

## WHY GIFTED HOMESCHOOLERS?

In 2004, a time of education budget cuts and No Child Left Behind (NCLB), a group of parents grew frustrated at the lack of understanding and resources for kids like theirs: gifted and twice-exceptional. These needs were difficult or impossible to meet in schools, but the homeschool community didn't include them, either. The group banded around a kitchen table and formed a nonprofit: Gifted Homeschoolers Forum, now known as GHF.

Our view of giftedness includes the whole child:

- Intellectual giftedness
- Social and peer issues
- Emotional and sensory intensities
- Asynchronous development, and more

For children further along the spectrum of giftedness and/or with learning differences—twice exceptionalities (2e)—educational needs can be beyond many traditional school programs. Custom, home-based, and alternative educational options allow families to address needs, and GHF helps with resources we provide.

## OUR MISSION

GHF supports, educates, and advocates for gifted and 2e children, their families, and for the professionals who serve them as they pursue alternative, lifelong educational paths. GHF emphasizes understanding and acceptance of neurodiversity, seeking to normalize and celebrate the ways all individuals can contribute to the learning environment and workplace.

Most homeschool and alternative education organizations do not address giftedness, and school-based gifted programs, when they exist, often do not address intense giftedness or twice-exceptionalities. Home-based supplementation or truly customized schooling may be required, and GHF works to help make that possible.

We view homeschooling broadly and inclusively. Our membership is diverse and hails from across the U.S.

and the world. Many families homeschool “on the go” with community involvement and outsourced classes. Many of our members utilize the public school system in addition to or instead of home learning. Within the GHF community, 61 percent self-identifies as current homeschoolers, while the rest are in schools or are mental health/education/other professionals who care about gifted and 2e kids.

## THE GHF ORGANIZATION

GHF has a small board of directors, staff, and contractors, and a broad range of world-wide volunteers. Closer to a flat organization than a pyramid structure, GHF prides itself on being nontraditional and nimble, adjusting to changing needs and opportunities for growth and outreach. GHF runs virtually, leveraging the internet to maintain quality outreach and low overhead. GHF also has a publishing arm, GHF Press, and it offers courses through GHF Online for gifted/2e students ages 7 to 15+. GHF has the largest digital footprint in any related field: the community reaches all continents and over one million individuals monthly. GHF partners with businesses and organizations, including Reading Rainbow and PBS Digital Media, and has received several grants, including a Google grant and a portion of a 2015-2016 Knight Foundation program grant.

## WHAT WE OFFER

We offer most services regardless of ability to pay, to ensure that no one is left out. All are welcome. Our children may be at home with us now, but they will eventually go out into a world that we hope will be a more welcoming place for them than it was for previous generations of the gifted and twice exceptional.

Changing the way the world views education.

GHF provides free resources, including:

- **Brochures covering a variety of gifted/2e issues.** All brochures are available in print and online, and in English and Spanish. Our goal is to push beyond language and cultural barriers to reach underserved gifted and 2e communities.
- **Online and in-person interactions, creating community regardless of geographic location.** Through our growing social media presence and attendance at conferences and events, we share curated information on parenting support, public policy issues, neuroscientific research, and advice, so that families and professionals have access to the latest, most useful knowledge.
- **The extensive GHF website.** We pull together and organize resources related to giftedness, 2e issues, and homeschooling, helping families and professionals find the information they need in one location.
- **GHFBlog.com.** The GHF Blog includes articles by GHF writers and experts in gifted and 2e issues. Readers will find coverage of timely issues, blog hops, regular posts from our staff, community, institutional members and kids, as well as information about resources and discounts for non-GHF services.

GHF offers paid resources, including:

- **GHF Press books.** Available online in print and ebook formats, GHF Press books address the questions and concerns families and professionals face no matter where they are on their gifted/2e journey. GHF Press books are filled with well-sourced factual information, real life experiences, humor, support, and understanding.
- **GHF Online courses.** GHF tailors each engaging online course to the needs of gifted and 2e students. Our small classes meet weekly, offer opportunities for interaction between students and instructors, and teach advanced, interdisciplinary content. At GHF Online, we celebrate and value these unique students.

## WHERE WE GET FUNDING

We keep our overhead low, but still require financial support. GHF adeptly leverages strengths and skills to minimize costs through use of volunteers, technology, and free or low-cost resources. In addition to our paid resources, our financial revenue comes from:

- **Family and individual memberships**, which come with service discounts and one-time offers
- **Institutional memberships**, which can include discounts on advertising and access to our growing social media audience
- **Sponsorships**, which include advertising, guest posts on the GHF Blog, access to our growing social media audience, and ongoing messaging consulting
- **Limited, relevant advertising** in our quarterly newsletter
- **Fundraising for specific projects and goals**, finding ways to partner with like-minded organizations to increase individuals' access to our services, reach underserved communities, and update our technology to better meet the needs of the growing gifted/2e global community

Through their support, Sponsors and Institutional Members play a vital role in GHF's outreach and support efforts, while gaining access to our members and extensive social media community. Partnering with GHF gives Sponsors the greatest possible impact in our mission and engagement with our large and rapidly growing audience.

***To learn how you can help fund GHF's mission, please contact us at [info@giftedhomeschoolers.org](mailto:info@giftedhomeschoolers.org).***

You can also reach us at:

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***To learn more, visit our website at <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/membership-options/>.***

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