

# GiGi's Playhouse Raleigh: Programs, Partnerships and Potential

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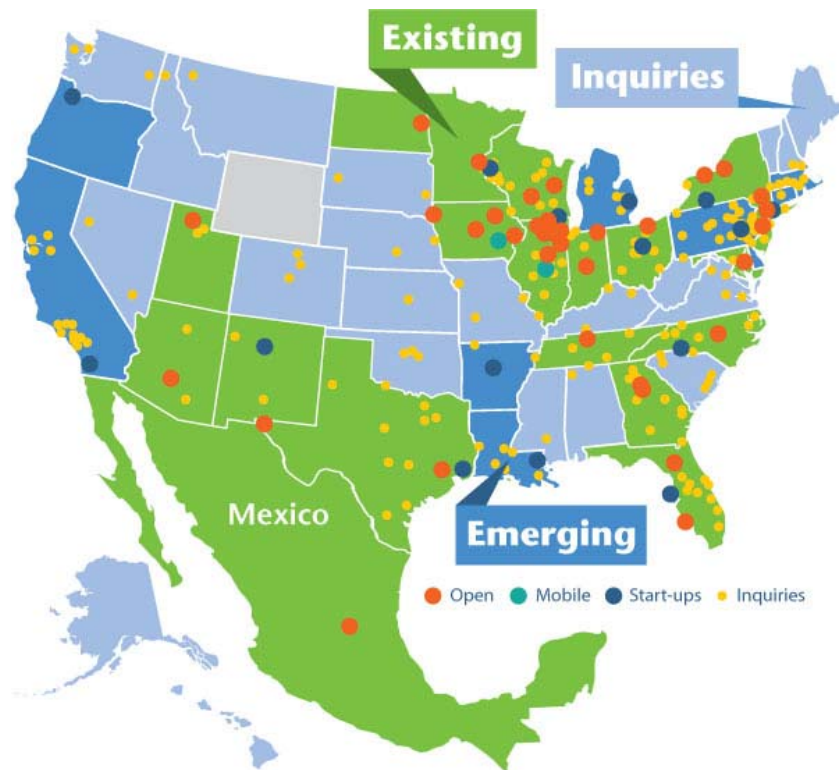
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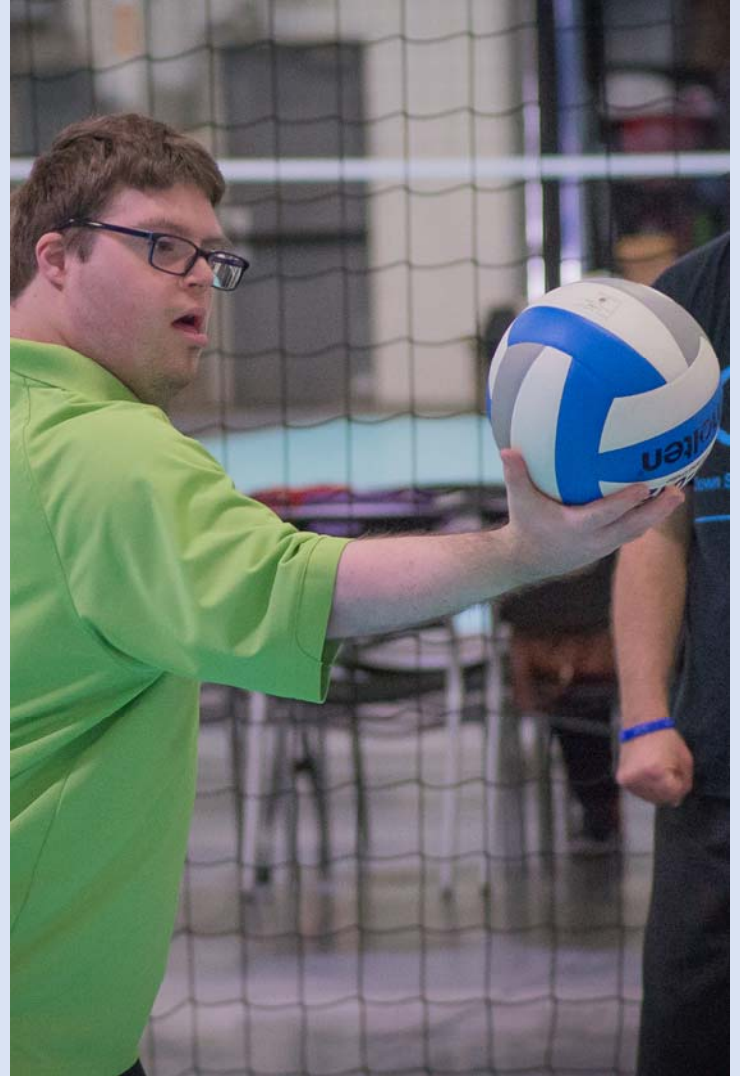


