



Empowering Leaders

*Providing a foundation of support to assist GIG Leaders
to effectively meet the needs of GIG members and community.*



Benefits of being a GIG Branch

The GIG family of Branches is one you will not find everywhere and its one we feel lucky to have found and to share with others. Here are some of the reasons to consider becoming a Branch of GIG:

- You can draw on the leadership of many branches in your region. See www.gluten.net.
- You will have 501(c)3 non-profit status with the IRS. This status helps Branches when they are fundraising because any donations are deductible by those who donate to you. Corporations are more willing to donate to your cause if their donations are tax deductible.
- As a branch of GIG your group is covered by insurance supplied by GIG. This helps Branches with liability coverage in general and for any events, such as a walk or picnic.
- You may make use of the GIG web site to create your own web site at minimal cost to you. Resources are available to help you design a GIG Branch web site. These sites are uniform and are simple for the branch to administer.
- Branch members can join GIG national at a discounted group fee.
- GIG and its Board and Committees are here to help answer any questions by your group and support you as best we can. They are always approachable for help.
- GIG's Cynthia Kupper, RD, CD, a registered dietitian, is nationally known in the celiac/gluten intolerance community as a trusted speaker and representative. She is highly sought-after with many medical and dietary organizations as a speaker. She is always invited or consulted with on any celiac-related symposiums. She was an instrumental speaker during the famous NIH conference, a representative to Congress regarding the labeling law.
- GIG is proud to be a founding member of the American Celiac Disease Alliance, which was the organization and driving force behind the Food Labeling Law that went into effect in January of 2006.
- GIG operates the Gluten-Free Certification Organization (GFCO), an organization for certifying gluten-free foods. See www.gfco.org.

- GIG operates a nation-wide restaurant awareness and training program, the Gluten-Free Restaurant Awareness Program (GFRAP). See www.glutenfreerestaurants.org
- GIG operates Gluten-Free Food Service a training and management accreditation program for food service establishments of all types. See www.gffoodservice.org.
- The GIG Magazine is extremely informative with insightful articles and stories. All the latest news in the celiac/gluten intolerance community is included in their magazine.
- GIG is a science-based organization, whose positions are not hearsay, but based on medical and scientific findings.
- GIG's annual education conference has the most influential and knowledgeable speakers in the celiac/gluten intolerance speaker circuit. As part of this conference, GIG hosts a one-day education session for GIG leaders.