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Impact Report

2024



About Gilda's Club



Our Mission

Uplift and strengthen people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking down barriers to care.

Our Impact Statement

To become a community for all Minnesotans impacted by cancer. A place to gather, connect, and learn – how and when they want – regardless of location, status, and background.

Our Values

- We believe in serving our community with integrity, acceptance, and trust.
- We collectively and intentionally nurture meaningful relationships.
- We embrace laughter, tears, joy, and fear.
- We value self-care, curiosity, and the opportunity for growth.

Gilda Radner's Legacy

Following her own cancer diagnosis, former Saturday Night Live comedian Gilda Radner quipped, "Cancer gave me membership in an elite club I'd rather not belong to."

Today that club is Gilda's Club. From the very first Gilda's Club in New York City founded in 1995, to today's network of more than 40 independent and locally-funded affiliates, Gilda's Club is where membership means connecting with people who truly understand. Gilda's Club Minnesota is proud to be part of the worldwide Cancer Support Community (CSC).



Gilda Radner

A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the impact Gilda's Club made in 2024, we are proud to share how your support helped us meet a truly transformative year with strength, purpose, and heart. 2024 marked our 10th anniversary—a decade of walking alongside those facing cancer with compassion and connection. It was also the year we expanded from Gilda's Club Twin Cities to Gilda's Club Minnesota, growing our mission to serve individuals and families across the entire state.

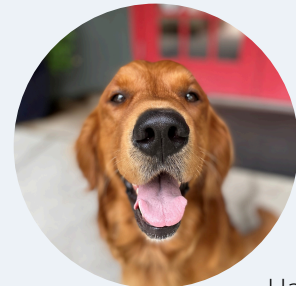
With cancer now the leading cause of death in Minnesota, the need for psychosocial support has never been greater. Thanks to you—our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and committed partners—we are meeting that need head-on. Through professionally led support groups, educational workshops, and mind-body wellness offerings, we are providing free, evidence-based support to those impacted by cancer across Minnesota.

Together, we are building a statewide community of hope, resilience, and belonging.

With gratitude,



Katherine Todd
Executive Director
Gilda's Club Minnesota



Hank

P.S. In 2024, we also welcomed Hank, our rescued first ever full-time clubhouse dog. As an emotional support animal, Hank plays a vital role in our healing environment. Research continues to affirm the therapeutic power of dogs—lowering stress, reducing isolation, and improving emotional well-being. His presence brings warmth and connection to members of all ages, and we're so glad he's part of the Gilda's family!

Membership & Program Engagement

4,573

Support Group
Visits

2,026

Healthy Lifestyle
Visits

939

Social Visits

218

Education
Session Visits

8,161 total visits

828 Active Members

456 New Members

Innovating Access, Empowering Lives: Partnering for a Healthier Minnesota

At Gilda's Club Minnesota, collaboration fuels innovation and hope.

This year, our partnerships with Doctors of Nursing Practice (DNP) students have led to real, measurable improvements in how we welcome and support new members. Through process redesigns and technology-driven onboarding tools, we're creating a more seamless, supportive entry point for individuals and families facing cancer, especially those in underserved communities.

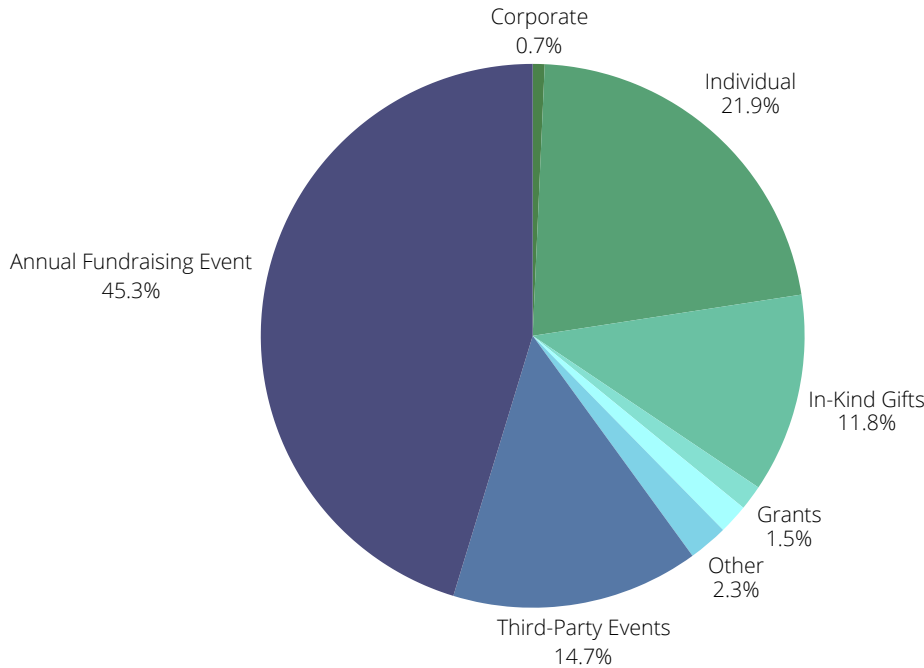
We're also proud to continue our groundbreaking research collaborations with the University of Minnesota, focused on understanding and addressing the unique needs of rural Minnesotans impacted by cancer. These efforts are helping us build more inclusive, responsive programming that transcends geography and breaks down barriers to care.

A key innovation this year: piloting a new mobile app to connect cancer patients directly with Gilda's Club resources and other support networks. By putting emotional, educational, and social support in the palm of a hand, we're ensuring that no one faces cancer alone—no matter where they live.

