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11th ANNUAL **#ItsAlwaysSomething** TEEN MULTIMEDIA CONTEST



OPEN TO TEENS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR
EXPERIENCES WITH CANCER

CASH PRIZES UP TO \$3,000

will be awarded based on two media categories:

- Written (Essay/Poetry)
- Visual (Video/Art)

*Awards Reception on Tuesday, April 28th! Deadline for entries:
Monday, April 6th Featuring Local Celebrity Judges*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Write Stuff Teen Contest is open to students in grades 7-12 who have a cancer connection - their own diagnosis or that of a family member or friend. Students must be residents of Illinois may enter in one category only - essay, poetry, art or video. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.

Submissions become the property of Gilda's Club Chicago and may be edited for clarity or space consideration and displayed in printed publications and on GildasClubChicago.org. All entries must be submitted electronically (pieces of art may be mailed or delivered-see below) and are due by midnight, **Monday, April 6, 2020**. All submissions must accompany a completed entry form available on GildasClubChicago.org. All contestants will be notified of the contest outcome. Judges' decisions are final.

ESSAY SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Essays must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced and no fewer than 750 words and no more than 1,500 words. No PDFs, please. Essays must be student's own original voice - reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to GildasClubChicago.org and clicking on Teen Multimedia Contest.

POETRY SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Poems must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, a minimum of 15 lines in length and a maximum of 20 lines. No PDFs, please. Poems must be student's own original voice - reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to GildasClubChicago.org and clicking on Teen Multimedia Contest.

ARTWORK SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Artwork must include an artist statement that is typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. No PDFs, please. All artwork must be original and the sole work of the student. Artwork media may include paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, photography, collage, woodcuts, linoleum block prints, silk screen, monoprints, lithographs, fixed chalk or pastel and computer art. No color photocopies will be accepted. Artwork must not exceed 11"x17" and must be 2-dimensional.

Enter by going to GildasClubChicago.org and clicking on Teen Multimedia Contest. Artwork must be mailed or delivered flat or rolled in a tube - not folded - to Ashley Carrasco at Gilda's Club Chicago, 537 North Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60654. Artwork may be picked up at Gilda's Club Chicago at the end of **August 2020**, following a public exhibit.

VIDEO SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. All videos must be 2-4 minutes long, original and the sole work of the student. All videos should be uploaded to YouTube and labeled as "public" but not "searchable". An artist statement in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. No PDFs, please. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. Enter by going to GildasClubChicago.org and clicking on Teen Multimedia Contest.

Submit via online to:
<http://bit.ly/gccteencontest20>

For questions please email:
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