

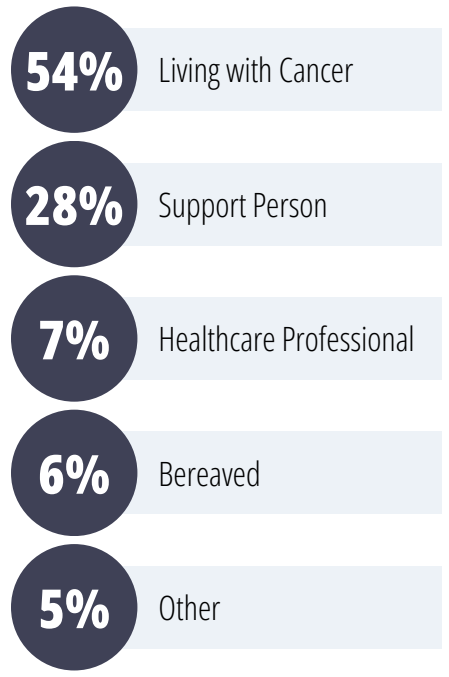


GILDA'S CLUB CHICAGO
 An Affiliate of the
 CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

IMPACT REPORT 2024

Community is Stronger Than Cancer

We have seen firsthand the power of connecting individuals and families who are navigating the challenges of a cancer diagnosis. Through our **free** programs and services, we provide a safe and welcoming space where people can come together, share their stories, and find support from others who truly understand.

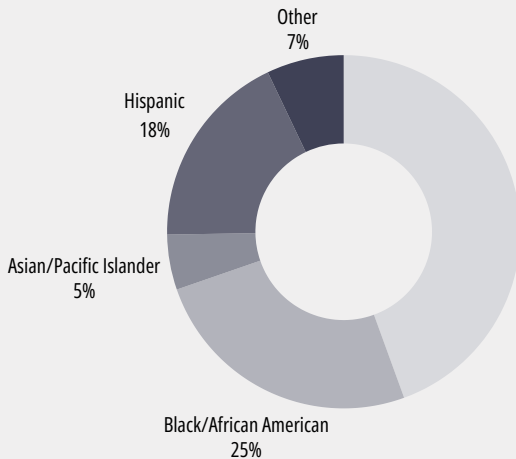


Our Community

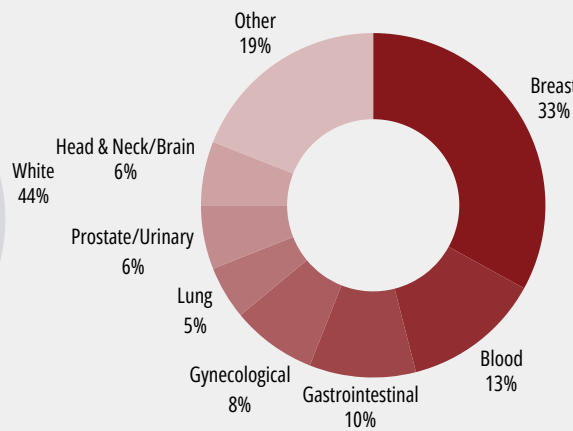
The Gilda's Club Chicago community is as unique as the city we call home. By collaborating with local hospitals (Advocate Health Care, Northwestern Medicine, Mount Sinai, Lurie Children's, and Ascension), faith communities, local nonprofits, and Blue Door Neighborhood Centers, Gilda's Club Chicago's programs reach diverse communities across Chicagoland.

We know cancer doesn't discriminate, so Gilda's Club is for **EVERYONE** impacted by cancer across gender identity, age, ethnicity, cancer type, and religious belief.

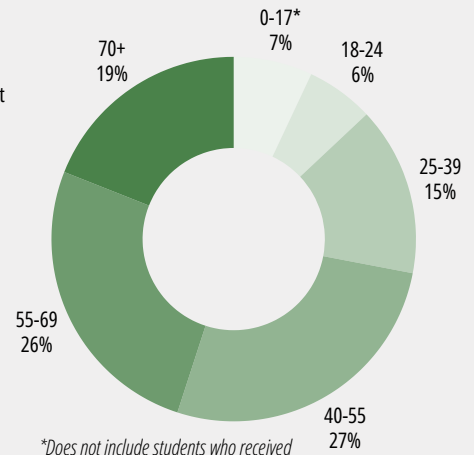
RACE/ETHNICITY



CANCER TYPE



AGE



The Power of Gilda's Club Chicago

The benefits of our programs are profound. Gilda's Club Chicago uplifts and strengthens people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care. From our main Clubhouse, our partner hospital sites, and community and faith centers to our virtual Clubhouse and website that can be accessed 24/7, we provide a wide range of support services, including counseling, educational workshops, support groups, and social activities.

95%

would recommend
Gilda's Club Chicago

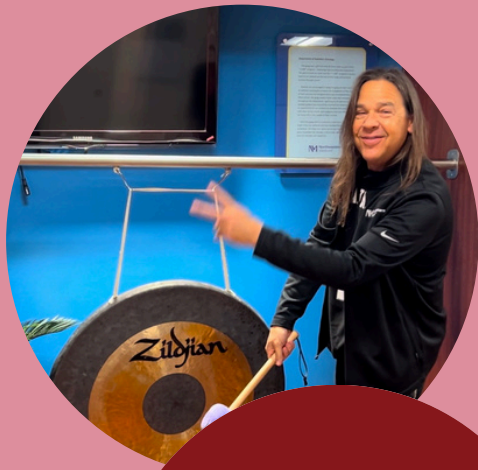


Being an introvert, I felt welcomed and included from the very first day I joined Stitchcraft with Sophie. When I became part of the Young Adult monthly group, I knew I had found people I could connect with when I needed support. The outings I was able to be a part of are memories I will cherish forever. Gilda's Club Chicago has made me feel like I have a community behind me, and I will always be grateful for that Red Door.

