



# 2017 Annual Report



***Gilda's Club Twin Cities mission is to ensure all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community.***

# Celebrating Four Years of Innovative Cancer Support

Dear Friends,

April 23, 2018 marks the 4th anniversary of opening Gilda's Club in the Twin Cities. The 2014 grand opening was the culmination of many years of planning, fundraising and imagining a place where no one faces cancer alone. We were brand new to the Twin Cities, heralding a message of social and emotional support and its importance to comprehensive cancer care.

Today we know our innovative free program of support addresses the ripple effect of a cancer diagnosis, including not only the person living with cancer but families, friends, caregivers and co-workers – everyone whose lives are impacted by cancer. We also know our program is proven with more than 30,000 visits made to our Clubhouse to date. The Twin Cities community continues to see our value and invest in the welfare of our members—the individuals who are the recipients of our work.

We continue to dream big and make our presence known in the Twin Cities. To enhance the member experience, we are listening to their needs and responding with new program offerings and technologies. We continue to educate our community on the importance of social and emotional care as a critical component of comprehensive medical care, and are proud to partner with organizations that understand and embrace working together for the benefit of all who are touched by cancer.

From our early dedicated advocates who helped open our clubhouse, to the members who so bravely walked through our red clubhouse doors and from the long-time donors and newly engaged supporters, we wouldn't be here without you. As we grow and innovate, we recognize that we must do this in partnership with you—and our entire community.

Thank you helping us navigate the early years of Gilda's Club Twin Cities, growing with us and investing in a future where no one faces cancer alone.

Sincerely,



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*Executive Director*  
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## About

Gilda's Club Twin Cities (GCTC) is a nonprofit cancer support community located in Minnetonka, Minnesota. GCTC serves anyone who has been touched by cancer – men, women and children, and their families and friends – at any stage of the cancer experience. GCTC's comprehensive program of support, education, healthy lifestyle, information and referral services and social opportunities is an essential supplement to medical care – all at no cost.

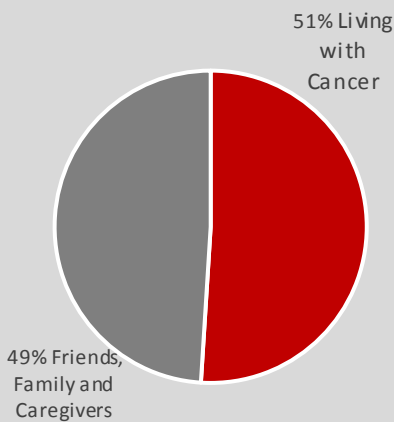
Named after comedian Gilda Radner who died of cancer in 1989, the first clubhouse was opened in New York City in 1995 by her family and friends. GCTC is an independent affiliate of the Cancer Support Community.

Since 2014 Gilda's Club Twin Cities has served over 3,000 individuals impacted by more than 50 types of cancer, and in that time has experienced more than 30,000 program visits.

## Who we serve

Cancer Circumstances:

- Living with Cancer
- Post-treatment
- Young adult
- Family, friends and caregivers
- Living with Loss
- Teens and Children
- Any type of cancer, at any stage of cancer



## What our members say

**84%**

Have increased quality of life due to attending programs at GCTC



**87%**

Feel less isolated and more connected because they are a part of the community at GCTC



