

September PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

EMPOWERING YOUR HEALTH
WITH A HOLISTIC HEALTH COACH

Monday, September 14 at 6 p.m.

Join us every month for an interactive and engaging workshop led by Lindsay Smith, a Certified Holistic Health Coach. Each session is designed to empower you to take control of your health and well-being. Together, we'll dive into a new topic, explore common challenges, and provide you with actionable strategies, practical tools, and valuable insights to help you lead a more balanced and healthier life.

GETTING BACK INTO IT: MOVING THROUGH
CANCER SURVIVORSHIP WITH REHAB

Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m.

Cancer changes a lot—but it doesn't have to sideline you from the life you want to live. Join Mary Free Bed for a free, interactive workshop that introduces the world of cancer rehabilitation, including the role of the cancer physiatrist in helping survivors regain strength and function. We'll also touch on low back pain, something nearly everyone experiences at some point. Whether you're navigating treatment, supporting a loved one, or simply curious about what cancer rehab can offer, come ready to ask questions and leave with tools to keep moving forward.

LETTING GO WITH GRACE

Tuesday, September 29 at 6 p.m.

Downsizing isn't just about "getting rid of things," it's about honoring memories while creating space for what truly matters. Join Nick Mann, Senior Relocation Specialist and community advocate, for a heartfelt workshop offering gentle strategies for letting go of belongings without losing the memories they hold. This session will include both foundational guidance and new practical exercises to help you move forward with clarity, confidence, and peace.

ADULT SUPPORT

African American/Black Community Living with Grief Support – A monthly support group for African Americans who have experienced a death of someone in their life.

Brain Cancer Support – A monthly support group for adults impacted by brain cancer. Support person(s) welcome.

Breast Cancer Support – A bimonthly support group for adults diagnosed with breast cancer.

Cancer Support – A weekly or biweekly support group for adults diagnosed with any type of cancer. Virtual and in-person options available.

Caregivers Grief Support – A monthly support group for adults who were the caregiver to someone through any illness until that person's death.

Christian Cancer Support – A weekly support group for all "seekers" diagnosed with any type of cancer. Join us for this Christian-faith based group where members share in their cancer journeys together.

Colorectal & Related Cancer Support – A monthly support group for adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer and related hereditary risk syndromes. Those affected by syndromes such as Lynch and FAP are welcome to attend this support group.

Family & Friends Cancer Support – A weekly support group for individuals supporting a family member or friend on their cancer journey.

Grief Support – A weekly support group for adults who have experienced a death of someone in their life and are within the first two years of bereavement.

Gynecological Cancer Support – A monthly support group for adults diagnosed with gynecological cancer.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Cancer Support – A monthly support group for adults impacted by leukemia and lymphoma. Support person(s) welcome.

Lung Cancer Support – A monthly support group for adults diagnosed with lung cancer.

Men's Grief Support – A monthly support group for men who have experienced a death of someone in their life due to any cause.

Multiple Myeloma Cancer Support – A bimonthly support group for adults impacted by multiple myeloma. Support person(s) welcome.

Next Steps Cancer Support – A monthly support group for cancer survivors whose focus has shifted toward living life post treatment. This group is open to the public.

Next Steps Grief Support – A bimonthly support group for adults who are two years or more beyond the death of someone in their life and whose focus is on learning long term skills to live with grief.

Parent Grief Support – A weekly support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child and are within the first two years of bereavement.

Partner Grief Support – A bimonthly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a partner and are within the first two years of bereavement.

Partner Grief Support (45 & Younger) – A weekly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a spouse or partner and are 45 years or younger and are within the first two years of bereavement.

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Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is a vibrant FREE emotional health support community of children, adults, families and friends on any kind of cancer journey or those grieving a death due to any cause.



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While our program is free of charge to our members, it is not free to provide. As an independent and locally-funded non-profit, Gilda's Club runs entirely on donations from individuals and organizations in our community. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation today to help sustain the free cancer and grief programs offered through Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, please visit gildasclubgr.org/donate or call 616.453.8300.



There's a lot happening at Gilda's Club this month!

*You can see our full calendar on the reverse side,
at gildasclubgr.org/calendar or by scanning this QR code.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Cancer Support – A weekly support group for elementary age youth impacted by cancer (whether their own diagnosis or that of someone in their life).

Kids Grief Support – A weekly support group for elementary age youth who have experienced the death of someone in their life.

