



In This Together...
Learn. Share. Laugh.

April 2012 Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Core Connection



Contact: Jenna at 616.453.8300 or jtubergen@gildasclubgr.org to sign up.

Greetings Gilda's Club Volunteers!

Please note: We have recently converted to a new communication method for sending the Volunteer Core Connection. If you are receiving this message in error— If you are not a Gilda's Club Volunteer or have requested to no longer receive the Volunteer Core Connection- please kindly remove yourself from our email list by selecting to "opt-out" of this communication at the bottom of this email

Spring is officially here!

Welcome to this new season and all of the exciting things ahead!

We are very excited for the sunshine and warmth that April brings and look forward to sharing this month with you.

Please take a look at the upcoming volunteer opportunities and email or call to sign up!

Keep Laughing!

~ Jenna, Volunteer Coordinator

LaughFest 2012

March 8-18

That's right... we did it again!

We are thrilled with the success of the second annual LaughFest...

Thank you to all of you who participated as volunteers, attendees, and/or promoters of this year's festival!

To give you an idea of the success of this year's festival, please take a look at the astounding results below!

Attendance for the second year of LaughFest was 56,294 at 323 events, 217 of which were free and 106 of which were ticketed. There were 201 headliners and artists, who participated in the ticketed events at LaughFest and a total of 727 people from 15 States & Canada (Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Canada) performed during the free showcases at 62 festival stages in Grand Rapids, Lowell and Holland. More than 40,524 tickets were sold to the various events and visitors came from 25 states and Canada.

In 2011, LaughFest's inaugural year, 55,376 people visited Grand Rapids to attend the festival and take in some of the 228 events. During the first year, there were 642 artists who participated in 228 shows (78 ticketed and 150 free) at 49 venues.

Numbers associated with LaughFest:

Number of visitors total to all the events = 56,294

Number of visitors to ticketed shows = 40,524

Number of visitors to free shows = 15,770

Number of sold-out shows (ticketed and free) = 90 28% of total number of shows

Number of volunteers = 1,468

T-shirts out in the public domain = 4,239

LF Buttons distributed = 11,350

Number of people wearing chicken beaks = 607 to set a new world record.

Number of banners, signs, flyers, window clings, smiles, and posters distributed = 241,600

For more volunteer opportunities, read on!...

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MEAL VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Please contact Bry Warriner at bwarriner@gcgr.org if you are interested in helping out.

Supper Meal Needs for April (4-7 pm):

Mondays- 2nd (Meal assistants only), 9th, 16th (1/2 meal needed)

Tuesdays- 24th

Wednesdays- 4th, 11th, 18th

Thursdays- 5th, 12th (1/2 meal needed)

Talking with Your Mouth Full Needs for April (11-1 pm):

Tuesday, April 3

Thursday, April 19

Fifth Third River Bank Run

May 12, 2012

Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is thrilled to once again be included as an Official Charity Partner of the Fifth Third River Bank Run.

As a Charity Partner, we would love to have our volunteers involved!

"Run or Walk for Team Gilda's": raise pledges in honor of a family member, friend or colleague who has been impacted by cancer or grief. To get started, visit www.53riverbankrun.com.

*If you have questions about running/walking for Gilda's, contact Elizabeth McCarthy at emccarthy@gcgr.org

Volunteer for the River Bank Run: Volunteer opportunities abound with the Fifth Third River Bank Run family of events- more than 2,000 of them! volunteer today by going online to www.53riverbankrun.com

*If you have questions regarding volunteering, contact Lisa Smith at Lisaf.Smith@53.com

Child Care Training

Childcare in Noogieland.

Clubhouse

Monday, April 2nd

5:00pm

Ambassadors Training!

If you'd like to host an information booth or event at the clubhouse, this training is required!

Clubhouse

Monday, April 2nd

6:00pm

Volunteer Orientation

1.5 hour orientation about our "living with cancer" philosophy; Learn how your gifts can help at Gilda's Club

Clubhouse

Thurs, April 12 @ 12:00pm

Sat, April 21 @ 9:30am

Monthly Mailing

Make new friends as you stick labels!

Clubhouse

Tuesday, April 24th

10:00am-12:00pm

JOIN A VOLUNTEER TEAM

We are asking our volunteers to identify one of three areas that they feel best suits their interests. Here is a brief overview of our developing system. If you are interested in a specific area, please contact Jenna. More information will be coming soon.

◇ **VOLUNTEER** – Individual teams will include: Grounds and Clubhouse Care, Office/Administrative, Special Events, Marketing/Communications.

◇ **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER**– Individual teams will include: Childcare and Meals.

◇ **DIRECT PROGRAM SUPPORT**– Individual teams will include: Desk Receptionists, Ambassadors, Youth Program Assistants, Program Instructors and Social Planners.

*You may also join the "It's Always Something" Team to receive notices for last-minute needs!

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