



GILDA'S CLUB WISCONSIN

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WHEN CANCER SHOWS UP...COMMUNITY SHOULD, TOO

GILDA'S BACKYARD BBQ RETURNS JUNE 11 TO SUPPORT FREE CANCER CARE ACROSS WISCONSIN

June 11th event features Live Music, Tasty BBQ, Beverages, Live Auction, Raffle, and Purpose

Middleton, WI (April 2026) — When cancer shows up, it doesn't just affect one person. It impacts families, workplaces, and entire communities. That's why Gilda's Club Wisconsin is inviting the community to come together for an evening of connection, compassion, and purpose at the 2026 Gilda's Backyard BBQ on Thursday, June 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

Hosted in the welcoming backyard of the Gilda's Clubhouse at 7907 UW Health Court in Middleton, this 21+ event brings people together over great food, music, adult beverages, and a shared purpose to ensure that no one in Wisconsin faces cancer alone.

For many members, Gilda's Club is more than a place. It's a steady source of light during one of life's most difficult times. As one of our Gilda's Club WI members & Tough Friends Art Club participants shared:

"In the middle of what can sometimes feel like a chaotic world, this space feels steady, uplifting, and full of light. Creating new kinds of art together, playing games, and simply catching up reminds me that healing isn't just physical — it's connection, laughter, and shared understanding. It's a gift to have a community where we can create, support one another, and just be ourselves."

Guests will enjoy a summer evening filled with savory barbecue from Blue Plate Catering, refreshing beverages from Bailey's Run Vineyard and The Lone Girl Brewing Company, and live music that brings the backyard to life. The evening also features a highly anticipated live auction and raffle with one-of-a-kind experiences, all in support of keeping Gilda's Club programs free for anyone impacted by cancer.

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$280 for a four-pack and can be reserved at GildasBBQ.com. Guests are encouraged to register by Monday, June 1, at noon. Some tickets may be available at the door.

Proceeds from the Backyard BBQ directly support Gilda's Club Wisconsin's mission to provide free emotional support, education, and healthy living programs for individuals and families facing cancer. Serving communities across Wisconsin, Gilda's Club offers support groups, educational workshops, wellness activities, and social connections that help people navigate the emotional realities of cancer, all at no cost.

This year's event is made possible thanks to the generous support of our Presenting Sponsors—Lake Ridge Bank, Leo Cancer Care, Levy Giving Fund, and WKOW 27—whose leadership helps bring this evening to life. We are deeply grateful for their partnership, along with the many community partners, sponsors, individual donors, and volunteers whose support makes not only this event, but all of our work across Wisconsin, possible.

Join us on June 11 to eat well, have fun, and do good, because when cancer shows up, community should too.

About Gilda's Club Wisconsin:

Every day, dozens of Wisconsinites hear the words “you have cancer.” Gilda's Club Wisconsin is here to ensure no one faces that experience alone. As an affiliate of the global Cancer Support Community, Gilda's Club Wisconsin provides free emotional, social, and psychological support to individuals and families impacted by cancer. Through support groups, educational programs, healthy living activities, and community connection, Gilda's Club helps people navigate cancer with strength, understanding, and hope, all at no cost to members.

Want to learn more about Gilda's Club Wisconsin? Visit GildasClubWI.org or call 608.828.8880.

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