

An Affiliate of the CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

Program Calendar

April, May and June 2022

Free Cancer Support for Individuals and Families



Clubhouse is now **Modified Open** for members

To ensure that **No One Faces Cancer Alone**, we offer **free**, professional-level social and emotional services as a complement to medical health care. Our evidence-based Cancer Support Program is shown to reduce cancer-related isolation and difficult emotions, and increase overall wellness for children, youth, & adults who are impacted by cancer.

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka

IN-PERSON POLICY



We are not able to offer any exceptions, for any reason. Our virtual services remain a safe and inclusive option for you.

Participants age
12+ must show
proof of full
vaccination

All participants
must pass our
health screening
questionaire

All participants
age 4+ must wear
a mask that
covers the nose &
chin

Networking Groups

Networking Groups are a monthly meeting space to connect with other Members who share a similar diagnosis. All Networking Groups at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka are professionally facilitated by a registered Mental Health Professional.

For more details or to see our Group Guidelines, contact us or check our Website!

Metastatic Networking

The second Thursday of each month, 1:00pm - 2:30pm (April 14; May 12; June 9) VIRTUAL

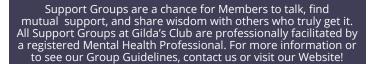
Blood Cancer Networking

The third Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm - 7:00pm (April 20; May 18; June 15) VIRTUAL

Breast Cancer Networking

The last Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm - 8:30pm (April 26; May 31; June 28) VIRTUAL

Support Groups



Circle of Life Support

This hopeful, inspiring group is sure to fill you with comfort as you connect with others who truly understand what you're going through. For Members with any late-stage and/or terminal cancer diagnosis. First and third Monday of each month VIRTUAL 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Family and Friends Support

A biweekly group for Members who are caregiving for someone with any cancer diagnosis. Express feelings, gain insights, and get support from other caregivers. First and third Monday of each month VIRTUAL 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Facing Forward Support

A biweekly group for Members who are finished treatment for any type of cancer, and are looking for new skills and strategies for life after cancer.

First and third Wednesday of each month 1:00pm - 2:30pm VIRTUAL

Living With Loss Support *EIGHT-WEEK SERIES*

Open to Members who have had a family member or friend die from cancer. Find bereavement support with others who truly "get it", learn coping strategies, and share your own grief journey.

Mondays

7:00pm - 8:15pm VIRTUAL

First session: May 2 Last session: June 27

Note there is no session on May 23

Individual Counselling

Members of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka can receive *free*, short-term counselling with a registered mental health professional. We provide counselling to:

- Members who have a cancer diagnosis
- Members who have completed cancer treatment
- Members who are caregiving for someone with a cancer diagnosis
- ◆ Members who have had a family member or friend die from cancer (grief counselling)

Sessions are available on Zoom, or in-person (limited capacity and subject to our In Person Guidelines).

Preference will be given to those who are not eligible for the Counselling and Support Services at the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre and/or their affiliated cancer centre. For more information, please contact us!



Creative Expression Classes

Classes marked with a have materials kits available for pickup at the Clubhouse. Please enquire when registering.

Sewing and Quilting

Do you enjoy sewing or quilting? Members are welcome to join this weekly group anytime between 10:00am - 3:00pm! Be you beginner or expert; join us for a lovely day of spinning a yarn or in conversation with others. Bring a project you are working on or start something new! Most materials are supplied.

Every Tuesday IN-PERSON

10:00am - 3:00pm

Note there are no sessions on April 12 and June 14

Journaling

This weekly class will highlight the benefits of journaling and feature both public and private journaling prompts. Each class will require a pen and a notebook.

Every Wednesday VIRTUAL

First Wednesday of each month: 6:30pm-7:30pm

All other Wednesday of each month:

10:00am -11:00am Note there is no session on May 11

Dynamic Drumming

Come participate in organized group drumming activities, which introduce basic drumming and performance skills.

Every Friday IN-PERSON

11:30am - 12:30pm Note there is no session on April 15

Let's Fly a Kite

Let your spirit soar as you create a decorative kite using Japanese rice paper and watercolour paints. This art workshop begins with a positive mindset brainstorming activity, which will be incorporated into your design.

Tuesday, April 12 IN-PERSON

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Step-By-Step Painting Class

Join Vivian for a guided paint lesson, no experience necessary! You will be amazed at the final result - a beautiful creation of your very own upon a piece of canvas! Open to adults and families!

Monday, April 25 VIRTUAL

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Hug a Tree

This class will focus on creating trees to enhance our landscapes. Colour mixing and brush strokes will guide you to create trees worth hugging.

