

# Leprechaun Memorials

This is a wonderful way to keep the name of a loved one alive that benefits children and families helped by the Leprechauns. Many remember their loved ones on an annual basis. Some special gifts are donated for birthdays, wedding anniversaries and special occasions. A memorial contribution

to the Leprechaun Foundation is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a beloved friend or family member.


It's so satisfying to know that your gift will help hospitalized children experience the miraculous thrill of a dream come true. Over the years, memorial contributions

have proved to be a significant source of income for the Leprechaun Foundation programs. ✿

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\*Memorial gifts are received on an ongoing basis in remembrance of anniversary dates.

# Wish List Connection

Look for us on 

The Leprechaun Foundation is incorporated in the State of Ohio under Charter 553129, and the IRS has determined that The Leprechaun Foundation is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501(C) charitable organization. A letter of designation is on file. All donations are tax exempt.

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- Friend .....up to \$10.00
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- Sponsor .....\$100.00 and over
- Benefactor .....\$500.00 and over
- Other.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to know more about becoming a Leprechaun. Please send a volunteer application.
- Please be sure to send me an invitation to The Leprechaun's Night at the Races.
- I would like to make a contribution to the toy chests: Enclosed is my check for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to help a single mom in a special way by enclosing my check for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to help with:
  - Food Gift Certificates during the year (in off-holiday times)
  - The Golf Outing
  - Night at the Races
- I can help with the following:

We also welcome Gifts, Legacies and Memorials. Call (440) 235-5025 or email [info@leprechaunfoundation.org](mailto:info@leprechaunfoundation.org)

Make your checks payable to:

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## Matching Gifts— Twice As Nice!

Many Leprechaun friends double their gifts by sending us the necessary matching gift paperwork when they send their donation. We send this to your company and receive a gift equal to your donation. If we're not on your company's matching gift program list, let us know so we can contact the appropriate person—sending the required information and paperwork. Or show them this newsletter, it may provide all the information to answer any questions they have about the Foundation. Thanks for keeping the children on your gift list.

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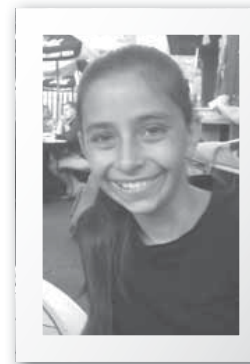
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## Happy 11th Birthday Annabella

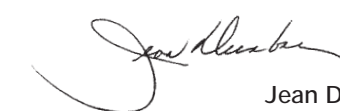
Annabella Charney continues to celebrate her birthday by helping others. Again this year, she invited her friends and family to celebrate by donating gift cards to be used by those who are helped through the Leprechauns.

Cards valued at approximately \$300, from Target, Toys "R" Us, iTunes, Walgreens and Old Navy will be a great help to families who are experiencing hardship as a result of either being hospitalized or in need of products or services covered by the gift cards. Nurses



and Social Workers know where the need is greatest and will distribute the cards as appropriate.

Again, thank you Annabella for your care and concern for sick children. And kudos to your parents Amy and Dan for their inspiration and guidance, which is so favorably impacting your future! I look forward to knowing what you'll be doing in the future. ✿

  
Jean Dunbar, President

## St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Fair 2017

This year's Leprechaun Fair raised \$4675, far exceeding the \$2500 goal, proving the strength of the 8th Grade students' interest in continuing to help sick children. We are truly grateful to the teachers and parents for their extra work, encouragement and support. For over 25 years students have raised over \$37,000 since their first fundraiser that raised \$600. That's a lot of money from

the efforts of kids with the support of the school and families. It's a lot of work and coordination for a single day event attended by approximately 300 students and faculty. Thanks to Mrs. Schreiner, the 8th Grade Class and Student Council for your continuing support, and to the students and Assumption Academy for this wonderful tradition. ✿



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# GiGi's Playhouse Special Celebration

March 21st was a very special day of Celebration for GiGi's Playhouse with more than 60 visitors celebrating World Down Syndrome Day.

They watched as the children played in Clementine's Corner on the new Therapeutic Playground equipment; others in the Little Tikes Cottage and some more were shooting hoops in the Get Fit Gym. Yoga mats for weekly adult exercise classes are also a part of the package which was underwritten by the Leprechauns so the Playhouse would have more opportunity to provide purposeful programs for the adults, the children, and their families. Everyone enjoyed pizza from Pizza BOGO, as well as gelato from The Sweet Spot, where Clementine's mother watched the birth of the Playhouse over the past 2 years.

...there were smiles on every face at the event; a two piece band, The Baker's Basement, added to the festive time that flew by. "No one ever wants to go home, because it is such an opportunity to just have fun," commented one of the volunteers.

The board members and volunteers have worked very hard over the past 3 years. The first 18 months were spent gathering interest and support, raising substantial funds, and finally, a little over a year ago, they officially opened the Lakewood Playhouse, the first in Ohio. The walls are beautifully painted in bright colors, the teens enjoy their own space where they can hang out in Club GiGi's, there is a Get Fit Gym where they enjoy the new basketball hoops, and the Learning Labs offer literacy and math tutoring. Speech therapy is on its way and is expected to launch in the fall!

Over 120 families from many parts of northeast Ohio have already benefitted from the therapeutic and educational programs, connecting with each other and providing their children an opportunity to achieve their Best of All! Contact Lizz Maxwell at 216-529-3333 if you have an interest in visiting or supporting with a gift to GiGi's Playhouse; they are designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

## About GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland

GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland is a Down syndrome achievement center in Lakewood, Ohio. The mission of the Playhouse is to change the way the world views Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. GiGi's Playhouse is the ONLY nationwide network of Down syndrome achievement centers; changing lives through free, results-driven programs for individuals of all ages, families and communities. GiGi's Playhouse is an inspirational and dedicated place for families to celebrate their child and benefit from free programs that unleash joy, confidence and continuous improvement. Playhouses empower children and adults to achieve their "Best of All" and to pursue their dreams. Founded in 2003 by GiGi's Mom, Nancy Gianni, in Hoffman Estates, IL, the organization now includes 31 community Playhouses including the first global Playhouse location in Mexico. Last year, over 26,000 individuals with Down syndrome benefited from free programs and positive empowerment.

For more information, go to: [www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland) or contact Lizz Maxwell at 216-529-3333 or [emaxwell@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:emaxwell@gigisplayhouse.org).

GiGi's Playhouse is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization funded solely by donations.

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# Totally Magical Trip

Dear Leprechaun Foundation,  
 We wanted to thank you for our wish trip. From the moment we left home the trip was truly magical.

Arriving at the Give Kids The World Village from the very second we got there they made everyone feel special. The girls were super amazed with everything especially the carousel. The girls got to enjoy a tea party with Miss Merry and a special tuck in. They even had teen nights for our oldest.

Disney was beyond magical. The girls were all amazed at seeing their favorite characters come alive and interact with them. We were amazed by the rides and that even our youngest was able to ride. The girls loved their makeovers.

Sea World was our all time favorite. We were able to sit front row center for all the shows and it was amazing when the animals splashed us.

The Crayola experience was so much fun for the whole family.

Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts. This trip was totally magical. 🌟

