adults with autism.

We built our work flow around the capabilities of our team. The workplace is clean and well lit. We give them cool uniforms and the dignity of work. Our team members are successful in their tasks and earn real money.

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