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SPEECH TEXT

A VOICE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

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Imagine a room filled with laughter, music, and the light of opportunity. That was the scene October 10th at The Pavilion at Angus Barn. Where hundreds gathered for our annual "i have a Voice" Gala, a night that celebrates the voices, talents, and dreams of individuals with Down syndrome.

Every year, this gala reminds us why we do what we do. Between the dinner, dancing and silent auction, something even more inspiring happens, our community truly comes together. Parents meet new friends. Participants take the stage with confidence. And donors see the impact of their generosity right before their eyes.

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At GiGi's Playhouse Raleigh, every voice matters. Through our free programs like GiGiFIT and tutoring, we empower individuals to reach their "Best of All." The funds raised at our gala make that possible, transforming this joyful evening to progress that lasts year-round.

We're so grateful to our incredible sponsors. Families like the Romano's, Pheiffer's and Rohrbaugh's, and partners like Urban Air and Coca-Cola Consolidated, help us bring our mission to life. Their generosity, along with support from many others, strengthens every voice in this Playhouse.

But the impact of that night reaches far beyond the Pavilion. The spirit of the gala continues every day inside our Playhouse. Through the laughter in our tutoring rooms, the determination in our fitness classes, and the confidence growing in every participant.

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And there are so many ways for you to keep that momentum going. You can become a monthly donor, for less than a dollar a day. Your gift helps more individuals learn to read, write, and believe in themselves. You can also join us at future fundraising events, or even host your own. Like a lemonade stand or a golf outing. You can even sponsor a room in honor of someone special, organize a supply food drive, or double your impact through workplace giving.

To explore all these opportunities, visit us anytime at [gigisplayhouse-dot-org-slash-raleigh](http://gigisplayhouse-dot-org-slash-raleigh). Again, that's [gigisplayhouse-dot-org-slash-raleigh](http://gigisplayhouse-dot-org-slash-raleigh). Where you can learn more, sign up for updates, or connect directly with our team.

Every act of kindness, no matter how big or small, helps turn dreams into achievements.

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As we look ahead to next year's gala, we're already excited to celebrate new milestones, friendships, and voices that are ready to be heard.

Because at GiGi's Playhouse Raleigh, we believe in the power behind each and every voice. Thank you for being that power.

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