Wednesday, April 27 VIRTUAL

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Make it Pop!

Spring flowers are here. Join us as we create floral images inspired by American pop artist Andy Warhol. This activity will focus on BIG images and BOLD, BRIGHT colours.

Tuesday, May 10 IN-PERSON

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Bold and Beautiful

Creating paintings with vibrant colours is the focus of this lesson. It's fun, fast with the emphasis on contrast. No experience necessary!

Wednesday, May 25 6:00pm - 7:30pm

VIRTUAL

True North Canada

It is time to celebrate Canada's birthday by admiring the diverse landscapes of our vast nation that were created by the Group of Seven artists. Participants will use a variety of textured lines and paint to create funky landscapes.

Tuesday, June 14 IN-PERSON

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Mountains and Rocks

Creating neutrals and grey's from basic primary colours helps you discover the values needed to render mountains, rocks and cliffs. Join me for this technique-filled class with the basics in colour mixing. Practice is good!

Wednesday, June 22 6:00pm - 7:30pm

VIRTUAL



Movement Classes

All movement classes are led by certified instructors, are restorative and rehabilitative in nature, and are ideal for total beginners and/or those in any stage of cancer treatment.

Hatha Yoga

Discover the beauty of yoga, calming the body... calming the mind. A gentle practice suited to those on active cancer treatment and/or those who are brand new to yoga.

Every Monday IN-PERSON

11:00am - 12:00pm

Note there are no sessions on May 23 and June 20

Chair Yoga and Meditation

Enjoy gentle movement to awaken the spine, shoulders, and hips using the support of the chair, followed by a guided meditation to decrease stress and anxiety. You will need a hard chair without arms Ex: kitchen or folding chair.

Fourth Wednesday of each month 1:00pm - 2:00pm VIRTUAL

Pilates

Focus on form and alignment. This class is ideal for all fitness levels, is easily modified for those with physical limitations, and helps promote core strength, stability, & overall wellness.

Every Thursday VIRTUAL

11:30am - 12:15pm Between May 19 - June 30

QigongYoga

An ancient Chinese practice uniting body, mind and spirit through conscious breath and gentle movement. The practice of Qigong (pronounced chee-gung) has the potential to benefit everyone, regardless of age, ability, life circumstances or belief systems.

Every Friday VIRTUAL

10:00am - 11:00am Note there is no session on April 15

NEW Movement for Arthritis FOUR-WEEK SERIES

Certain cancer treatments can be hard on joints and muscles. Wake up your joints with this arthritis-focused movement series! This 4-week series is designed to get the joints moving and body feeling invigorated.

Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:15am First session: June 7 Last session: June 28



Educational Workshops

Coping with Emotions

Please join us for this discussion on how to cope with emotions when they become too overwhelming. Using the Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT) model, you will leave this virtual workshop with new skills on how to make your emotions work for you, instead of against you! Whether you are coping with anger, guilt, sadness, anxiety, or any other painful emotion, this workshop is for you. Presented by Sara, RSW, MSW.

Tuesday, April 26 10:00am - 11:30am **VIRTUAL**

The Importance of Gut Health

We are what we eat and absorb! Please join Carol, Registered Nutritional Consulting Practitioner and Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner, for this presentation on digestion, food and how these affect our health. We will learn more about the digestive system and how to feel your best from the inside out! Members will leave with new knowledge and some food samples!

Tuesday, May 17 1:00pm - 2:30pm **IN-PERSON**

Coping With Guilt, Regret, and Self-Criticism

Learn skills for how combat self-critical thoughts and self-talk. Using some Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT), and some Self Compassion, you will leave this workshop equipped with skills to be kinder to yourself, increase motivation, and achieve overall more positive mental health. Presented by Sara, RSW, MSW.

Tuesday, June 14 10:30am - 12:00pm VIRTUAL

Mindfulness For Beginners

Come and learn about the science behind mindfulness meditation. This workshop will teach you about the benefits of practicing mindfulness techniques such as breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind, and help reduce stress. Presented by Shannon, RSW, MSW.

Thursday, June 16 6:00pm - 7:30pm

VIRTUAL

Social Activities



Member Social NEW DATE AND TIME

Join your Program Staff and fellow members as we virtually say 'hello', connect and check in. We may have to be physically distant but that does not mean that we have to be socially distant. Join us and keep connected with your Gilda's Club Community!

Second and fourth Mondays of each month VIRTUAL Note there is no session on May 23

First and third Thursdays of each month IN-PERSON 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Men With Cancer Connect

Open to male-identified Members who have a current cancer diagnosis, or are post-treatment.

