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I HAVE CANCER, WE HAVE CANCER

I have cancer? I have cancer! I HAVE cancer. No matter where you say it, how you say it, they are words that resonate with us all at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. Whether you use a big C or a little one, add an exclamation mark, shout it, whisper it or otherwise, at Gilda's Club we HAVE cancer. All who enter through our Red Door, whether as a member, volunteer, supporter, or staff, we have all experienced cancer in our life in one way or another. We belong to the 'club' and are a stronger, richer cancer support community in gathering together to live with cancer in our lives.

At Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, we also HAVE cancer. We got this. We have your back. With hugs or a box of tissues; a quiet moment of companionship or listening ear; a ruckus of shared laughter; an excited high five; a breath held or finally deeply exhaled. We HAVE cancer, and we HAVE you in living with cancer in your life.

To all who have stood with us this past year in partnership in ensuring no one faces cancer alone in our community, thank you for HAVING US! You allow us to have cancer each day at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka with a Red Door that opens, a cancer support community at the ready to welcome those who face and seek to live today with the reality of, I have cancer. Here are but a few of the moments from the past year of our having cancer, cancer not having us, at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. Thank you!

Yours in cancer support,

Kristen Dawson
CEO & Program Director



**TAKE
ON** CANCER
TOGETHER
JOIN. GIVE. ACT.



ALL AGES ANY CANCER DIAGNOSIS ALL GENDERS

PATIENTS **DID YOU KNOW??** FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka is a FREE cancer support program providing social and emotional support for all whose lives have been touched by cancer.

FREE CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY



**Cancer Support for the Whole Family, the Whole Time.
So That No One Faces Cancer Alone.™**

WAYS TO SUPPORT GILDA'S CLUB THIS GIVING SEASON

Gilda's Givers: A Monthly Giving Club

At Gilda's Club, our goal is to change the cancer experience for anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. By joining our **Gilda's Givers Monthly Giving Club**, you are helping to ensure no man, woman, child or teen has to face cancer alone in your community.

A regular donation can make a lasting difference over time. From educational lectures and interactive workshops, to intimate support groups and lively social activities, your gift allows us to continue to provide our innovative program of cancer support free of charge for all those who have been impacted with cancer in our community.

How much can you donate each month?
Any amount you want! \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100, and anywhere in-between or more!
Every dollar counts!



Become a Gilda's Giver today! Visit www.gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org to join, or call Anne Naumyk at 705-726-5199 to learn more!

Gilda's Courtyard of Hope Brick Campaign



Our Gilda's Courtyard of Hope Brick Campaign is going strong with over 100 bricks sold to date! Bricks are available for purchase for Phase III, and will be installed in the Spring of 2018. If you would like to purchase a brick in honour or in memory of someone, or would like to recognize a person, family or business, please contact the Clubhouse at 705-726-5199.



For more information on Gilda's Givers, the Courtyard of Hope Brick Campaign, or other upcoming events in support of Gilda's Club, please visit gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org or contact the Clubhouse at 705-726-5199.

BEYOND THE RED DOOR SOCIETY

The Beyond the Red Door Society is made up of an outstanding group of donors who have made a long term financial commitment to Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. Their support will help us to ensure that no one faces cancer alone, both now and in the future!

Our sincere thanks to the members of the Beyond the Red Door Society:

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For more information on the Beyond the Red Door Society please contact Katherine Speirs at 705-726-5199 x 227 or katherine@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org.

Support GILDA'S CLUB with a Do It Yourself Fundraiser!



Thanks to our recent DIY Fundraisers!

Action Auto Repair & Glass Annual Car Wash & BBQ * Dragon Boat Race Paddlers: Grant Thornton Thunder (pictured above, left), Simcoe Sirens/Barrie Community Health Team and PowerStrokes * MultiSports Bracebridge Triathlon * Mad River Golf Club "Think Pink" Charity Tournament * Royal Canadian Legion Branch #147 (pictured above, left centre) * Hudson's Bay Georgian Mall * Gore Mutual Insurance Company Foundation * Barrie Country Club Ladies' Charity Tournament (pictured above, right) *

Almost anything you can think of (a bake sale, a dress down day at the office, a garage sale, etc) can be a fundraiser in support of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. It can be a fun and rewarding experience to get everyone involved!

For more information on how you can get started on your DIY Fundraiser, please contact Anne Naumyk at 705-726-5199 x 228 or anne@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MACKENZIE

I am going into grade 11 this September at Eastview Secondary School. I have been wanting to be a volunteer at Gilda's Club since I heard about the clubhouse with a red door. I first heard about Gilda's Club in 2012, when I was in grade five at W.R. Best Public School and had received a project on helping out in your community. My Mom had told me about Gilda's Club and I immediately knew I wanted to help by doing anything I could. I decided to go door-to-door in my neighbourhood and sell cookies to raise money. I also went through some of my old books to donate so that the kids at Gilda's Club could enjoy them as much as I did. In total, I raised \$270.00 selling cookies and donated 60 books to the Gilda's Club children's library.

In grade eight (2015), I was assigned a Pay-It-Forward project where the purpose was to do something kind for other people. I thought of Gilda's Club again and decided the best way to raise money was to have a school-wide bake sale, because who doesn't love cookies and fudge! I sold the baked goods over lunch breaks for two days and made a total of \$615.00! I used the money to purchase kitchen and art room supplies for the members at Gilda's Club to enjoy and donated the leftover money.

I finally turned 16 this year, so I was super excited when I became a volunteer in May! I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people of all ages around the clubhouse and enjoy participating in morning baking, Kids Kamp and more!

My Grandma just passed away this summer from cancer and we were very close. It is rare when you find a person who is strong and as beautiful on the inside as they are on the outside, but that was my Grandma. I love her so much and I think about her all the time when I volunteer.

Life is so precious and I think it is so important to be thankful for what you have. It is also important to be kind and do your part to make the world a better place. Gilda's Club gives me that opportunity and I wouldn't trade the experiences I've had here for anything in the world. Thank you to the amazing staff at Gilda's Club for including me in this awesome journey.



East Coast Chocolate Chip Cookies (Mackenzie's Bake Sale Recipe!)

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter	1 1/2 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup shortening	2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup packed brown sugar	1 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup white sugar	2 - 2 1/2 cups chocolate chips
2 eggs	

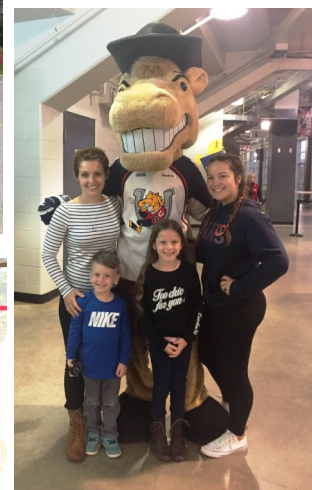
Directions:

Cream first 4 ingredients together. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Mix in dry ingredients. Chill for 30 minutes in fridge. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool.

ENJOY!

For more information on volunteering please see our website www.gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org or contact Susan Haiplik at 705-726-5199 x 230 susan@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org.

A Cancer Support Community in Action



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