“Cancer is probably the most unfunny thing in the world, but I am a comedian, and even cancer couldn’t stop me from seeing the humor in what I went through.”

~Gilda Radner

Gene Wilder, Gilda Radner, and their dog, Sparkle

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Dear Friends of Gilda’s Club Kansas City,

I am proud to report an unprecedented year of growth for Gilda’s Club Kansas City in 2019. We served more than 2,084 cancer patients and their families at our Clubhouse location and at our hospital and community partners throughout the Greater Kansas City area.

It has been your generosity and commitment to our mission that has fueled this impressive growth. Your support has allowed us to serve more people in a meaningful way, introduce new services that enrich our cancer support program, and expand our reach into communities of color.

Through community support, we have been able to offer educational workshops, healthy lifestyle classes, short-term counseling and support groups, and resource and referral services to men, women, and children ages 4 and above. We believe that no one should face cancer alone – whether diagnosed, a caregiver, a family member, or someone who lost a loved one to cancer. Our welcoming community is available to anyone from any health system impacted by cancer, 100% free of charge.

When I think of the generosity we receive from our community to support those with a cancer impact, I always think of one of Gilda Radner’s quotes. “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 of the difference in our lives.”

You have my sincere gratitude, too, for making such a difference!

Siobhan McLaughlin Lesley
Executive Director

OUR VISION
So that no one faces cancer alone.

OUR MISSION
To ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

2019 PROGRAM RESULTS

- 99% reported having more access to information about cancer, treatment, and side effect management.
- 98% reported feeling more connected with others who share similar experiences.
- 99% reported having better communication with their family and/or friends.
- 97% reported feeling more empowered to manage their diagnosis successfully (or that of a loved one).
- 94% reported feeling more prepared to discuss cancer with their medical providers.
- 98% are satisfied overall with the GCKC program.

CancerSupportSource (CSS) our distress screening tool, is used when members first visit us and again six months after program participation to gauge distress. While individual data is confidential, in aggregate, our patient population reported distress decreased 2.02 points (on a 0-4 point scale, with 0 representing "no distress" and 4 representing "very seriously distressed") during 2019.

What our participants have to say about our program is probably the best outcome. Andy shares, “Over time, Gilda’s Club offered several education seminars, which I lapped up to learn as much as possible about my cancer and related legal, medical, and financial issues. They featured experts in the field, helping us in every way possible. I was getting no such information from my medical providers. With the help of Gilda’s Club I became my own case manager!”
YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

2019 REVENUE

- Contributions and Grants: 48%
- Special Events: 29%
- In-Kind: 13%
- Underwriting: 10%
- Interest + Income: 0%

Total Revenue: $646,167

2019 EXPENSES

- Program Services: 77%
- Fundraising: 15%
- General and Administration: 8%

Total Expenses: $555,640

BECAUSE OF YOU IN 2019

- 2,084 People Served
- 221 Educational Workshops and Healthy Lifestyle Classes
- 1,060 Volunteer Hours
- 1,443 Counseling and Resource Referral Sessions
- 6,094 Visits
- 269 Support Group Sessions
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“It’s the action, not the fruit of the action, that’s important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there’ll be any fruit. But that doesn’t mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.”

– Mahatma Gandhi

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For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”
– Margaret Mead

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