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WINTER 2018

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH KEEPING

A New Year often causes one to pause and reflect. The blustery cold of this January leaves me with one snowy boot in awe of 2017, and another excitedly setting on a new course for 2018. We are immensely grateful for the tremendous outpouring and rallying of support from right across our community in 2017. We finished 2017 on a strong note due to the generosity and dedication of so many. Owing to the collective efforts of countless individuals, businesses, events, and foundations, the future of cancer support in our community looks bright and sustainable with these continued partnerships in 2018 and beyond. We look forward to sharing a more in-depth look at 2017 with the forthcoming release of our Annual Report.

With the welcome of 2018, we are excited to see the continued growth and evolution of our Program of cancer support. New years are often synonymous with the making of resolutions. While daunting for some, the notion of a resolution is a perfect fit with the roots of our mission ~ empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, sustained by community ~ all in the face of cancer. A resolution, the very notion of one, conjures up words like 'action', 'intent', 'resolve', and 'plan'. All incredibly empowering words, and much in line with how we at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka are excitedly embracing this New Year as a growing and thriving cancer support community.

As an organization, we are excited to embark on a number of new projects, initiatives and partnerships, that will allow us to reach more individuals in our community and truly embrace our vision in ensuring that no one faces cancer alone. The cancer experience has evolved greatly since we first opened our doors in May 2010. In 2018, we are particularly focused on life after cancer treatments and the reality that for many, cancer is a chronic experience. With focus and intention we are excited to expand our support to see a greater reflection of the cancer experience, the entire cancer experience, in the Program of support we offer. This spring we will be hosting a cancer summit and retreat weekend; an entire weekend focused on looking at one's whole self in the face of cancer, embracing life, and tackling the challenges in living beyond a cancer diagnosis.

We will also see an expansion of programming that looks to address the incredible financial vulnerability faced by those living with a cancer diagnosis and the inconceivable financial barriers and social isolation which often result.

With hope we are taking on cancer in 2018 and we invite you to join us!

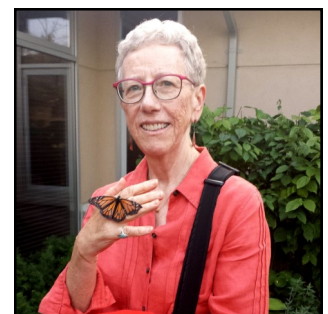
Warmest wishes of health and happiness to you in 2018.

Yours in cancer support,

Kristen Dawson
CEO & Program Director



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



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

UPCOMING GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA EVENTS

HURRY HARD!

GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA RED DOOR CURLING BONSPIEL

PRESENTED BY *Tim Hortons.*

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2018

BARRIE CURLING CLUB

OPEN BONSPIEL

1ST DRAW 8:30 AM; 2ND DRAW 10:15 AM

\$400 PER TEAM

**TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
COLLECT PLEDGES!**

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

2 SIX END GAMES

LIGHT BREAKFAST

LUNCH

PRIZES

MUSIC

SILENT AUCTION



For additional information on sponsorship and registration, please contact
Katherine Speirs, 705-726-5199 or katherine@gildasclubsm.org.

Save the DATES!

Mark these dates in your calendar for our upcoming
signature Gilda's Club events, and check out our website
for more information!

Gilda's Club Lakeside Party
Sunday, May 27th, 2018

Gilda's Club Red Door Golf Classic
Thursday, July 5th, 2018
Bear Creek Golf Club

Gilda's Club Bocce Palooza
Saturday, September 8th, 2018

Huronian Ontario CPA Charity Golf Tournament
in support of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka
Wednesday, September 12th, 2018
Barrie Country Club

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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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!

Barrie Olive Oil Co. Inc. * Barrie-Simcoe Insurance Brokers Association * Barrie Thunder Classics Car Club * Carol's Hair for You * Connect Hair Studio * Domino's Pizza * Downtown Barrie BIA * Foxes Bakery & Deli * Georgian Chevrolet Buick GMC * Glow Day Spa * Hair in Motion * High Tech Tint Plus * i.d. Hair Studio * Jiffy Lube * Jim Harris Golf Tournament * Little Love Clever Crafts * Moksha Yoga Barrie * Natural Balance Day Spa * Naturally You * Northern Protocol Inc. * Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory * Scissors Touch * South Street Burger * The Barber Pole * TLC Bistro & Café * Wild Wing Barrie

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.

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

Volunteering at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka...what does this look like? It means being a part of a dynamic cancer support community that is as unique as you need or want it to be! The contributions of our Gilda's Club Volunteers are essential to the daily life of the community, and complement the staff in areas fundamental to the functioning of the Program. Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka relies heavily on the dedication and commitment of its volunteers. Whether you would like to volunteer weekly, monthly or when you have some down time, we can match you to a volunteer role that works for you.

"There are those who open their hearts to others...who never think twice about giving of themselves. They are the wonderful warmhearted people who make all the difference in our lives." - Gilda Radner



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.

SPECIAL THANKS!

On behalf of the cancer support community of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, we wish to thank but a few of the community foundations and corporate partners who made cancer support a reality in our community through 2017. Thank you.

Amgen Canada
CIBC Children's Foundation
Eli Lilly Canada
Gore Mutual Foundation
JCS Canada Charity Fund
Lundbeck Canada
May Court Club of Barrie
Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation
Ontario Trillium Foundation
TELUS Barrie Community Board
The Albarrie Foundation
The Community Foundation of Orillia and Area

Gilda's "Courtyard of Hope" Brick Campaign



Our Gilda's Courtyard of Hope Brick Campaign is going strong with over 125 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.

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 to join, or call Anne Naumyk at 705-726-5199 x 228 to learn more!



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