



Gilda's Club Kansas City Fact Sheet

Overview and Background

- Gilda's Club Kansas City is a unique community providing social and emotional support for people of all ages living with all types of cancer, along with their family and friends—from early diagnosis to post treatment and beyond.
- Gilda's Club provides a warm and welcoming, home-like setting where anyone impacted by cancer can share experiences, find support and learn how to live well with cancer.
- Gilda's Club is named for comedienne Gilda Radner (best known for her work on NBC's "Saturday Night Live") who died from ovarian cancer in 1989. Her husband, Gene Wilder, and her cancer therapist, Joanna Bull, founded Gilda's Club in 1995 in New York, N.Y.

Programming

- In 2007, the Institute of Medicine published a report stating that to effectively treat cancer, healthcare providers must connect patients and their families to psychosocial health services such as those offered at Gilda's Club.
- Programs are made possible by unrestricted gifts for general operations. These create the flexibility for Gilda's Club to carry out its mission: to ensure all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community.
- Gilda's Club offers various programs for people living with cancer, their families and caring friends such as:
 - Weekly adult support groups
 - "Noogieland" supportive play for children impacted by cancer
 - Monthly networking groups that focus on post treatment, breast cancer, young survivors and more
 - Customized membership plan session for one-on-one support
 - Lectures featuring easy-to-digest information
 - Healthy lifestyle workshops including nutrition, cooking classes, body movement and meditation
 - Community-focused social events such as pot lucks, improv classes and art workshops

Membership and Participation

- All programs, events, activities and memberships are completely *free of charge*.
- Anyone impacted by cancer is welcome to participate in as many programs and events as they wish.
- Gilda's Club offers regularly scheduled, Gilda's 101 introductory meetings for those wondering where to begin.

Support

- Gilda's Club is an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community, an international nonprofit dedicated to providing support, education and hope to those impacted by cancer through community-based centers, hospitals, oncology practices and online services.
- Gilda's Club is supported through direct and in-kind donations by individuals, corporate sponsors, foundations and volunteers. All funds raised in Kansas City are used for local programming.
- Gilda's Club Kansas City is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and all donations are tax-deductable.

To make a safe and secure credit card donation, visit www.GildasClubKC.org or contact **Gail Nichols** at **816-531-5444** or gail@gildasclubkc.org.