

# *gilda gram*

SPRING 2018

## To the ROOT of Cancer Support

Welcome to spring! The grass is greener, buds are on the trees, and peeking their heads out of the ground are an array of colourful spring flowers. All will soon flourish in the sun and the warmer weather. On the surface, we too are flourishing here at Gilda's Club. We continue to welcome hundreds through our red door each month seeking cancer support. In just one year alone, we saw a 65% increase in the number of those registering with our program. That is incredible! Combined with over 750 visits to support groups, 725 for educational activities, 250 for healthy lifestyle activities, and 1100 for social events, we were a busy Clubhouse in 2017 and continue to bloom this spring! These are outwards signs, the visual representations of what happens within our cancer support community, but what is often unseen is our ROOTS! As we prepare to celebrate National Volunteer Week this April 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the roots that form our strong foundation, keep us nourished, standing tall and growing spring after spring!

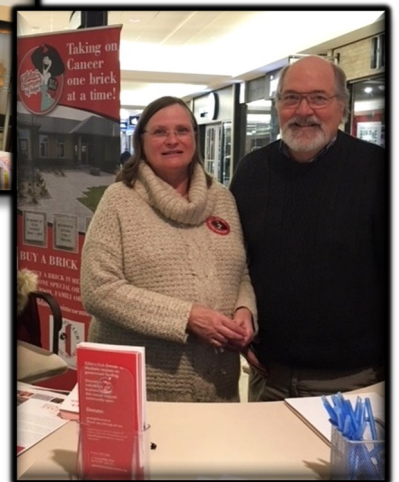
### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

This May marks eight years since we welcomed our first members for cancer support. Eleven years of fierce volunteer work preceded this monumental feat of getting the Clubhouse built and bringing Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka to our community. It is volunteers that continue to keep us here and ever present in the lives of those living with the impact of a cancer diagnosis. In every corner of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, there are volunteers. They are the warm face to meet, the welcoming voices that greet, the endless energy that helps to pull off every major event and program activity, keep our property pristine, and attend to countless tedious details of a behind the scenes seemingly seamless but in true Gilda's fashion, encompassing "its always being something!" They grace every laugh, embrace, smile, tear and bead of sweat and we are truly nothing without them. Never ever thanked or acknowledged nearly enough, these impassioned, generous and energized individuals are truly the roots of our cancer support community. We celebrate each and every one this National Volunteer Week and always.

Thank YOU!

Yours in cancer support,

*Kristen Dawson*  
CEO & Program Director



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So That No One Faces Cancer Alone.™

# UPCOMING GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA EVENTS

11th Annual



An afternoon of music, fine food and drink benefiting the cancer support program at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka.



Sunday, May 27th, 2018

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Exciting NEW Location!



For further information or to purchase tickets,  
please contact Katherine Speirs at 705-726-5199  
or [Katherine@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org](mailto:Katherine@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org)

13<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka Red Door Golf Classic

**Early Bird Special:**  
Register before June 1<sup>st</sup>  
and be entered into a draw  
to win a great prize!



### Sponsorship & Registration Package

**Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Bear Creek Golf Club**

12:30 pm Shotgun Start

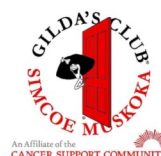
4 Person Scramble

#### Fees Include:

- 18 Holes of Great Golf
- Lunch & Dinner
- Power Cart
- Welcome Gift
- Prizes for skill & blind luck
- Live & Silent Auction

For additional information, sponsorship, or  
volunteer opportunities, please contact:

**Katherine Speirs (705) 726-5199 or**  
[katherine@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org](mailto:katherine@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org)



## 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:**

David Avard & Lesa Bowen  
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# Support GILDA'S CLUB with a Do It Yourself Fundraiser!

From bake sales, dress down days at the office, haircuts and bingo nights to golf tournaments, concerts, garage sales and more, you can turn anything that interests you into a fundraiser for Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka.

We call them **Do It Yourself**, or **DIY Fundraisers**, and since Gilda's Club does not receive any government funding, the money raised through DIY Fundraisers has a significant impact on meeting our fundraising goal each year.

Planning a **DIY Fundraiser** to benefit Gilda's Club can be an exciting and rewarding experience to get everyone involved! Whether you are a business looking to align your brand with Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, or a community member or organization who has a fundraising event idea, don't hesitate to contact us.

Your support is critical to ensuring our Red Door stays open and our program of cancer support remains **FREE** of charge, so we can ensure that no one faces cancer alone.™

**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@gildasclubsm.org](mailto:anne@gildasclubsm.org).**

## WALK or RUN

in support of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka



On Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 WALK or RUN in support of Gilda's Club at the Honda Waterfront 5k, 10k and Half Marathon.

Together we can show how we are **LIVING WITH CANCER** in our community and ensuring that no one faces cancer alone.™

To join **Team Gilda** and receive your 10% registration discount code contact: Anne Naumyk at 705-726-5199 ext. 228 or email [anne@gildasclubsm.org](mailto:anne@gildasclubsm.org)

### ALREADY REGISTERED?

Contact us to learn more on how you can help to raise additional funds by collecting pledges!

## GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER AT GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA!

**Did you know...** Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka volunteers have the biggest hearts ❤️ and the most giving souls! Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka is privileged to have the services of many volunteers who donate their time and talent to our cancer support program. Our volunteers give their time and skill both in our Clubhouse as they lead and support a variety of lectures & workshops; our volunteers are the warm smile and first welcome as you enter through the red door; they help support fundraisers in community and are the most incredible ambassadors for Gilda's Club out in community at health fairs, workshops and special events! We could not function without our volunteers. What they give in time and skill is immeasurable and so very much appreciated! Not only during National Volunteer Week but every day we say thank you and recognize the value of our volunteers!

**THANK YOU** to all of our incredible volunteers who are a part of our cancer support community!

*Susan Haiplik, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator*



If you'd like to have a meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunity please connect with Susan Haiplik directly to learn more.  
Email: [susan@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org](mailto:susan@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org), call :705-726-5199 ext. 230 or drop by and say hello!

## 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 donation makes a difference!

**Become a Gilda's Giver today!**

Visit [www.gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org](http://www.gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org) to join, or call Anne Naumyk at 705-726-5199 x 228 to learn more!



## Gilda's "Courtyard of Hope" Brick Campaign



Make a meaningful gift in honour or in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a memorable occasion. You can also recognize a person, family or business. For \$200, your purchase of a *personalized, inscribed brick* in **Gilda's Courtyard of Hope** will directly impact Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, and ensure that we can continue to provide **FREE** support to anyone touched by cancer.

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 Gilda's Clubhouse at 705-726-5199.

*\*Brick orders will be for Phase IV to be installed in the Spring 2019!*

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