

OUR STORY

Gio's Garden was founded in 2010 by a group of parents, led by Giovanni's parents, Charlotte Deleste and Ron Giordan. When Gio was 3 years old, his parents were very frustrated that it was nearly impossible to find qualified individuals to provide care for Gio's multiple disabilities. They were at their breaking point and had nowhere to turn. Something had to change. Charlotte got a group of parents, nurses, and therapists around her kitchen table, and they decided that they wanted to create a place where families could go for care, therapy, and resources. In 2012, Gio's Garden became a reality by opening its first respite center in Middleton.

Today, Gio's Garden has expanded its services to include individual therapy, Date Night, Respite 2 Go, and family resources.



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OUR SERVICES


 Therapeutic Respite

 Date Night

 Respite 2 Go

 Family Resources

 **81%** of the funds we raise go directly back to programs for families.

 **106** families were able to take a much needed break because of the access to our services in 2017.

 Local community members and university students provided over **5,895** hours of service in 2017.

WHAT IS RESPITE?

Respite is a short period of rest or relief from the every day demands of raising a child with special needs. Studies have shown that respite leads to improved family functioning, satisfaction with life, decreased rates of divorce, as well as an enhanced ability to cope with stress

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-Barb, Caregiver

