

# Having Fun and Doing Good for 21 Years!



When Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia at Gilda's Club was just a dream for some local volunteers, Nereida McCulley- Breustedt was in the forefront of the planning. As a breast cancer survivor and nurse, Nereida worked tirelessly to open the Gilda's Club location in Warminster. She was committed to providing a place where people with cancer could go to get much- needed support during their cancer journey. She knew firsthand how important this was because she had received so much support from her family and friends during her own cancer treatment.

It was during this time that Nereida and a loyal committee of friends and volunteers started hosting a Bingo event in Fairless Hills where Longaberger Baskets were the prize. Over the past 21 years, this event has grown to host 500 attendees, an amazing raffle of prize baskets, 50/50 drawings, and top- notch consolation and door prizes. In addition, over the years, special raffles for items like gas grills and luxury experiences have been added.

The past few years have brought changes to the event. Since Longaberger Baskets are no longer made, the committee made the decision to move to a Designer Bag Bingo where beautiful designer handbags and wallets are the prizes for the 20 games included in the at \$25 ticket price. What hasn't changed is the value. The price of the tickets remains at \$25. The committee knows that, for

many people, this is an event they look forward to the entire year. Nereida and her group of volunteers want to make sure that people can still come, have fun, donate to a great cause, and not break their budget.

While Nereida has led this amazing event for each of the last 21 years, she has had the support of her family, friends and community volunteers who have contributed significantly to its success. Many of the committee members are cancer survivors themselves or have had a family member with cancer, and they contribute countless hours of their time and talent to make sure that this is one of the best Bingo events in Bucks County. This year's theme is "Super Heroes" and that certainly describes both Nereida and her many committee members.

Over the past 21 years, this event has raised over \$500,000 to support local families living with a cancer diagnosis. These funds have helped those who otherwise may not have access to education, support, mind- body programs or a safe setting in which to meet others in the same situation. Several of the last Bingo events have specifically supported the program for Children and Teens. Programs such as summer camp, game night and homework help as well as support groups for parents and their kids and teens have been made possible by the generosity of this group of amazing volunteers lead by Nereida each year.

When asked how this event and these volunteers have helped families with cancer, Special Events Director Kathy O'Mara says, "The Bingo committee has demonstrated an exceptional level of dedication to Gilda's Club over the past 20 years. They are exceptionally well organized and donate their time, talent and money to this event. They have this event down to a science and are so very committed to raising funds for

local families affected by cancer. The chair of the committee, Nereida McCulley-Breustedt, continues to inspire with her outstanding leadership. Along with her amazing committee, they have truly changed the lives of hundreds of families facing one of life's toughest situations

If you are looking for a fun day out that supports local families, please visit <https://cancersupportphiladelphia.org/> or call Special Events Director Kathy O'Mara at 215-441-3290

ext. 104 or email her at [kathy@cancersupportphiladelphia.org](mailto:kathy@cancersupportphiladelphia.org) for tickets, sponsorships or designer handbag donation information.



## Designer BAG BINGO

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Westaby Hall in the Fairless Hills Volunteer Fire Company  
Doors open at 11:00 AM • Games Begin at 1:00 PM

Win designer handbags including  
Michael Kors, Tory Burch,  
Coach and more!

Baskets raffles including gift cards from  
Wegman's, Giant and Target!  
Individual Ticket, Includes dabber.  
\$25, \$30 per person at the door.

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THIS YEAR IS  
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