Noogieland – Noogieland offers fun activities including arts and crafts, drama, games and more for youth in kindergarten and younger. Supervised by professional staff with the help of many dedicated volunteers, Noogieland provides a safe environment for kids to share their feelings and build support on Wednesday and Thursday nights, concurrent with other youth and adult support groups, so that support is available for the whole family.

Noogie Nights – Noogieland supervised play time will be available for children up to age 10 whose adults are attending Gilda's in-person programming. *Please RSVP at least one business day in advance if you plan to bring your child for Noogie Nights.*

Teen & Tween Cancer Support – A weekly support group for teens in high school and tweens in middle school impacted by cancer (whether their own diagnosis or that of someone in their life).

Teen & Tween Grief Support – A weekly support group for teens in high school and tweens in middle school who have experienced the death of someone in their life due to any cause.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ask the Lawyer Workshop – A licensed attorney will be able to meet with Gilda's Club members via Zoom who have legal questions. If the attorney recommends further legal advice outside of this workshop, there may be a fee for this additional service (*this fee is not associated with or benefiting Gilda's Club Grand Rapids*).

Living with Grief Series – This two-part series focuses on understanding the grief experienced following a death, the impact of grief on the whole person, and how we can help ourselves on a grief journey. Attendees may join us for either or both weeks.

WELCOME
to GILDA'S CLUB!

SEPTEMBER 2026 PROGRAM CALENDAR



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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE ACTIVITIES

20-Minute Meditation – Join us for a guided meditation whether from home or with us in the clubhouse. Bi-weekly workshop with 20 minutes of active meditation lead by a facilitator.

Applied Mindfulness – A monthly workshop with facilitator-led mindful practices, including physical movement, meditation, discussions and other activities.

Art Therapy & Grief Workshop – A monthly workshop facilitated by the Mary Free Bed art therapist, Libby Smith, ATR-BC. This group provides adults impacted by grief a safe space to process and work through their healing journey via creative methods. No artistic skills are required.

Empowering your Health with a Holistic Health Coach – Join us every month for an interactive and engaging workshop led by Lindsay Smith, a Certified Holistic Health Coach. Each session is designed to empower you to take control of your health and well-being. Together, we'll dive into a new topic, explore common challenges, and provide you with actionable strategies, practical tools, and valuable insights to help you lead a more balanced and healthier life.

Healing Touch – Learn about a method of working with the body's energy to help deal with pain and stress. This workshop is facilitated by Suzan Corbett, certified Healing Touch nurse. Space is limited for up to 5 attendees. RSVPs are required for this workshop, please register in advance.

Outdoor Evening Qigong Wind-Down – Qigong is a gentle mind-body practice that combines slow movement, breathing, and relaxation to support energy, reduce stress, and promote overall well-being. This accessible evening workshop can be done seated or standing. You can bring your own mat, or Gilda's Club will provide one for you to use. This workshop is weather dependent and is held outdoors only.

Quick Break to Meditate Workshop – Join us for a Monday weekday refresh with a short and sweet lunchtime virtual meditation session. Group will include a 15-20 minute guided meditation to have you in and out in 30 minutes or less to help you jump into your week.

Reiki Session – A healing technique based on the principle of channeling energy by means of touch, and it can benefit you by activating the natural healing processes of the body to reduce stress and restore physical and emotional well-being.

Sit & Be Fit – A gentle and energizing exercise class for all fitness levels.

Understanding Mindfulness – A monthly workshop that provides discussion and activities to help you understand how mindfulness practices can fit into your life and help support your cancer or grief journey.

Writing Together – Have you always wanted to write as if no one is watching - or reading? No censor judging what feelings you need to put on the page? Come practice how to quiet that critic and express your emotions and tell your own story. We'll work with Julia Cameron's "The Artist's Way" workbook at our own relaxed pace. We'll uncover our inner creative self in community with others learning a few simple tools such as "Morning Pages" and "Artist's Dates." Join Pat Pritchard and form a creative cluster! To get the most out of this workshop, we recommend checking out this book from the library.

Yoga for All Levels – Join Gwyn, certified yoga instructor for a gentle 45 minute yoga session welcoming all levels, including beginners! Come grow together in a yoga practice, offered weekly on Thursday's at 4:30 p.m., and stay for Supper Together if you wish! You are welcome to bring your own mat otherwise one will be provided. *Please RSVP at 616-453-8300.*



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



GILDA'S CLUB GRAND RAPIDS



9 A.M. CHECK-IN, 10 A.M. START
FREE REGISTRATION

**New start time.*



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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Art & Conversation Workshop – A weekly time of companionship while working on your own art or craft project. This is a self-led experience and time together with other artists sharing ideas and stories.