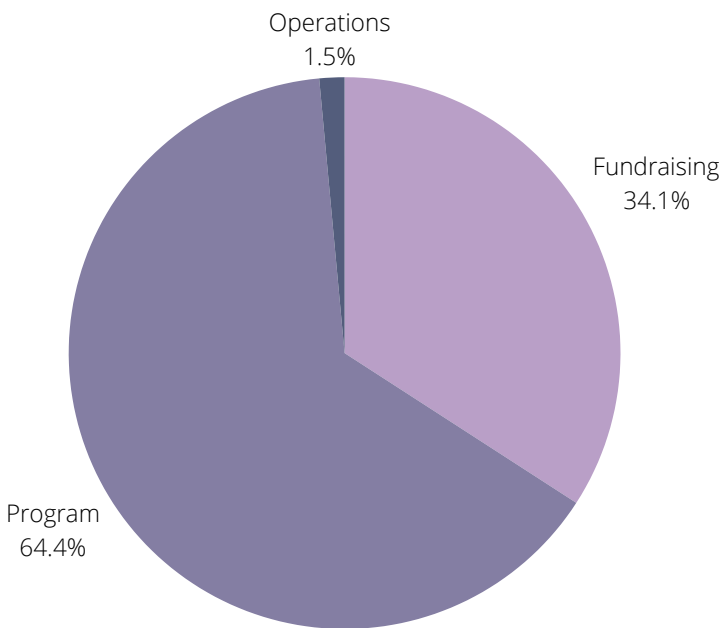
Together with our academic and clinical partners, we're not just delivering support—we're shaping the future of how it's accessed, delivered, and experienced.

Financials

**Graphs below prepared from preliminary financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024.*



Operating Income



Expenses

Gilda's Club is 100% funded by the community.

In 2024, Gilda's Club Twin Cities raised \$1,077,474 through community support from individuals, corporations, institutions, foundations, and civic organizations to sustain our vision that no one should face cancer alone.

The Heart of Our Community

How Volunteerism Sustains Healing and Hope

Creating a Circle of Welcome

From the moment someone arrives—through our red doors or via a screen—volunteers extend warmth and empathy. They're the friendly faces who guide newcomers, the compassionate listeners in social opportunities, and the confident instructors in movement, art, and healthy-living classes. Each interaction reminds members they are seen, heard, and never alone.

Lifting the Invisible Load

Behind every moment of care is a network of volunteers handling essential tasks: following up with new members, managing logistics, preparing materials, and keeping our systems running smoothly. Board and committee volunteers lend their strategic vision, ensuring every program is meaningful today and poised to grow tomorrow.

Nurturing Moments That Matter

Volunteers spark breakthroughs: a caregiver rediscovering calm through guided breathwork; a young member lighting up in a creative workshop; a friend finding hope in a circle of shared stories. Their time and expertise turn each gathering into a catalyst for healing and resilience.

Fueling the Future of Belonging

Whether planning milestone events like our 10th Anniversary Gala and Walk for Gilda's or tabling at community events, volunteers power every step of our mission. By sharing their talents and passion, they help build a stronger, more connected community—one where no one faces cancer alone.

Volunteer Impact



*hours were generously given by **131** dedicated volunteers—each hour a gift of compassion, care, and connection.*

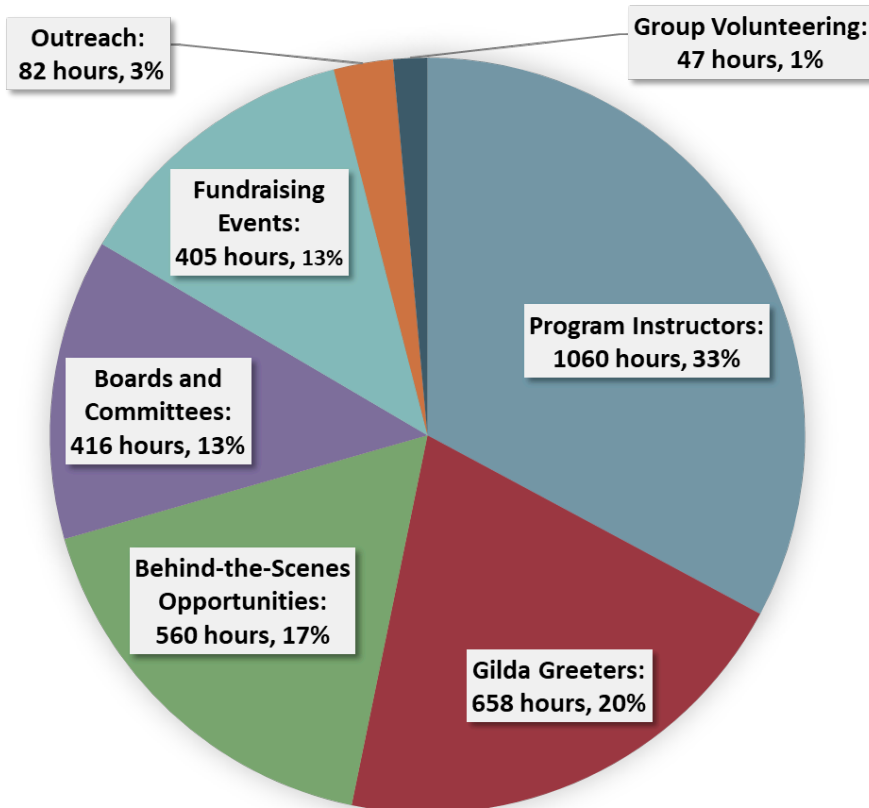


*instructors shared their time and expertise to lead **28** unique programs that inspired, empowered, and uplifted our community.*



*greeters gave **637** hours to warmly welcome every member who walked through our doors—creating a space where no one feels alone.*

2024 Volunteer Contributions by Category



of volunteer hours directly fuel our programs, bringing connection, comfort, and support to those facing cancer.