



Noogie Notes

JANUARY

FALL HIGHLIGHTS...

Noogiefest

On October 26th, nearly 300 children and adults attended our annual Halloween celebration, making this year's Noogiefest our largest yet! Kids dressed in costume and participated in Halloween crafts, cookie decorating, and fortune telling among other festive activities! Special thanks to all of the



volunteers and community organizations that helped to make Noogiefest such a success!

Teen Pancake Breakfast

Our first Teen Social Event of the year took place this fall. Teens gathered in our community room to make and enjoy a pancake breakfast together. See the Children & Teens Calendar for the next upcoming event in January!

Kid Support

This fall, 8 children participated in Kid Support, a 7 week peer support group for children who have or had cancer as well as children who have a family member living with cancer. Through art, games and other expressive activities, the group built new friendships, shared experiences and learned about cancer. GCW

plans to hold Kid Support again in the future.

Art Show

Gilda's Club Westchester held its first Children and Teens Art Show on November 12th. Kids and teens who participate in GCW activities contributed artwork to be displayed at this festive celebration of the arts. Musical entertainment was provided by teen volunteer, Kyle MacDonald, while families looked at the artwork and kids participated in art projects. Thank you to all the kids and teens who created such beautiful pieces of artwork for the show!

GCW Rings in the New Year

Area youth have begun to be involved with GCW through completing community service projects by planning Family Time Events. A recent example of this was a New Year's celebration for children and families this December that was organized by Zach Falk, Katie Intner and Rachel Zuckerman as part of their B'Nai Mitzvah projects. The celebration included cupcake decorating, new year's wishes and a ball drop at the end of the evening. Special thanks to Zach, Katie and Rachel for planning such a fun and special evening!

COMING THIS WINTER...

Kids' Bereavement Group

Starting in January, GCW will be holding a 7 week peer support group for children who have had a family member or friend die from cancer. The group will be divided into two age tracks (ages 4-7 and 8-12) and will use a variety of art activities, stories, games, and poems to help children feel safe to ask questions, express difficult feelings, and share common experiences. To learn more about GCW's Kids' Bereavement Group, please contact the Children & Families Coordinator, Jen Scully: 914-644-8844 or jscully@gildasclubwestchester.org.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES...

Noogie Nights—A group for children ages 5-12 who are touched by cancer. (Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm) See the Children & Families Calendar for a complete schedule.

Girls' Tween Time—A group for girls ages 11-16 who are impacted in anyway by cancer. (Last Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm)

Youth Committee - A volunteer group of high school students who raise awareness of Gilda's Club in the community (1 Sunday a month).

To sign up for any children & families activities, call us at 914-644-8844.