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2025 ACTIVITY CALENDAR



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

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

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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



Happy holidays from all of us at Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club!

December Educational Workshops

Introduction to Cancer Biology Workshop: Join Russ Dunn for a discussion about universal aspects of cancer in the context of how cancer cells differ from healthy cells. Russ will also talk about how cancer cells appropriate normal cellular "machinery" for their growth advantage, and provide interesting examples.

Featuring: Russ Dunn, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Master of Science in Molecular Biology

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Bright Spot: Supporting Kids Though a Parent's Diagnosis: While a cancer diagnosis may stop some people in their tracks, parents often feel like they have too much to juggle to slow down. They are parents first, and work their magic to fit-in chemo, radiation, surgery and recovery among their children's nap times, school drop-offs, and after school activities. They often worry more about their kids than themselves.

This workshop will explore the key components of what kids and teens need when a parent has cancer. It will address how to talk with children of all ages, effective coping techniques to help them process their big questions and feelings, and valuable resources to help them feel supported.

Featuring: Carissa Hodgson, LCSW, OSW-C, Bright Spot Network's Director of Programs

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Other Special Programs

Caregiver Conversations: In place of Friends & Family Support Group on Tuesday nights, we will be hosting a caregivers social hour. Meet other caregivers, swap ideas, and connect! Participant led. **Creative Session: Winter Watercolor + Zentangle:** Join creative session coordinator, LaNae, as she teaches the group how to draw and use water color pencils to paint a whimsical and colorful reindeer. Zentangle will be used to design a border.

Family Event: Winter Party: Spend the morning in connection with other families impacted by cancer through creativity, play, therapy dogs, and a meal.

Game Night at Gilda's: Join volunteer Sujay for some gaming! Now starting at 4:30pm! **Lighting of the Blessing Tree @ Be The Light Pocket Park:** Join us for the annual lighting of the Blessing Tree. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks. Enjoy carolers and we will read off all names being honored with lights, ornaments, and bows on the tree. Dress warm, it's usually cold!

Pam Tone's Retirement Party: Our beloved office manager, Pam, is retiring! Pam has been here since the beginning, with 23 years as our office manager, and 5 year as a volunteer. Join us to celebrate her and the legacy she leaves on this organization. Please RSVP at the QR Code to the right or call Lexi at 563-949-2648.

Qigong for Well-Being: Join us for a beginner's qigong class. Participants will be guided through a practice to activate, strengthen, and build wellbeing in body, mind, & spirit.

Sound Bath with Becky: Sound baths are an immersive auditory experience that promote relaxation and sound healing.

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!

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Clubhouses are closed Wednesday, December 24, 2025 through Thursday, January 1, 2026 for the winter holidays. There will be no programs on December 22nd and 23rd, but our clubhouses will be open.

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.

Giving Tuesday, December 2nd!

This Giving Tuesday, help make a difference for those impacted by cancer. You can host a Facebook fundraiser to support our mission—or make a donation to help us continue offering services that are always free for members and their families. Regardless of whether or not you can contribute, please know our support is always free. Every gift helps provide hope, care, and connection when it's needed most!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Blessing Tree Lighting | December 2nd 6pm | Be the Light Pocket Park

For 26 years, the Blessing Tree has been a beacon of hope, love, and remembrance—a symbol of our community coming together to honor and remember those who hold a special place in our hearts. You can sponsor a light, bow, or ornament in honor, celebration or memory of someone special. The tree will remain lit until January 1— tributes are toom up until that date. csciowaillinois.org/blessing (1108 State Street)

Save the Date for our 2026 Events

Live from QC... It's Saturday Nite! I March 28th Waterfront Convention Center **Golf Fore Gilda's!** I Friday, May 1st I Palmer Hills Davenport, IA

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Connecting Through Cancer: A support group for adults with any type of cancer diagnosis in which cancer is one of their primary stressors.

Friends and Family Support Group: A support group for adult friends and family of someone with a cancer diagnosis in which cancer so one of their primary stressors.

Clinton Support Group: A support group for anyone impacted by cancer is invited to join us at YWCA Clinton.

Living with Loss: A grief support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one due to cancer.

Advanced Cancer Support Group: A support group for adults facing advanced cancer diagnoses. Advanced cancer can mean a metastatic diagnosis, cancer as a chronic illness or remission not being in your future.

Parents of Kids with Cancer: A support group for parents and caregivers of a child or teen, under the age of 24, in treatment for cancer or who has completed treatment for cancer.

