



GILDA'S CLUB TWIN CITIES

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Staff Bios

Libby Utter - Executive Director



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Libby Utter joined Gilda's Club Twin Cities (GCTC) as Executive Director in October 2017 and is responsible for managing the organization's operations and fundraising.

Prior to joining GCTC, Libby was executive director for Gillette Children's Foundation and the Vice President of Development for Ronald McDonald House Charities. In addition, she has served as board member for a variety of Twin Cities based nonprofits, including Theater Latte Da, Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance, The Playwrights Center and the Scleroderma Foundation.

Libby's career also included leading a local executive search firm prior to entering the nonprofit sector. She is a proud graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in English Literature.

Allison (Ali) DeCamillis, MS, ATR, LPCC - Program Director



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Ali first got involved with the organization as a volunteer in 2012. She joined as staff to help open our doors to the community in 2014. She is an art therapist, licensed professional clinical counselor and has nearly 20 years of experience working in program development in the nonprofit and healthcare sectors. During the years, she has worked in many settings – a children's hospital, palliative care, community arts, day programs, and residential and correctional centers for at-risk youth – with people who all have important stories to tell. Ali believes her job is to create opportunities for those stories to be told and heard – and she enjoys finding creative and innovative ways to do so! Ali has specialized in supporting people impacted by pediatric and adult cancer, Alzheimer's and dementia, and grief and loss. At Gilda's Club, she is responsible for the planning, development, and facilitation of our comprehensive program of support.

Maddy Rydeen, MSW - Volunteer and Program Coordinator



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A 2018 graduate of the University of St. Thomas, