

GILDA'S CLUB WESTCHESTER

CANCER IN THE CLASSROOM SYMPOSIUM



This free, virtual conference provides education and tools on supporting students and families impacted by cancer.

**Wednesday
February 2, 2022**

9am-1pm

via Zoom



To register, go to
www.gildasclubwestchester.org/cancer-in-the-classroom

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The mission of **Gilda's Club Westchester** is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. We create welcoming communities of free support for everyone living with cancer – men, women, teens, children and families.

Gilda's CLASS provides interactive presentations, workshops, resources, and an online curriculum for classroom teachers that help support children and teens who are impacted by cancer. The program is designed to provide schools with comprehensive and factual information on cancer, enabling teachers and school personnel with the tools to respond to a child who is diagnosed with cancer or facing familial illness.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- 9:00** Welcome
- 9:05** Cancer and the Classroom
- 10:05** Break
- 10:15** Fostering Cultural Humility
- 11:00** Member Panel
- 11:45** Lunch
- 12:15** Breakout sessions
- 12:55** Wrap up & Evaluations

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Teachers
- School social workers
- Guidance Counselors
- School nurses
- Administrators
- School Psychologists
- Health Educators

WHAT WILL BE COVERED:

- Concrete information on how to support students who are living with cancer or have a family member living with cancer
- Creative interventions to use with students
- Fostering cultural humility when supporting families impacted by cancer
- Interactive member panel
- Breakout sessions
 - Mindfulness in the classroom
 - Student preparation during and after cancer treatment
 - Using coding and robotics to help students cope when cancer is in the family

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

JAIME AKER, LMSW

Jaime Aker is a Licensed Social Worker who has experience working with children and families and coordinating non-profit programs since 2014. Jaime currently manages the Children, Teens and Families Program at Gilda's Club Westchester and is a member of AOSW, the Association of Oncology Social Work. She is also an adjunct instructor at Montclair State University. Jaime holds a BA and a post-graduate certificate in Child Advocacy and Policy from Montclair State University, and an MSW degree from Rutgers University.

CHRISTINE SPECK, LCSW

Chris Speck is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been working with critically ill individuals and their families since 2011. She joined Gilda's Club in 2016 and currently oversees Gilda's Club Westchester's Program Department. She completed her Masters in Social Work with honors at New York University and was selected as a Zelda Foster Fellow which provided additional training and mentorship in palliative and end-of-life care. Chris also completed a Post Masters Certificate in Palliative and End of Life training at NYU.

DR. PAM DAVIS

Pam Davis, the Founder of Wellbotics, is an accomplished educator with a balance of education and experience in instructional media and technology. She holds a doctorate degree from Columbia University in Instructional Media and Technology with professional expertise that spans the fields of computer literacy and integrating technology into existing practice. In 2016, Dr. Davis combined her interests, passion and profound gratitude to those who helped in her battle with breast cancer by developing and offering Wellbotics to children and families at Gilda's Club Westchester. Wellbotics now helps people of all ages cope with and prevent the negative impact of traumatic life events. She resides in the New York City area as a workshop leader, public speaker and a STEM Educator.

SONIA HERZENBERG-KLEINMAN, LCSW

Sonia Herzenberg-Kleinman was born in Uruguay and grew up in Bolivia. She has lived in the U.S. for over 30 years and is fluent in English and Spanish. She has worked for many years as a social worker serving Latino clients, including providing mental health evaluations for immigration cases. As a bilingual social worker, she assists Gilda's Club Westchester with outreach efforts to the Spanish speaking community.

KIM BLOCK, MA

Kim Block is a retired educator in the Westchester County Public School system where she worked for 27 years. An integral part of her teaching style was incorporating yoga and mindfulness into the classroom. Kim continues this work by bringing her knowledge and expertise on mind/body connection to teachers, young children and families through her organization, Building Blocks. Kim holds a BA in Psychology and an MA in Early Childhood Education from Sarah Lawrence College. Kim is a Certified Yoga Instructor.

BARBARA MCLAIN, LCSW, OSW-C

Barbara McLain has worked with children and families as a social worker in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology field for 21 years. At Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, she is an active member of the AYA (Adolescents Young Adult) Program and the Palliative Care Team. Barbara is a Certified Oncology Social Worker, a member of APOSW (Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers), and currently sits on the board of "Giant Kids," an organization that sponsors events in the community and at the hospital out-patient infusion center to bring normalcy to an abnormal time and to honor the courage of Children with Cancer. Barbara is also bilingual and speaks fluent Spanish.