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Summer 2019

GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA So that no one faces cancer alone.TM



Summer is officially here!

It is a time often spent in the pursuit of outdoor adventures, family fun, special traditions, and the building of memories that can last a lifetime. For our Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka members, summer also includes cancer. Cancer doesn't care about BBQs, road trips, adventures and family. Cancer does not discriminate against whose life it touches, it also certainly does not take the summer off.

For this reason, as a cancer support community, it is business as usual for us at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. Our **RED DOOR** will be open this summer: our support groups will continue to meet each week, the coffee pot will remain on, and the art and yoga classes will be full. The lobby will be filled with sun hats, flip-flops, and knapsacks over the next 5 weeks as we prepare to host Kids Kamp. If you stop in for a visit, don't be surprised to hear shrieks of laughter coming from Noogieland. Camp is a special experience for children and we won't let Cancer take that from the families we support.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, an estimated 30,574 people will die of cancer in Ontario, and 90,483 new cases were diagnosed in 2018 alone. In York Region, Simcoe County and Muskoka Region over 7,700 people will be diagnosed with cancer this year.

While our medical system is focused on detecting and treating cancer, anyone who has experienced it can tell you, the medical system is not able to provide the extended emotional and social support that research has found is related to better outcomes for people with cancer.

As we receive no government support, we are so thankful for the support of our community, which allows us to deliver programs spring, summer, winter and fall. In fact we deliver more than 780 programs for members in our community annually. When you make a donation or purchase a ticket for one of our events, it provides another experience for a community member at Gilda's Club.

On behalf of the board, staff and members at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, thank you for your continued support. Please remember, no one should face Cancer alone, so feel free to refer friends, colleagues or family to Gilda's Club.

Wishing you all the best as we celebrate summer 2019.



FREE CANCER SUPPORT FOR ALL All ages | any cancer diagnosis | all genders









GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA - WHAT'S HAPPENING



On behalf of everyone at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the generous sponsors and wonderful guests who attended our spring events. The weather cooperated for both our Sunday Afternoon...at the Lake and our Red Door Golf Classic however the breeze was cooler coming off the lake than what we had at the golf course.

Your commitment to our cancer support community allows us to offer free programs and services so that no one faces cancer alone. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall and sharing some of our plans for our 10th Anniversary in 2020!

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 John Pugsley at 705-726-5199 x 228 or john@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org

Get your brunch on!

GCSM is proud to present two NEW social opportunities this summer!

Parent's Brunch: Enjoy a delicious homemade brunch while you connect with other parents/ guardians who are impacted by cancer in any way. FREE childcare is provided! 2nd Friday of every month. First session: Friday, July 12, 2019, 11:30-1:00.

Men's Pancake Breakfast: Enjoy fellowship with other men who have a current or past cancer diagnosis over a delicious homemade pancake breakfast! 3rd Friday of every month, 11:30am – 1:00pm. First session: Friday, July 19, 11:30-1:00.

Our FREE Membership is required to access these activities. To register, e-mail program@gildasclubsm.org or give us a call at 705-726-5199.

NEW SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Get your brunch on at Gilda's!

Parent's Brunch 2nd Friday/ Month, 11:30 – 1:00pm First session: Friday, July 12

Men's Pancake Breakfast

3rd Friday/ Month, 11:30am- 1:00pm First session: Friday, July 29



(See pg 4 for membership details)

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

From bake sales and bottle drives, haircuts and bingo nights, to golf tournaments, concerts, garage sales and more, you can turn anything 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. **For more information on how you can get started on your DIY Fundraiser, please contact the Cybele at 705-726-5199 x 227 or cybele@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org**











MEMBERSHIP and REGISTRATION

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Membership at Gilda's Club is <u>*FREE*</u>. Completing Membership and Event Registration is required

prior to attending any activities (it allows staff to appropriately plan for space and materials).

For anything (*other than support groups*), you can register Online at <u>www.gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org</u>

By Email <u>program@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org</u> By Phone 705-726-5199 Or stop in at the Clubhouse and register in person.

You must be a registered Gilda's Club Member to attend any Support or Networking groups.

To register for a Support or Networking group, email <u>sara@gildasclubsimcoemuskoka.org</u> or call 705-726-5199 ext.

New Website Feature

Ever wonder what's behind the big **RED DOOR** at Gilda's?

Well thanks to our friends at Re/Max Hallmark Peggy Hill Group Realty and Todd Piirto you can tour our clubhouse right now! Just visit our website (address below) and click on the **TOUR** button on the top right.



Of course the best way to learn about Gilda's is dropping in for a tour. Any staff member or volunteer will be happy to show you around the clubhouse. No time for a tour, no problem, now you can tour the clubhouse online and watch a short video with our CEO!

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