

Gilda's Club Westchester's 4th Annual "It's Always Something" Teen Essay Contest

An essay contest for high school students to share their stories about being impacted by cancer.

Contest Prizes

1st Prize
\$500 cash award

2nd Prize
Ipod Touch & Ipod accessories

3rd Prize
Kindle

Judges

Mayor Tom Roach
City of White Plains

John Schandler
President & CEO of
White Plains Hospital

Elizabeth Cohn Stuntz,
MSW, PSW
Founding GCW Board Member

Tell your Story!

Do you have a family member or friend living with cancer?

Are you a cancer survivor?

Has someone in your life died from cancer?

A cancer diagnosis can unleash a storm of emotions, questions, and unexpected discoveries, not just for the person living with cancer, but for the whole family, and even their friends.

We are looking for honest, detailed personal essays by young writers (9th-12th grade) who demonstrate an authentic ability to move readers by sharing their experience with cancer.

- **The deadline for completed essays is March 20th, 2012.**
- Essays may be submitted by mail with a contest entry form OR online by visiting www.gildasclubwestchester.org.
- Entry forms can be found on the back of this flyer or on our website: <http://www.gildasclubwestchester.org/teen-essay-contest/2012entry.php>
- Entrants must reside in the following counties: Westchester (NY), Rockland (NY), and Southern Fairfield (CT).
- Essay must be typed and between 500 and 2000 words long.
- **A reception for all entrants will be held at Gilda's Club Westchester on May 7th, 2012 at 6:00pm.**

For entry and contest details contact:

Jen Scully, Children, Teens, and Families Manager
jscully@gildasclubwestchester.org or 914.644.8844
or visit our website: www.gildasclubwestchester.org



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Contest Entry Form

Contest Guidelines:

Ethics Statement

No purchase or obligation necessary. Essay submissions are evaluated in a fair and unbiased multi-round judging process.

Eligibility

1. Students must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades
2. This contest is available to students residing in the following counties: Westchester (NY), Rockland (NY), and Southern Fairfield (CT).

Entry Rules

1. Each student may submit one essay per year.
2. The essay must be the work of a single student and authored by the student.
3. Essay length must fall within the following limits: 500-2000 words.
4. Essays can be mailed to Gilda's Club Westchester with the "It's Always Something" Teen Essay Contest Entry Form OR be submitted on the Gilda's Club Westchester contest entry page: <http://www.gildasclubwestchester.org/teen-essay-contest/2012entry.php>
5. Entries must be submitted (by mail or online) by **March 20, 2012**.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Prizes are listed on the "It's Always Something" Teen Essay Contest Flyer.

How will my entry be judged?

Personal voice: Judges will be looking for an interesting and engaging essay told in your own words. The essay should describe your experience and an overall message about how your experience impacted your life.

Clarity and style: Judges will look for a clear and consistent focus in your writing and a logical progression of ideas. Good grammar, accurate word choices and correct punctuation and sentence structure should be used.

Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

High School _____

Title of Essay _____

If I win, notify me by: Phone _____ Email _____ (check one)

Essays can be submitted online by visiting:

<http://www.gildasclubwestchester.org/teen-essay-contest/2012entry.php>

OR by mailing your completed contest entry form and essay postmarked by March 20, 2012 to:

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Gilda's Club Westchester, 80 Maple Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601



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