

Special Gifts Theatre, Inc.

Opening Doors to New Possibilities



Special Gifts Theatre (SGT) is a not-for-profit organization that provides individuals with special needs, a unique, creative drama experience enabling personal growth while breaking down stereotypes related to disabilities within the community at large.

A Winning Performance

As Kim watched her son Jack perform on stage, the tears on her face were for sheer pride and astonishment. You see, when Jack was born, she was told that he would never walk, talk, or sit up. Wouldn't the doctors be amazed that the year Jack turned 16, he played "The Beast" in "Beauty and The Beast!?" Jack's favorite part of SGT is spending time with his mentor. He says having a mentor is like having Christmas every day! It's the difference of being alone versus having a best friend to share your day with. Jack's involvement in SGT has brought so many changes to his world; it's a place where he is accepted and can be himself. Because of his performance in "Beauty and the Beast" he was nominated and won the 2013 "Yes I Can Award" presented by the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children!



Like Jack, all of our students and mentors work hard learning lines, dances, story concepts and more. This year, with an ensemble of over 110 cast members they won over the audience with their incredible performance of "Beauty and the Beast!" Aside from putting on a great show, the skills gained – including social skills, self confidence, speech development – are what they take out into their communities and schools helping break down barriers and open wide the doors of opportunities! That's what SGT is all about!

Congratulations 2013 Cast!

Programs at a Glance

Spring:

- Creativity in Motion – 5 years+

Summer:

- Creativity in Motion – 5 years+
- Adult Program – 18 years+

Fall/Winter:

- Musical Theatre – 10 years+
- Creative Drama – 6-9 years

To learn more or register today visit specialgiftstheatre.org or call 847.564.7704

Get your Team Together

SGT's 1st Annual 5K Run and The Magic Carpet Walk!

When: Sept 28th, 8am

Where: Techny Park, Northbrook

What: This event is being put on by the SGT Student Council – a group of students and mentors who want to spread awareness in our community about their abilities! This is an event you don't want to miss! More details to follow.



Go to www.specialgiftstheatre.org to register your team TODAY and then SPREAD THE WORD! Don't want to start your own team? Join/Support Team SGT!





Look who showed up to our Cast Party to celebrate...
Miss Illinois!

Call Me Maybe!



Maddy was a hit at the Creative Drama show with her rendition of, "Call Me Maybe" performing her own dance moves! All the students stole the show as they performed, "Big Red and the Groovy Garden" – their very own version of Little Red Riding Hood. Matthew, also known as "Big Red", celebrated his birthday by bringing all his birthday party friends to the show! What a great way to spread awareness about the abilities in our students!



Register now!

Calling all ADULTS: New Program! Improv Theatre: Creating Outside the Lines

Show off your improvisation skills at SGT's newest adult program (18+) will focus on creating scenes and characters based on our own imaginations!

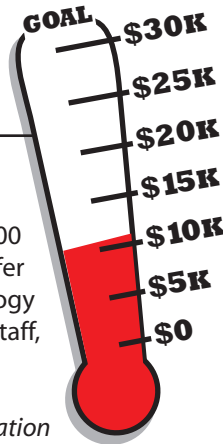
Registration now open!



Join the SGT Challenge!

Through a generous MATCHING grant, any NEW donations or increased donations you make will be doubled! With just under \$20,000 to go, your support provides the ability to offer new programs, classroom resources, technology in the classroom and on stage, professional staff, costumes, props and so much more!

Supporting SGT is easy! Simply make your donation online or mail it in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!



Support our Traveling Troupe at their next community performance!

Saturday, July 13, 1-1:30 pm,
Buffalo Grove Fest



Announcing the 2014 Musical Theatre Show

Disney
Aladdin JR.

March 1, 2, 8, 9, 2014

Enroll now!

Want to bring SGT to your area?

Email info@specialgiftstheatre.org for more info!

Beyond the Stage

The skills our students and mentors gain on the stage are designed to transfer into their everyday lives. Jared, who played Lumiere in this year's production of "Beauty and the Beast," has put the leadership and social skills that he has learned at SGT into action! At school, he won the Student of the Month award! His mom says it best in her own words...

"When I watched Jared perform in Show Choir, I was blown away. At one point, he started his solo a little late and instead of giving up or getting upset he just rolled with it and no one knew any different. I am convinced that none of this would

have been possible without his involvement in SGT. SGT has not only given him the opportunity to perform in a wonderful stage production, it has given him skills he never had before even with hours of expensive therapy. He is 100% more communicative, social, and is so much better at self-advocating. Thank you for making such a positive impact on my child's life!" - Jared's proud mom