Prostate Cancer Support Group: A networking group for those with a current prostate cancer diagnosis, survivors, significant others, spouses, caregivers, and care partners in collaboration with Us TOO Greater Quad Cities Prostate Support Group. **On-hold until March.**

Healthy Lifestyle Activities

Walking Club: Join volunteer Aimee for a walk around the pond behind our Moline Clubhouse! On pause until spring.

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, lowimpact 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: Join other yarn enthusiasts! Bring your project & enjoy conversation.

Walk and Talk: Join others for walking and talking. On pause until spring.

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

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! Sponsored by Centennial Home Improvement LLC., Steel Plow, Cafe Express, Valley Construction and Bally's.

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

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

Coffee & Canines: Relax with our furry friends and experience the calming benefits of pet therapy. Interact with the dogs if you choose—coffee optional.

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!

December 2025

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	1-2PM Clinton: Support Group		6-7PM VIRTUAL: Connecting Through Cancer	
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January is cervical cancer awareness month!

January Educational Workshops

Navigating Brain Fog Watch Party: This practical and supportive workshop explores what cancer-related "brain fog" is, why it happens, and simple strategies to improve focus, memory, and daily functioning. Whether you're a survivor experiencing cognitive changes or a caregiver wanting to help, you'll gain useful tools and resources to support clearer thinking and greater confidence.

Featuring: Brenda Helget, Executive Director of A Time to Heal Cancer Foundation. Brenda will be joining us virtually. Join us at Gilda's Club Moline for a watch party!

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VIRTUAL: Frankly Speaking About Cancer: Gynecologic Cancers Workshop: This workshop is created for people diagnosed with gynecologic cancers. The materials educate patients on the types of gynecologic cancers, potential treatments and side effects, clinical trials, and the emotional concerns of a gynecologic cancer diagnosis. This workshop aims to help those impacted by gynecologic cancers navigate diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. Attendees should build confidence, access resources, & connect with other patients facing similar challenges.

Featuring: Speaker TBD

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Cooking with Heart for Cancer: Easy-to-learn Recipes to Reduce Your Cancer Risk. Enjoy this free 4-week course to learn tips and tricks to boost your healthy cooking skills. Designed with cancer in mind, these flavor-filled, healthy dishes are affordable and most on your table in 15 minutes. Sessions include topics like: Myth-busting and truths, treasures of eating the rainbow, eating made uncomplicated: fun and easy meal planning, and boost the power of food on your plate. Register at the OR code!



Other Special Programs

Creative Session: Dot Mandalas: Join local artist Kristen Sciarappa for a calming and meditative creative session of dot mandalas on canvas!

Family Event: Vision Board Workshop: Join for brunch and a family vision board workshop. This is an opportunity to talk about your family's shared vision for the year (feelings, adventures/memories, support system, wellness, etc.), as well as for each individual to think about their own hopes and goals. You are welcome to come as an individual. The definition of "family" is different for everyone, and you're welcome to bring anyone you consider family. Breakfast provided by Bally's.

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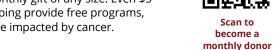
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Give Every Month and Make an Impact

You don't need a large gift to make a difference. Our Give Every Month program allows you to support Cancer Support Community with a recurring monthly gift of any size. Even \$5 a month adds up over time, helping provide free programs, resources, and support for those impacted by cancer.



By giving monthly, you become a sustained supporter, creating consistent hope and care for our members. Your ongoing generosity ensures that no one faces cancer alone—today or in the future.



Scan to Donate

Venmo: CSCIAIL

Introducing The Giving Grid!

Join our Giving Grid and make a big impact in a fun, simple way! The grid has 100 squares, each corresponding to a donation amount from \$1 to \$100. Your gift fills a square and moves us closer to our goal.

When every square is filled, we'll raise **\$5,050** to support programs and services for 10 individuals for an entire year living with cancer.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Live from QC It's Saturday Nite | March 28th Waterfront Convention Center

This is our signature event and a night to honor Gilda Radner, original cast member on Saturday Night Live, who understood that laughter is the best medicine and was the inspiration behind Gilda's Club. Enjoy an evening of entertainment featuring comedian Brad Upton and fan favorite Funktastic Five, with tickets that include heavy hors d'oeuvres and the live entertainment! Tickets are now available—every dollar supports our free programs and services for those living with cancer.

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