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SEPTEMBER 2025 ACTIVITY CALENDAR



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**Cancer Support Community, along with Gilda's Club partners
uplift and strengthen people impacted by cancer by providing
support, fostering compassionate communities, and breaking
down barriers to care.**

As a Cancer Support Community affiliate, we are part of the largest employer of psychosocial oncology mental health professionals in the United States. Our global network brings the highest quality cancer support to the millions of people touched by cancer.

Gilda's Club Davenport

1351 West Central Park Avenue, Suite 200

Davenport, IA 52804

Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fridays 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Saturday/Sunday—Closed

Gilda's Club Moline

600 John Deere Road, Suite 101

Moline, IL 61265

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fridays by appointment only, Saturday/Sunday—Closed

Gilda's Club Clinton

By Appointment Only | MercyOne Medical Center and
Radiation Oncology Center 1410 N 4th St, Clinton, IA 52732



**CANCER SUPPORT
COMMUNITY**
IOWA & NW ILLINOIS
AT GILDA'S CLUB

**September is
gynecological,
ovarian, prostate,
thyroid, leukemia,
lymphoma, and
childhood cancer
awareness month!**

September Educational Workshops

Education and Employment for Young Adults Living With Cancer Workshop: This workshop was created for young adults aged 18-45 years who are living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis. The workshop is designed to provide young adults impacted by cancer with the information, resources, and support to navigate education and employment. Key Workshop Objectives include:

- Help young adults impacted by cancer navigate transitions in education and employment.
- Build confidence, access resources, and connect with other young adults facing similar challenges.

Speaker: Chantal Dreyer, LMSW, OSW-C

Made possible through generous support from: Merck and Cancer Support Community

Preparing for the Future: Power of Attorney and Estate Planning: This presentation on future planning is designed to empower individuals to take proactive steps to ensure their wishes are honored when they are no longer able to communicate them. It will provide insightful explanations of how powers of attorney (POAs) and wills function, emphasizing their importance and the benefits of having these essential documents in place.

Featured Speaker: Chiquita White, Senior Community Resource Specialist at Prairie State Legal Services

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Other Special Programs

Reclaim Your Strength: Cancer Exercise Class: This exercise class is designed for cancer survivors seeking to improve their balance, build strength, and achieve personal health goals. Join us to take positive steps towards a healthier, more active life after cancer.

Teen Art Connect: Connect with other teens 12 & older who have been impacted by cancer while creating art! Bonus: snacks and refreshments will be provided! September's Group: Painted Rocks

Snack & Chat Teen Support: Connect with other teens ages 12 and older who have been impacted by cancer. This group is a safe space to freely express emotions and thoughts about how cancer is affecting you (either because of a personal diagnosis or that of a caregiver or loved one). By incorporating fun activities like art and games, you will learn new coping skills for managing your emotions. Plus, there are always snacks!

Kid & Caregiver Support (4 week group): Kid + Caregiver Support is a 4 week series that focuses on cancer education, identifying emotions, and coping skills. This program is open to kids ages 6-12 and their caregiver(s) who are impacted by cancer. The caregiver can be a parent or support person, and can be the one with the diagnosis or a support person. The goal of this series to reduce anxiety and to increase communication about cancer between the child and their caregiver(s).

Family Fun Night: Whether you participated in Camp Hope this summer, or are just interested in connecting with other families impacted by cancer, join us for a night of supportive and social activities. Families of all ages are welcome. Make a glitter jar, play games, eat dinner, and visit with therapy dogs!

Creative Session: Gelli Printing and Collage: Gelli printing, also known as gel plate printing, is a type of printmaking that uses a soft, flexible gel plate to create unique, one-of-a-kind prints. This session will include one hour of creating prints with gelli plates and one hour of using our prints to create a collage art piece.

Mindful Moments with Sound Healing: Join us for a 1-hour class that includes breathing and connecting with the body featuring soothing sounds.

Game Night at Gilda's: Join volunteer Sujay for a game session!

New Coffee & Canines Offering: Join us after chair yoga on Monday, September 15th, to meet our newest canine friend, Breeze, a 1.5-year-old standard poodle, and her human handler, Kristen!