A gathering of guys who are on a cancer journey and/or have been through it, where the conversation goes wherever the group chooses.

Second Thursday of each month Fourth Thursday of each month IN-PERSON 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Let's Get Quizzical: Trivia Social

This informal, fun trivia social will be sure to test your knowledge! Our light-hearted competition will have questions for everyone. Join as an individual or invite the whole household. You might just leave with the top prize: bragging rights!

Second and fourth Thursdays of each month 3:00pm - 4:00pm VIRTUAL







HOW TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES

Gilda's Club Members can now register you & your family members online! Visit your Member Portal at: https://gcsm.gnosishosting.net/Portal

Use your e-mail that you have on file with us to log in!

Kindly note you can not register for Support or Networking groups through your Portal. To register for a Support or Networking Group, email program@gildasclubsm.org

Should you require any technical assistance, e-mail or call us!



CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM



AT GILDA'S CLUB SIMCOE MUSKOKA

Support Groups

Teens Connect

Teens ages 12-17 who have/had a loved one living with cancer. Calling all youth 12-17! Teens Connect is a group where you can meet and chat with others who are touched by cancer. Each group we will explore a new topic related to cancer, emotions, coping etc. In addition to having a space where you can talk with others who "get it", you'll also be introduced to creative activities that allow you to express yourself and that promote healthy coping.

Every other Wednesday VIRTUAL

7:00pm - 8:00pm Note there is no session on May 11

Youth With Cancer Connect

Youth ages 9-13 who are living with cancer or are recently post treatment.

Youth with Cancer Connect is a weekly group where you can meet and chat with others who have/had cancer. On our calls we connect through fun games/activities and also discuss topics related to cancer.

Every other Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30pm

VIRTUAL



Kid Support Six-week series

Children ages 5-11 who have had a loved one living with cancer.

This group, just for kids, is designed to provide education, creative expression, relaxation techniques, healthy communication and socialization for children who have a family member or friend living with cancer.

Wednesdays IN-PERSON

6:00pm - 6:45pm

First session: April 20 Last session: June 1

Note there is no session on May 11

Teens Express Through Music Six-week series Teens ages 13-17.

Back by popular demand, but for teens! Join Music Therapist Kimi for a new series just for teens. This group will focus on utilizing music as a modality for selfexpression and connection.

Tuesdays IN-PERSON

4:30pm - 5:15pm

First session: April 26 Last session: May 31

Parent Support Series Six-week series

Adults who are supporting children and teens.

Check out this new and exciting support series geared towards adults supporting children and teens when there is cancer in the family, regardless of the specific connection. This new group will explore an array of topics that relate to supporting children impacted by a cancer diagnosis including those related to behaviour guidance/managing expectations, sleep, mindfulness, self-care and so much more. There will also be plenty of time to share and connect with other adults in a parenting role.

Tuesdays VIRTUAL

6:30pm - 8:00pm

First session: April 26 Last session: June 7

Note there is no session on May 3

Wellness Activities

Youth Advocacy Group Youth ages 12-17

Join us as we plan new, innovative projects like our upcoming podcast, you'll help to advocate, share your voice about your experience, raise awareness about Gilda's etc. Our calls also give you a space to connect with others and share your ideas about programs you'd like to see. From these calls you may branch off and work on your own projects and opportunities may present for you to come work on them in person.

Last Monday of each month

VIRTUAL

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Martial Arts Children ages 6-12

Join us for our monthly martial arts session with Ms. Nicole where you'll have the opportunity to engage in this fun movement class that serves as an excellent physical outlet.

Monday, April 11; May 9; June 6 IN-PEI 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Kids Mindfulness Series Children ages 4-10

Check out our monthly program designed to create a space where children can engage in a fun and playful activity that promotes the practice of mindfulness.

Wednesday, April 13; June 8 Thursday, May 19 4:30pm - 5:00pm

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Teen Social Teens ages 13-17

Come out for an evening of fun with friends and food! Each teen night will have a specific theme with activities to fit

Friday, April 8; May 13; June 3 IN-PERSON/OFFSITE 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Kids in the Kitchen Children ages 6-12

Join us for a Saturday morning of fun in the kitchen with Jocelyn and Lisa. Lisa will be guiding the group through cooking delicious home-made pizza. To complement this savory creation, we will also bake a sweet treat for dessert. We will be cooking from 10-12 and welcome caregivers to join the group to enjoy the meal together from 12-1pm.

Saturday, May 7 10:00am - 1:00pm **IN-PERSON**

Dynamic Drumming Youth Edition ages 7-17

Come for the PA Day fun with our instructor Joe! This group session will serve as an introduction to rhythm through group drumming.

