



Board Member
Gilda's Club Greater Toronto
Volunteer Position

“There are those who open their hearts to others...who never think twice about giving of themselves. They are the wonderful, warm-hearted people who make all the difference in our lives.”

- Gilda Radner -

If you can imagine yourself improving the quality of life for people impacted by cancer and their families, then Gilda's Club Greater Toronto may be the place for you.

Who We Are

Gilda's Club Greater Toronto (GCGT) is a registered charity that is making an important difference for cancer patients, their family and friends in the Greater Toronto Area. It is one of 175 members of the Cancer Support Community (CSC), the largest professionally led non-profit network of cancer support worldwide, which delivers more than \$50 million in free support services to patients and families.

Gilda's Club Greater Toronto has often been referred to as “the missing link in the cancer care system.” ~ Patrick J. Gullane, MB, FRCSC, FACS, FRACS (Otolaryngologist, University Health Network).

Gilda's Club is named after legendary comedian Gilda Radner of Saturday Night Live fame, who died of cancer in 1989. While in treatment in the mid-80's, Gilda visited a cancer support community in Los Angeles where she found others going through a similar experience to hers and she drew strength and comfort from that supportive environment. It was Gilda's hope that “such support communities” be available to anyone impacted by cancer so no one would have to face cancer alone.

What We Do

The impact of cancer is not only physical but deeply emotional. Gilda's Club Greater Toronto (Gilda's) is a community of support where people facing the fear and uncertainty of a cancer diagnosis, personally or for a loved one, can find strength in others who share their experience.



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Empowering everyone impacted by cancer to achieve the greatest quality of life

The supportive and educational programs at Gilda's are an essential component of a complete cancer care plan and a compliment to medical treatment. Those who seek support in this community are embraced as "Members".

Since 2001, Gilda's has improved the quality of life for more than 12,000 Members experiencing cancer-related stress to restore a sense of control, redefine hope, reduce stress and isolation during and after cancer treatment for improved quality of life. All programs are provided free of charge, so there is no financial barrier to accessing support in this community.

Today, with the added worries related to COVID-19 and the need for physical distancing, Gilda's operates virtually, connecting with Members online to deliver programs that include education, physical activity, and support groups from the comfort of their own homes. This thriving virtual community has become for some, the only connection to emotional support, the only outlet for physical exercise and the only place to meet others who can relate to their feelings of isolation, fear and anxiety.

Position Overview

Gilda's Club Greater Toronto is seeking Board Members with strategic and critical thinking skills who are energetic, curious, and passionate about "empowering everyone impacted by cancer to achieve the greatest quality of life". Candidates should exhibit strong leadership qualities and should be keen to support the health and longevity of the organization through awareness-raising, friend-raising, and fundraising.

A range of Board competencies are being sought, and those interested are encouraged to share how their experience will benefit Gilda's Club. We are seeking candidates with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Project management
- Fundraising
- Financial/accounting/audit
- Strategic marketing
- Event planning
- Corporate administration
- Social services
- Health care
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Psychosocial oncology

Scope of Commitment

Members of the Board interact with, advise, and collaborate with the Executive Director of Gilda's Club Greater Toronto. They fundraise on behalf of the organization through various events, campaigns and sponsorship opportunities. Board Members are also donors who make a personal gift to the organization annually. Members of the Board engage and actively contribute to committees and meetings of the Board and are ambassadors for Gilda's Club community.



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Employment Type:	Volunteer Position
Maximum Board Size:	Twenty
Length of Term:	Three years, renewable twice
Board Meetings Per Year:	9-11
Meeting Details:	Tuesdays; noon time; approximately every 6 weeks; exclude July and August.
Board Meeting Location:	Virtually via Zoom
Hourly commitment:	5-8 hours per month
Additional Responsibilities:	Join 1-2 Board committees including Marketing, Fundraising, Human Resources, Finance, Audit committees

How to apply

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Board of Gilda's Club Greater Toronto, which has an impact on our community well beyond its size and years of operations, we want to hear from you! Interested candidates should send an email with the subject line "Board Recruitment" with your resume and cover letter directly to: info@gildasclubtoronto.org.

Application deadline: Friday August 6, 2021.

We are deeply grateful for your pursuit of leadership volunteerism and your expression of interest. We are truly appreciative of the time you commit to the application process – but our limited capacity will only allow for those candidates selected for an interview to be contacted. We thank all applicants for their interest in volunteering with Gilda's Club Greater Toronto.



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