EmbodyHer Body Image Workshop: Welcome to EmbodyHer, a mindfulness art-based workshop that encourages recognition and internal healing within our bodies through meditation, dialogue, and simple drawing. **Featuring:** Viminda Shafer, Community Relations and Development Coordinator at the Project of the Quad Cities

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Anyone impacted by cancer is eligible to participate in our services. It's free and easy to join:

1

Call 563-326-7504 or complete a participant form online at csciowaillinois.org/become-a-participant/

2

Attend a Welcome Meeting (in-person, virtual, or on-demand) and complete the CancerSupportSource™ (CSS) on site or online.

3

Join us for any support group, program, or activity!

Welcome Meeting: Required for all new participants to attend. One-time meeting to learn more about what CSCIAIL offers and sign up for programs. Please call 563-326-7504 to schedule or see calendar for dates/times and sign up online.

NEW: In addition to in-person and live virtual Welcome Meetings, we now offer an on-demand video version of our Welcome Meeting. If interested in watching the video and getting involved, scan the QR code here to visit our Get Started page with links to the video and required Google Form to fill out after watching.



Pre-Registration: Please register for activities you want to attend and cancel if you change your mind. Activities may be cancelled if we do not have enough people signed up, so please call ahead of time if you have not reserved a spot.

When you (or your kids) are sick: Please be considerate and stay home until you feel better if you have a contagious illness, as this puts those with compromised immune systems at risk.

Weather: If the weather is bad, please call ahead of time or check our Facebook page to see if the scheduled activity is still being held. Generally, we will follow suit with the community schools.

Cancer Transitions Survivorship Retreat: 9/26 9am-4pm

Join us at Gilda's Club Moline for a retreat for anyone who finished their cancer treatment in the past two years. We will talk about getting back to wellness, emotional health, eating well, staying active, and managing your medical health.



Breakfast, lunch, and a yoga session included.
RSVP Required.

Made possible with funds from UnityPoint Health – Trinity.

FUNDRAISING CORNER

All dollars raised stays right here in the Quad City community.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

How We're Funded & How You Can Help

Our programs are made possible through the generosity of our community —grants, fundraising events, and donations from individuals and organizations who believe in our mission. While our services will always remain free of charge, we welcome support from those who feel inspired to give.

Even a small monthly donation helps sustain our work and ensures that anyone impacted by cancer can continue to access the care and connection they deserve. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference.

Double your Impact with a Blood Donation!

25% of blood donations go to cancer patients

Now when you donate blood with ImpactLife you can Double the impact by donating your rewards to support the free services CSC at Gilda's Club offers to those living with cancer. We will be hosting a in person blood drive on October 28th but you can donate anytime in October or throughout the year to double your impact.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

NEW: Mississippi Valley Dragon Boat Festival

September 20th | West Lake, Davenport, IA

The Dragon Boat Festival will feature thrilling dragon boat races, delicious food and refreshments, live entertainment, and plenty of family-friendly activities. It's an opportunity for our community to come together, honor loved ones, and celebrate life.

Visit csciowaillinois.org/dragon to register!

Month of October: Paint the Town Pink

Shop for a cause with our local partners that are running point of sale promotions throughout the month. Participating businesses will be featured csciowaillinois.org

Diamonds & Divas

October 2nd | Waterfront Convention Center – Bettendorf, IA

Our most anticipated event of the year, a fun-filled ladies night out event all for a great cause, raising funds to support those in our community that are impacted by cancer.

Visit csciowaillinois.org/diva to register!

Blood Drive October 28th | Gilda's Club Davenport.



Support Groups

Please attend a Welcome Meeting before attending a support group.

Connecting Through Cancer: Support group for adults with any type of cancer diagnosis and/or survivors. Offered in-person or virtually.

Friends and Family Support Group: Support group for family and friends of those with any type of cancer diagnosis. Offered in-person or virtually.

Clinton Support Group: Anyone impacted by cancer is invited to join us at YWCA Clinton for a monthly support group.

Living with Loss: A bi-monthly grief group for anyone who has lost someone to cancer.

Advanced Cancer Support Group: A supportive group for individuals if remission is not expected in your future or you have received a terminal diagnosis. This group meets monthly in Davenport with a virtual option.

Parents of Kids with Cancer: Caregiving for a child with cancer is a unique and often isolating experience. This virtual group provides a supportive space to connect with parents and caregivers of a child or teen under the age of 24, in treatment for cancer or has completed treatment for cancer.

