



Empowering Leaders

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



GIG Branches and Partner Organizations

Quick Glance - GIG Branches and Partners

GIG Branches	GIG Partners
Legal entities under GIG 501(c)(3) non-profit	Not legally part of GIG organization
Abide by GIG Bylaws and governing	Have their own set of governing
Purpose is consistent with GIG mission	Purpose of relationship is to work together

GIG Branches

GIG assists Branches in operation to meet the needs of their group, with the greatest ease possible.

Branch offices are a legal entity of GIG and abide by all federal, state, and local laws governing 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, as well as the governing policies of GIG. GIG is the legal financial agency under which Branches operate. GIG files applicable applications to comply with the laws.

Branch Offices are regional or local support groups with a legal association with GIG. GIG Branches may be any size group.

Branches:

- Adopt GIG as part of their name - such as 'Red River GIG' or 'Red River, a Branch of GIG'.
- Maintain a local presence and offer support to persons with gluten intolerance diseases consistent with GIG mission and programs.
- Regularly submit required documents and reports to the National Gluten Intolerance Group office, including quarterly financial reports
- Benefits available through GIG National include: legal and financial assistance, insurance, branch web site, education materials, bulk mailing, printing, discounted materials and more.

Branch Development and Advisory Committee (BDAC)

The BDAC assists Branches in policy compliance issues and represents Branches to the GIG Board of Trustees.

Partner Organizations

Partner organizations have an informal relationship with GIG based on a desire to work towards common goals. Partner groups are not a legal entity of GIG and do not have a legal tie to GIG.

Partner organizations wish to work with GIG to accomplish common goals and objectives.

Professionalism and Quality

The Gluten Intolerance Group of North America believes unity and Speaking with One Voice is important to accomplish goals beneficial to all persons with Celiac and Gluten Intolerance Diseases.

GIG is at the forefront of innovative action and is respected globally as a powerful leader in the celiac and gluten intolerance community. GIG's volunteers, staff and Board are knowledgeable and our material and resources are credible. GIG's Medical Advisory Board approves all education materials.

GIG is dedicated to operating in a professional, business like manner and with the highest possible standards of compliance with laws and regulations of not for profit organizations.

GIG is a national organization with **Branch** locations and affiliated **Partner** Groups throughout the United States.