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Gilda's Club Chicago recognized for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners paused at its meeting to recognize area leaders pushing for a cure to the devastating disease.

The MWRD commissioners announced a resolution saluting Gilda's Club Chicago

for its support of cancer patients and their families. Gilda's Club Chicago aspires to empower all people impacted by cancer with knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community.

"We all know someone affected by cancer and know the challenges they face. We applaud the hard work of Gilda's Club Chicago always coming to the support of men, women and children impacted by cancer," said MWRD Commissioner Kari Steele. "Whether in the form of a pink ribbon or a resolution heard today, let this month serve as a reminder to raise awareness for breast cancer and lead to early detection and better treatment outcomes for those diagnosed with breast cancer."



Maggie Babler (front, center), marketing director at Gilda's Club Chicago, was presented a resolution on behalf of her organization from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Board of Commissioners surrounding her (l to r): David Walsh, Debra Shore, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Cynthia Santos, Kari Steele, Vice President Barbara McGowan, President Mariyana Spyropoulos and Timothy Bradford. Gilda's Club comes to the aid of those living with cancer along with their families and friends, as well as those who have lost someone to cancer.

Internationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October is marked by advocates for a time to raise funds for research into the cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure for breast cancer. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in the United States, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women regardless of race or ethnicity, the

most common cause of death from cancer among Hispanic women and the second most common cause of death from cancer among white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native women. Breast cancer, however, affects both women and men, and ultimately a breast cancer diagnosis impacts an entire family, which is why awareness and prevention are so important.

Gilda's Club Chicago, a non-profit organization, named after "Saturday Night Live" actress and comedienne Gilda Radner who died after a bout with ovarian cancer in 1989, provides more than 350 free activities each month to complement medical care. Gilda's Club Chicago also offers support groups, educational lectures, *(continued)*



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Maggie Bahler, marketing director at Gilda's Club Chicago (left), was in attendance to receive a resolution presented by Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Kari Steele. The Board of Commissioners honored Gilda's Club Chicago in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

healthy lifestyle workshops, resource referrals and social opportunities.

Gilda's Club Chicago is an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community, a worldwide network of more than 50 Clubs and 100 satellite locations, as well as a provider of online resources. For more information or to join, volunteer or donate, please visit www.gildasclubchicago.org or call (312) 464-9900.

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