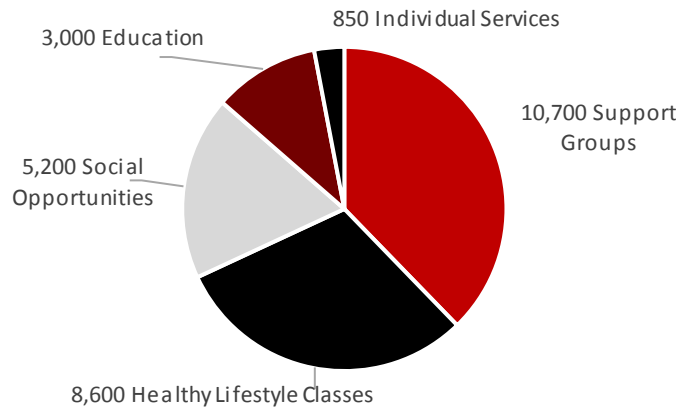
**97%**

Would recommend GCTC to a friend or colleague



## By the Numbers

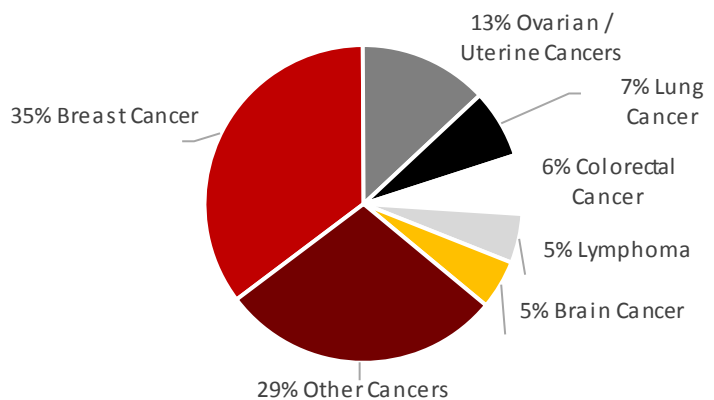
**30,000+** Program Visits Since Open



**120+** Free Program Activities Each Month



**50+** Types of Cancer Served



"I like that I am able to talk about cancer in a normal tone of voice with other people who are going through, or have gone through, something similar. At Gilda's, I don't have to be careful about making others upset or minimizing my feelings to make people around me more comfortable with my diagnosis. It's very freeing and I feel relieved and lighter."

-Kate



# Statement of Activities

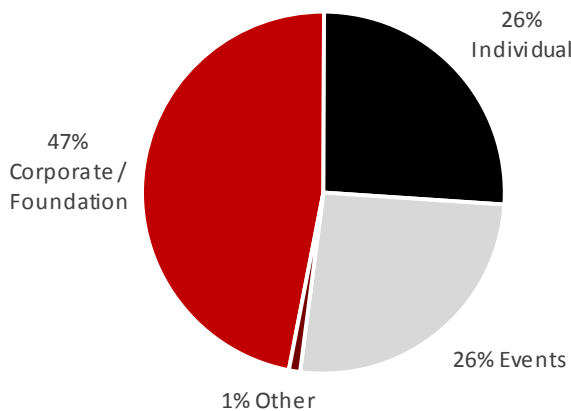
For the Year Ending on December 31, 2017\*

Gilda's Club Twin Cities was built by the community, for the community and is sustained by the community. All programs are completely FREE. This free program of support would not be possible without the generous support of Twin Cities corporations, foundations, and individuals through direct donations and support of GCTC fundraising events.

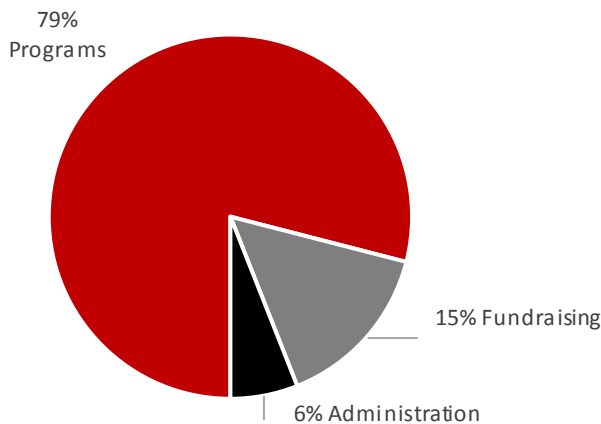
## Budget

**\$853,759** 2017 Operating Budget    **100%** Privately Funded

## Sources of Revenue



## Expenses



\*2017 Financials are preliminary and not yet audited



## About us

Gilda's Club Twin Cities (GCTC) is an independent affiliate of the Cancer Support Community (CSC), a worldwide network of more than 45 Gilda's Clubs, Cancer Support Communities, and 100+ hospital partnerships. Each clubhouse is an independent nonprofit committed to ensuring that no one faces cancer alone.



GCTC is open to anyone impacted by any type of cancer: men, women, children, teens, those with a diagnosis as well as caregivers, families and friends. All services are provided free of charge and made possible by the generous support of the Twin Cities community.



GCTC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our Federal Tax ID number is 20-4265823. Contributions to GCTC are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed under IRS regulations.

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