Friday, June 3 10:00am - 11:00am **IN-PERSON**

Worry Creatures in the Community

Families and community members with children under 12 years old. This workshop will begin with a story about worries and will follow with discussion to normalize, express, and validate worries that people can experience. We will also discuss and practice coping strategies, including decorating your very own worry creature.

Saturday, June 11 11:30am - 12:30pm



Families Connect activities are for children who are impacted by cancer, plus their family members. See description for specific age requirements.

Feelings BINGO

Families with children under 18 years old.

Join us for a classic game of BINGO with a specific theme. April's theme is all about emotions! In addition to the fun, you'll get to connect with others and have the chance at winning a prize.

Saturday, April 2 12:00pm - 12:45pm VIRTUAL

Medical Play Monday

Families with children between ages of 4-12.

Join us at the clubhouse for an opportunity to engage in medical play with our Certified Child Life Specialist Jocelyn. Children will get to have hands on experience learning about medical experiences related to cancer through both facilitated and non-directed play.

Monday, April 4; May 2; June 13 IN-PERSON 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Family Scrapbooking Series

Families with children under 18 years old.

Join us to work on your very own scrapbook! It could be a creative piece to resemble your family, your experience with cancer, the major milestones in your life, or to honour a family member or friend who has died from cancer. We have the supplies-all we need is you and your creative ideas....and any sentimental photos/items of yours you'd like! The following times are set up for you and your children/teens to come by the clubhouse to create. This is drop in as you are not required to attend all sessions or for the full length of time, but registration is required each week, so we know to expect you.

Tuesday, April 5; April 19 Wednesday, April 13; April 27 Tuesday, May 3; May 17 Wednesday, May 25 5:00pm - 7:00pm IN-PERSON IN-PERSON IN-PERSON IN-PERSON

Gilda's Story Time

Families with children under 10 years old.

Cozy up and join us for a story. Each story selected relates to a topic/theme that can be connected to one's experience when they are touched by Cancer. In addition to listening along to a good read we will engage in a discussion and do a hands-on activity that relates to the book and aims to normalize/validate experiences while also support coping, self-expression, and understanding.

Tuesday, April 5; Wednesday, April 20 VIRTUAL Wednesday, May 4; Wednesday, May 18 VIRTUAL Monday, June 6; Thursday, June 23 VIRTUAL 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Family Games Night

Families with children under 18 years old.

Join us at the clubhouse for an evening of pizza, connection, and some friendly competition as you play some classic games with your loved ones while getting to meet new friends too.

Thursday, April 21 5:00pm - 7:00pm

IN-PERSON

Preschool Play Time

Families with children under 5 years old.

Are you eager for your little ones to engage in some fun while also having the chance to make new friends in a small group setting? Join us for designated drop in playtime during any of the below times/dates. An adult caregiver is required to be in the building but is welcome to enjoy a break while Jocelyn engages in play-based activities with the kids.

Registration is required 24 hours in advance. Note that this session will be capped at a maximum of 5 children to keep numbers small.

Tuesday, April 12; April 19; April 26 IN-PERSON

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday, May 9; May 16; May 30 IN-PERSON

10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, June 2; June 16; June 23 IN-PERSON

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Spring Sculpture

Families with children under 18 years old.

This art workshop will explore spring themes while working with various sculpting mediums. Creations will also be painted and mounted for a lovely finished work of art.

Wednesday, May 4 6:30pm - 8:00pm

IN-PERSON

Family Print Making

Families with children under 18 years old.

This fun filled program introduces the basics of printmaking and exploration of colour Using brayers and multiple inks. Participants will create through use of texture, colour, and composition. Prepare to get messy!

Wednesday, June 15 IN-PERSON 6:30pm - 8:00pm

TelePlay Project Sunshine



We are so eager to partner with Project Sunshine to offer fun- virtual diversional activities for children and teens over zoom! Activities are primarily hosted by Project Sunshine volunteers and require a separate registration process. Details for each activity are shared a week prior. Keep your eyes out for these exciting activities!

Dates to be shared via link on our website VIRTUAL

Individual Services for Children & Teens: Child Life Sessions at Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka

Individual Child Life Sessions provide **developmentally appropriate education** about cancer, treatment, and medical experiences;

Help children & teens **learn about medical experiences** they or their loved ones may experience;

Use **play and expressive activities** to help children and teens learn about, and develop, healthy coping strategies and express feelings;

Provide **guidance and support** to adults supporting children with information-sharing, talking about cancer, coping, etc.

Interested in individual services for your child who is impacted by cancer?
E-mail Jocelyn@gildasclubsm.org



May

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June



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