Prostate Cancer Support Group: Monthly support group in collaboration with Us TOO Greater Quad Cities Prostate Cancer Support Group for those diagnosed, survivors, and caregivers.

Healthy Lifestyle Activities

Walking Club: Join volunteer Aimee for a walk around the pond behind our Moline Clubhouse! Meet inside the Clubhouse.

Spice Club: Embark on an exciting journey with us, where each month introduces a new spice to discover! Engage in activities, explore flavors, and enjoy a fun-filled experience! Participants are sent with some of the spice to try at home.

Barre for Beginners: Barre is full-body, low-impact workout that combines elements of ballet, Pilates, and yoga to improve strength, flexibility, and posture.

Chair Yoga: Get Fit Where You Sit™ by adapting yoga poses to a chair.

Crochet & Knitting Club: On hold until fall.

Walk and Talk: Join others for walking and talking. Check online description for September walking location!

Nourish & Network: During the first half hour, class leader Marli will present a healthy recipe for participants to sample and discuss the nutritional benefits of its ingredients. The second half hour will be reserved for participant networking, open conversation, and connection building.

Social Events

Coffee & Canines: Join furry friends to help you relax and experience the benefits of pet therapy. Participants are invited to interact with the dogs if they choose to. Coffee optional.

Book Club: Join other participants for a book discussion. See online registration for date and book selection.

Group Dinners: Dinner will be available at Gilda's Club Davenport before Tuesday evening groups and Kids Club/Teen Time and Gilda's Club Moline on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays before groups. If you're coming to group, save your energy and time by joining us for dinner first! Please RSVP at least a day in advance! **September dinners are sponsored by Centennial Home Improvement LLC., Steel Plow, Cafe Express, Bally's and Shannon Lane.**

Survivors Social: Join other cancer thrivers for our new monthly social hour. Catch up, share tips on keeping active, eating healthy, and enjoy one another's company. Feel free to sign up for Group Dinner following the social.

Kids & Teens

Kid's Club: Supervised play for our youngest participants, ages 4-12. Play games, make crafts, and hang out with other kids and our wonderful volunteers. Teens are welcome.

Teen Art and Snack and Chat: Join other teens who are impacted by cancer, whether it's their own diagnosis, that of a loved one, or they've experienced the death of a loved one to cancer. All are welcome. See the calendar for dates!

September 2025

LOCATION KEY: **HYBRID**  MOLINE  DAVENPORT  OFFSITE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
Clubhouses Closed for Labor Day		10:30AM Walking Club 5-5:30PM Welcome Meeting 6-7PM Connecting Group + Friends & Family	6-7:30PM Living with Loss Group	
	3:30-4:30 Connecting Group (time limited) 5-6PM Welcome Meeting 5-6PM Group Dinner 6-7PM Connecting Group + Friends & Family Group 6-7PM Kids Club	2:00-2:45PM Reclaim Your Strength: Cancer Exercise Class 4:30-5:30PM Kids & Caregivers Support 1		5:30-7:30pm Family Fun Night!
			11AM-12PM Walk & Talk	
8	9	10	11	12
5:30-6:30PM Preparing for the Future: Power of Attorney and Estate Planning		5-6PM Group Dinner 6-7PM Connecting Group + Friends & Family		
1:00-1:45PM Chair Yoga	3:30-4:30 Connecting Group (time limited) 4-5PM Advanced Cancer Group 5-6PM Group Dinner 6-7PM Connecting Group + Friends & Family Group 6-7PM Kids Club	10:30-11:30AM Qigong for Well-Being 2:00-2:45PM Reclaim Your Strength: Cancer Exercise Class	4:30-5:30 Snack and Chat: Teen Social	10:30-11:30AM Spice Club
		12:00-1:00 VIRTUAL: Parents of Kids with Cancer	11AM-12PM Walk & Talk	
15	16	17	18	19
		6-7PM Connecting Group + Friends & Family	6-8PM Prostate Cancer Support Group: Featuring Doug McCollum - Stress Management & Benefits of Journaling	1-1:45PM Chair Yoga
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	1-2PM Clinton: Support Group		11AM-12PM Walk & Talk	
22	23	24	25	26
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29	30			
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