

# Gilda's Club Named Special State Project

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The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) recently announced its selection of Gilda's Club as its special state project for 2010-2012 at its 116th Annual Convention in Atlantic City.

NJSFWC is the largest volunteer women's service organization in New Jersey with 280 clubs statewide. The entire Federation votes to designate a specific charitable organization as the beneficiary of its fundraising, advocacy and volunteer efforts every two years. The organization provides opportunities for education, leadership training and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others.

"We are honored and deeply grateful to be the NJSFWC's state project," said Dyane McMahon, director of development at Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey. "We are so fortunate to have the time and talent of this energetic group as a resource for the next two years."

Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey led the initiative for the designation and was one of 60 organizations that applied for the 2010-2012 state project bid. In a rigorous selection process, the 60 applicants were narrowed down to three. The entire Federation then voted to select one beneficiary. Gilda's Club NNJ will work collaboratively with sister organizations, Gilda's Club South Jersey and the Wellness Community chapters in Bedminster and Eatontown, NJ, to implement a two-year, statewide initiative.

"The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is thrilled to be partnering with Gilda's Club. Our entire membership is behind this designation and eager to begin helping this most worthwhile cause," said newly-elected NJSFWC President Patricia S. Whitehouse.

More information about Gilda's Club NNJ is available at [www.gildasclubnnj.org](http://www.gildasclubnnj.org). For information about the NJSFWC, visit [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org).

## **About Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey:**

Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey is a cancer-support community serving 12 counties in North Jersey as well as southern Rockland County, and is part of an international network of affiliate clubhouses anchored by Gilda's Club Worldwide. All services at the Hackensack-based clubhouse, from lectures and workshops to support groups and social events, are open to anyone – men, women, children and teens – who has been touched in any way by cancer, and are completely free of charge. For further information or to make a donation, visit [www.gildasclubnnj.org](http://www.gildasclubnnj.org) or call (201) 457-1670.