

February 2020

The preservation of passion

The glow of Valentine's Day seems appropriate to recognize the love and passion for Gilda's Club that I have experienced since starting as your new Executive Director. I can say with sincerity and conviction: the staff of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka is dedicated to preserving the passion.

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka Clubhouse has seen a lot of changes in recent months. The scenery is like a blanket of snow, where a little flake of change here and another flake there have seemingly covered what we once knew. But like a blanket of snow, there is a pristine presence where we envision the magic of the coming Spring, and with our 10th Anniversary on the horizon an exciting future waits to bloom and grow.

We have much to celebrate.

And there is even more to anticipate.

Our 10th Anniversary will be built on the many successes that our members, our volunteers, and our donors have generously given to us over the last decade. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and months, answering your questions, discovering your connection, and preserving the passion that I have inherited from the rich history of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka.

Aaron Lutes
Executive Director at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka

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for our*

**OPEN
HOUSE!**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
4:30 - 6:30PM**

FEATURING:

- **MEET THE STAFF**
- **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**
- **ACTIVITIES**
- **TOUR OUR NEWLY RENOVATED NOOGIELAND AND HUB ROOMS**
- **AND MORE!**

ALL ARE WELCOME. NO RSVP REQUIRED!

From the Board of Directors

Welcome to Gilda's Club!

We are thrilled to welcome to our staff Aaron Lutes, our new Executive Director. This year we celebrate our 10th Anniversary of welcoming our community through the red door.

At Gilda's Club, members are able to find what they are looking for when they come here. Programs, support groups, workshops, lectures or just a cup of coffee or tea. Members come together in their journey and draw strength from other members sharing similar life experiences.

We wouldn't be here, 10 years later, without our many supporters.

Our members. Our volunteers. Our donors.

All have had such a huge part in the 10 years of supporting our cancer community. I know I can speak on behalf of our entire board and amazing staff and say that we are proud to be inclusive and engaged with our members, ensuring that anyone living with a cancer diagnosis gain the knowledge and support that they need, because we all know that cancer is more than chemo. Everything at Gilda's is provided FREE to our members, their family, friends and caregivers.

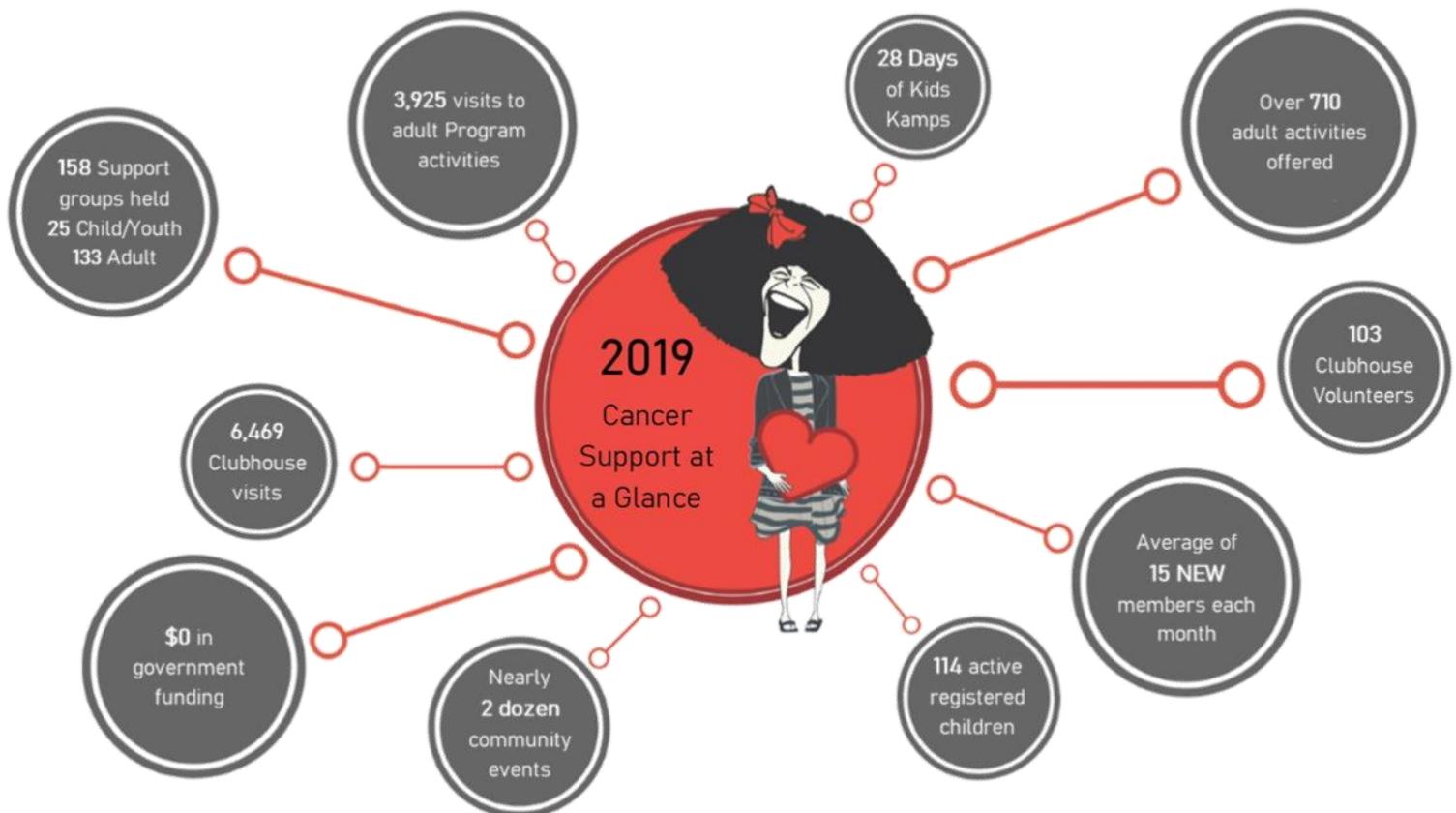
We look forward to celebrating Gilda's Club Cancer Support Community with YOU as we continue to serve those who come to us in need.

Should you or a family member or friend need our support please call us at 705-726-5199

Barbara White, Board Chair

2019 at a Glance

When you give to Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, you can rest assured you're supporting an organization that's committed to using as much of your gift as possible to furthering our mission: To ensure all people impacted by cancer are **empowered** by knowledge, **strengthened** by action, and **sustained** by community.



Upcoming Events



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A SUNDAY AFTERNOON... AT THE LAKE

Save the date
2020/05/31

Please save the date! We would be absolutely thrilled to share this special day with you.



Ways to Give

We Depend on Donors and Partners, Like You.

There are a variety of ways you can help bring Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka's free support program to those facing cancer throughout Central Ontario. Contact Aaron Lutes at aaron@gildasclubsm.org to learn more.

Beyond the Red Door Society with a gift of \$1,000 or more annually.

Gilda's Givers is a monthly donation program which helps sustainable support to continue planning and delivery of programs that meet our members' needs! As little as \$20 a month helps!

Planned Giving/Bequest & Estate giving

Fundraise on Behalf of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka - organize your own event.

Sponsor a Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka event. We are hosting several events this year, including a special 10th Anniversary event on September 12, 2020!

Employer Giving / Corporate Match Programs!

Donate Good & Services such as printing, postage or Ad space!

Interested in becoming a Volunteer? Contact Paulette to find out more!

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