Exploring the Art of Quilting – A weekly workshop for new and veteran quilters and stitchers to bring their own project or utilize the supplies provided at Gilda's Club.

Flowers with Friends – Flowers can bring a little bit of much-needed joy and happiness to our lives and homes. This July, September, and September, join volunteer Shelly (co-owner of Blackbird Farms, which specializes in sustainably grown flowers and vegetables), who will be bringing all the supplies you need to create your own locally grown floral bouquets! No experience is necessary—just come with some enthusiasm and creativity, and we'll make some beautiful arrangements. Space is limited to 12 members, and registration is required.

Fun with Beads – Please join volunteer Sharon Alderink for a fun time beading together! All supplies are provided. This is a time to create necklaces, earrings, and bracelets that you are able to take home and enjoy! Beginner beaders and those who bead experience are welcome, and Sharon will be there to support you along the way as you bead! Registration is required, and space is limited to five participants.

Fun with Ukuleles – Learn to play the ukulele with friends! This workshop is aimed at teens and adults. Gilda's Club has a limited number of ukuleles that can be used during this workshop.

Gilda's Book Ends – Come on in and join for a lively book discussion! Monthly books may be obtained at the local area libraries and if you need assistance, please feel free to connect with Gilda's Club. This month's book is "When Cranes Fly South" by Lisa Ridzen.

Gilda's Euchre Night – Challenge fellow members every Third Tuesday to a classic, competitive game of Euchre!

Gilda's Game Night – Join in a fun social time for games together. There will be a variety of games to choose from, and snacks included as well! The social time is suitable for adults.

Knit Wits – This weekly workshop is for new and veteran knitting enthusiasts to come together for a social time while working on their own project.

Paws with a Cause – Since 1979, Paws With A Cause (PAWS) has enhanced lives nationwide through the transformative power of custom-trained Assistance and Facility Dogs. These uniquely trained dogs visit community groups, businesses, schools, and other organizations to deliver comfort, reduce stress, and promote social engagement in diverse environments. The calming presence of a friendly, empathetic dog can alleviate feelings of isolation and anxiety, providing a moment of reprieve and connection for those facing daily challenges.

Supper Together – During Supper Together, members are invited to come enjoy a delicious dinner together before groups begin.

SEPTEMBER

GILDA'S CLUB 2026
PROGRAM CALENDAR

LOWELL CLUBHOUSE PROGRAM *(Tuesdays)*

SEPTEMBER 1
6 p.m. Cancer Support

SEPTEMBER 8
6 p.m. Breast Cancer Support
6 p.m. Grief Support

SEPTEMBER 15
6 p.m. Cancer Support

SEPTEMBER 22
6 p.m. Grief Support

If you are interested in learning about youth support available at Gilda's Club Lowell, please call, 616-897-8600.

