



**GLUTEN
INTOLERANCE
GROUP**

Empowering Leader



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

Benefits of Becoming 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. The Gluten Intolerance Group believes branch unity is important to accomplish goals beneficial to all persons with Celiac and Gluten Intolerance Diseases and 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 currently 87 support groups located throughout the United States. Some of the reasons to consider becoming a Branch of GIG include:

- **Ability to draw on the leadership of many branches in your region. See www.gluten.net for a listing of branches nationwide.**
- **501(c)3 non-profit status with the IRS. This status allows for tax-deductible donations. 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.**
- **As an official Branch your group is covered by insurance supplied by GIG. This helps Branches with general liability coverage as well as events, walks, picnics, etc.**
- **Ability to create, edit and host a Branch website that is supported through the GIG national website www.gluten.net. Branch websites are uniform and simple for Branch Representatives to administer.**
- **Discounted GIG national membership available to Branch members. GIG national membership provides access to a GIG's Quarterly Magazine providing the latest news, research and other informative articles.**
- **Access to a Regional Mentor as part of the Branch Development and Advisory Committee (BDAC) that was created to assist and support Branch Leaders and to serve as Branch Representative to the GIG Board of Trustees.**

GIG is at the forefront of innovative action and is respected globally as a powerful leader in the celiac and gluten intolerance community. As an official Branch of GIG, you will have access to one of the nation's most respected leaders in the gluten-free community, Cynthia Kupper, RD, CD and Executive Director of GIG. Ms. Kupper has been at the forefront of celiac and gluten intolerance education, is highly sought-after as a speaker and has created numerous social programs and several successful industry-leading organizations including:

- **Gluten-Free Certification Organization (GFCO), an organization that certifies gluten-free foods. See www.gfco.org.**
- **Gluten-Free Restaurant Awareness Program (GFRAP), a nationwide restaurant awareness and training program. See www.glutenfreerestaurants.org.**
- **Gluten-Free Food Service (GFFS), a training and management accreditation program for food-service establishments of all types. See www.gffoodservice.org.**