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Moline, IL 61265

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## **December Educational Workshops**

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**Grief Journey:** Navigating Loss: In this free workshop, Grace McCubbin delves into the unique challenges of navigating grief and loss during the holiday season. As the daughter of both a cancer survivor and someone who died from cancer, Grace brings a personal and compassionate approach to managing this time of year, when feelings of absence and longing can be especially intense. Grace shares practical strategies for finding moments of peace, setting achievable goals, and leaning on others for support through the holidays.

#### **Featuring:** Grace McCubbin, CEO, TEDx Speaker, Teacher, Advocate

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## **Other Special Programs & Events**

Lighting of the Blessing Tree @ Be The Light Pocket Park: Join us as we celebrate the annual lighting of the Blessing Tree. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks. Enjoy carolers and we will read off all of the names being honored with lights, ornaments, and bows on the tree. Dress warm, it's usually cold!

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**Group Holiday Dinner:** Before joining in support groups on 12/11 at Gilda's Club Moline, join us for dinner from 5:30-6:00. No hurry on eating, you can bring your plate with you into group!

**Cancer Transitions Reunion Potluck:** We're inviting anyone who has participated in Cancer Transitions to join us for a reunion. Bring a healthy dish to share, and reconnect with your Cancer Transitions cohort and meet other individuals who have attended the series.

**Family Event: Gingerbread House Making + Lunch:** Work together with your family to design and build a gingerbread house! All supplies, additional games, and lunch will be provided. Bring the whole family! We understand that "family" looks different for everyone and welcome anyone you would consider to be part of your family. Kids and teens of any age are invited.

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#### Resource Highlight: digital sherpa<sup>™</sup>

Did you know that CSCIAIL offers tech help? We offer one-on-one tech support services to help the people we serve be more informed and involved with their care! If you have questions about Zoom, general internet usage, getting access to your patient portals, how to identify valid sources of information, or other tech questions, you can meet one-on-one with one of our digital sherpa volunteers, and get the help you need to be digitally empowered! We don't have a set helpdesk session on the calendar this month, but the volunteers are available by appointment! Schedule a session by calling us at 563-326-7504!

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December 3rd | 6PM | Be The Light Park

Join us for cocoa, cookies, conversation and carolers from 6pm to 7pm on December 3rd at Be the Light Pocket Park.

Support the services CSC at Gilda's Club by sponsoring a light, bow, or ornament in memory of, in celebration of, or in gratitude for a special person in your life. We will feature each name on our Blessing Tree website page and a Holiday Blessing tribute card will be sent to the individual or family letting them know someone has honored them. **www.csciowaillinois.org/blessing-tree/** 

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# **Clubhouses Closed 12/23/24 - 1/1/25 for Winter Holidays**



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Featuring: Kelly Craft, LVCYT, Program manager at CSCIAIL

**Cancer Support Community Resources:** Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club offers a wide variety of resources that are accessible to anyone impacted by cancer, regardless of where they live, and at no cost. This workshop will provide information on the following resources: MyLifeLine, Open to Options, Cancer Support Helpline, and the Cancer Experience Registry.

**Featuring:** MSW Intern Benny Olsen-Ross and Nora Bosslet, Program Manager at Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club

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**Breathing and Bath Bombs:** Take the time to join our intern Benny for a healthy lifestyle workshop about useful breathing techniques and bath bomb making! This will be a time of relaxation and collaboration with the attendees. Come take some stress out of your life with us!

**Remembrance Night:** Join interns Benny and Channah for an evening filled with memories. We will honor and remember all the participants and loved ones who have died from cancer in the last year. Come with names, pictures, memories, and stories. Attendees will participate in activities and have time to share.

### **Resource Highlight: FSAC: What do I tell the kids?**

A cancer diagnosis impacts families in many ways. Even if a child has not been told about a loved one's diagnosis, they can sense when something is wrong. Not telling a child what the family is facing leaves them to imagine situations that are often worse than things really are. If you're struggling to come up with the words to talk to your child about cancer, or just want a listening ear to talk through your concerns, consult with Nora Bosslet, LMSW/LSW, and program manager of our Children, Teen, and Family programs. Just reach out to set up a time to talk. Nora is available by phone at 563-726-5708 or email at nora@csciowaillinois.org.

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