Amalia

96%

Agree they **benefitted** from their
Gilda's Club Chicago **experience**



I couldn't be happier that I became a member of Gilda's Club at the moment I learned that I had cancer. It has been such a welcoming experience (that I wish I never had!) into a community with the same compassion and goals as myself. The staff and guest lecturers have been wonderful and it always feels like a warm hug when I go through the Red Door on Wells Street. I hope everyone affected by cancer has the knowledge of Gilda's Club so that this wonderful group of people can share their experiences and help each other; if nothing else but just by helping to not go through this alone.

Greg

86%

Agree they feel **more connected** with a **community of others** with the same issues.

Top 3 changes made by community members after attending Gilda's Club Chicago programs:

1 Developed **new friendships** & built **community**

2 Increased practice of **stress reduction activities**.

3 Increased time **exercising**.

91%

Agreed their **quality of life improved**

Gilda's Club was a continual source of strength for my husband, Raymond, who lived with cancer for 8 years and regularly participated in the cancer support group that is expertly facilitated. Raymond's cancer support group shared important stories and resources and lovingly attended his memorial. I am extremely grateful!

Margery



The Team

The Gilda's Club Chicago team is comprised of 15 full-time compassionate and caring humans and 1 very good therapy dog, plus 40 contracted facilitators who help carry out our more than 250 monthly activities. This small but mighty team ensures our community is safe and welcoming to everyone in the Chicagoland area who has been impacted by cancer.

SUPPORT | HOPE | STRENGTH

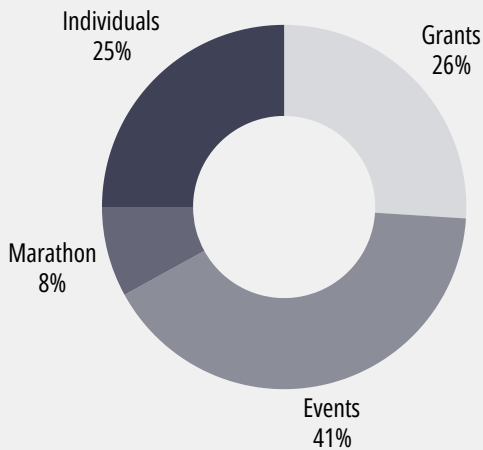
Together, we are stronger than cancer.



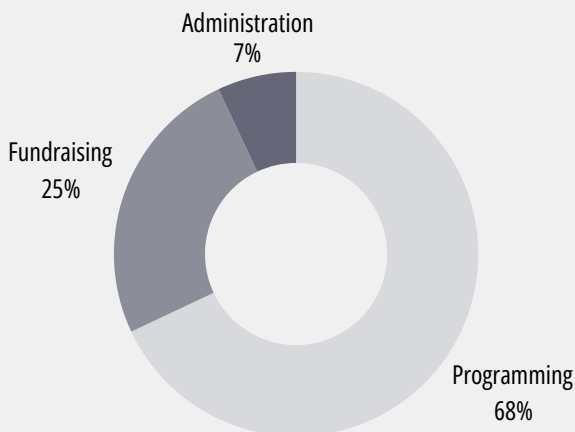
Every donation reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that no one faces cancer alone. Gilda's Club Chicago is entirely privately funded, with every contribution coming from generous supporters like you. We depend on the compassion of our community to keep our programs free for everyone impacted by cancer.

We are deeply grateful for the individuals who donate, the dedication of our Governing and Associate Boards in driving our mission forward, the Team Gilda runners who fundraise through their passion for running, the Foundations that provide essential grant funding, the businesses that collaborate with us through Third Party Events, and everyone who attends or volunteers on committees for our events throughout the year. There are countless ways to give—and even more people to support.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Gilda Radner Legacy Society

Legacy giving has always been a vital part of Gilda's Club Chicago, and we are proud to introduce the Gilda Radner Legacy Society—honoring those who have made a lasting commitment by including GCC in their estate plans. We are deeply grateful to those who have chosen to support our mission in this meaningful way.

"Having been directly impacted by cancer diagnoses for our parents and close friends, we have a passion for Gilda's Club and the welcoming community and support that the organization provides. Supporting the Gilda Radner Legacy Society is one way we can help to ensure the organization can continue to provide the services that are core to the mission of Gilda's Club Chicago."



Bill & Julie
Gilda Radner Legacy Society Members

Running with Team Gilda



The memory most engrained in my heart will be Caitlin, Karen and all of Team Gilda at mile 13 cheering us on. For a moment on that course, I was not alone. I had my Gilda family with me, reminding me that we show up for one another in difficult times. It is a love unlike any other.

It's not just a charity bib... It's Hope. It's Love. It's Family.

Lily Chicago Marathon
Team Gilda member

In 2024, **82** members of Team Gilda ran the Shamrock Shuffle, Cinco de Miler & Chicago Marathon to raise funds for GCC.