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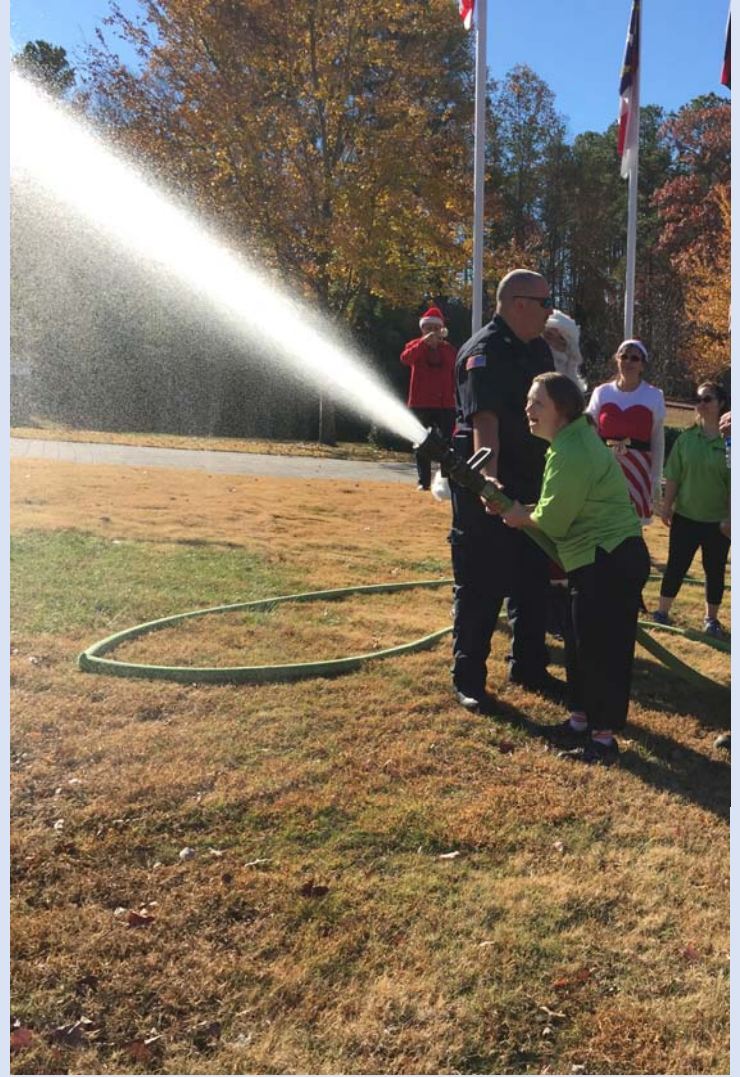


















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321 Coffee











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**HANDmeUPS is our thrift store, located in North Raleigh. It employs over 20 adults with autism/IDD at above minimum wage. HANDmeUPS has been a Top-Rated GreatNonprofits Award recipient for over four years, and was named Employer of the Year by the 2016 Arc Awards and 2014 Raleigh Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.**



**As an empowering complement to traditional employment, PowerUP ME focuses on self-employment. Its 10-week course and seasonal workshops teach adults with autism/IDD how to create and execute their own micro-business plan. Our micro-entrepreneurs also sell their products at our PowerUP Markets throughout the year.**



**An exciting work in progress, the goal of the Triangle Inclusive Careers job portal is to connect work-ready adults with autism/IDD with eager, trusted employers in the NC Triangle. The program will also provide information and referrals to local hiring and accessibility resources.**

**To learn more, visit us at [www.thepowerofthedream.org](http://www.thepowerofthedream.org), or contact us at [info@thepowerofthedream.org](mailto:info@thepowerofthedream.org)**