	10 a.m. Art & Conversation Workshop 3:30 p.m. Zumba 4 p.m. Virtual Grief New Member Meeting 4 p.m. Lung Cancer Support 5 p.m. 20-Minute Meditation 6 p.m. Breast Cancer Support 6 p.m. Virtual Grief Support 6 p.m. Substance Related Death Grief Support	1	10 a.m. Sit & Be Fit 4 p.m. Grief Support 4:30 p.m. Grief New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Youth Grief New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Paws with a Cause 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Grief Support 6 p.m. Parent Grief Support 6 p.m. Partner Grief Support (45 & Younger) 6 p.m. Young Adult Grief 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Grief Support 6 p.m. Kids Grief Support 6 p.m. Noogieland	2	4:30 p.m. Yoga for All Levels Workshop 4:30 p.m. Cancer New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Youth Cancer New Member Meeting 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Cancer Support 6 p.m. Next Steps Cancer Support 6 p.m. Family & Friends Cancer Support 6 p.m. Kids Cancer Support 6 p.m. Noogieland 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Cancer Support 6 p.m. Healing Touch	3	4	11 a.m. Applied Mindfulness	5	
CLOSED for LABOR DAY	7	10 a.m. Art & Conversation Workshop 3:30 p.m. Zumba 5 p.m. Ask the Lawyer 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Grief New Member Meeting 6 p.m. Multiple Myeloma Cancer Support 6 p.m. Virtual Next Steps Grief Support 6 p.m. Gilda's Game Night 6 p.m. Writing Together	8	10 a.m. Sit & Be Fit 4 p.m. Virtual Cancer New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Youth Grief New Member Meeting 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Grief Support 6 p.m. Parent Grief Support 6 p.m. Partner Grief Support (45 & Younger) 6 p.m. Young Adult Grief Support 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Grief Support 6 p.m. Kids Grief Support 6 p.m. Noogieland	9	4:30 p.m. Yoga for All Levels Workshop 4:30 p.m. Youth Cancer New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Paws with a Cause 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Flowers with Friends 6 p.m. Cancer Support 6 p.m. Family & Friends Cancer Support 6 p.m. Colorectal & Related Cancer Support 6 p.m. Kids Cancer Support 6 p.m. Noogieland 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Cancer Support	10	11	12	
9:30 a.m. Knit Wits 12 p.m. Quick Break to Meditate Workshop 3 p.m. Leukemia & Lymphoma Cancer Support 3 p.m. Fun with Beads 4 p.m. Christian Cancer Support 4 p.m. Fun with Ukuleles 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Exploring the Art of Quilting 6 p.m. Partner Grief Support 6 p.m. Sister to Sister Cancer Support 6 p.m. Young Adult Grief Support 6 p.m. Empowering your Health with a Holistic Health Coach 6 p.m. Outdoor Evening Qigong Wind-Down	14	10 a.m. Art & Conversation Workshop 1 p.m. Virtual Cancer New Member Meeting 3:30 p.m. Zumba 5 p.m. 20-Minute Meditation 6 p.m. Breast Cancer Support 6 p.m. Living with Grief Series 6 p.m. Virtual Grief Support 6 p.m. Gilda's Euchre Night	15	10 a.m. Sit & Be Fit 4 p.m. Grief Support 4:30 p.m. Grief New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Youth Grief New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Paws with a Cause 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Grief Support 6 p.m. Parent Grief Support 6 p.m. Partner Grief Support (45 & Younger) 6 p.m. Young Adult Grief Support 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Grief Support 6 p.m. Kids Grief Support 6 p.m. Noogieland	16	1 p.m. Book Ends with "When Cranes Fly South" by Lisa Ridzen 4:30 p.m. Yoga for All Levels Workshop 4:30 p.m. Cancer New Member Meeting 4:30 p.m. Youth Cancer New Member Meeting 5:30 p.m. Supper Together 6 p.m. Getting Back into It: Moving Through Cancer Survivorship with Rehab 6 p.m. Family & Friends Cancer Support 6 p.m. Caregiver Grief Support 6 p.m. Kids Cancer Support 6 p.m. Noogieland 6 p.m. Teen & Tween Cancer Support	17	6 p.m. PINK ARROW 2026 at Lowell High School Football Stadium	18	19
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JOIN THE LOWELL COMMUNITY
AS WE CELEBRATE PINK ARROW 2026!

Pink Arrow 2026 is happening Friday, September 18 at the Lowell High School Football Stadium. Join us for the Cancer's Survivor Walk at 6 p.m., followed by the Varsity Football game at 7:10 p.m. for kickoff. Stop by and say hi to our staff at the Gilda's Club booth starting at 5 p.m.!

Please note, there is a ticket fee associated with this event.

Our Lowell Clubhouse is funded in part by Pink Arrow Pride, a benefit through the Lowell Football and Lowell Public School Community.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FIRST
OR HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER?

GET SUPPORT STARTED BY
ATTENDING A NEW MEMBER MEETING

Join us to learn more about the FREE cancer and grief emotional health support program offered through Gilda's Club. A New Member Meeting is an informational orientation that will help you learn more about Gilda's Club program offerings and different types of support. It is also a prerequisite before attending member-specific programs. If you are interested in registering a child, tween or teen for a new member meeting, please register for one of the Youth New Member Meetings below.

To register for this program, contact info@gildasclubgr.org, call us at 616.453.8300 or fill out our new member form online at gildasclubgr.org/get-started.

CANCER NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Thursday, September 3 / 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9 / 4 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15 / 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 17 / 4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28 / 6 p.m.

YOUTH CANCER NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 / 4:30 p.m.

GRIEF NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 1 / 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2 / 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8 / 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 / 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22 / 4:30 p.m.

YOUTH GRIEF NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 / 4:30 p.m.

If none of the above work in your schedule or you are interested in setting up one at our Lowell location, please contact us about scheduling an individual new member meeting.

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More Info & Descriptions on Reverse Side!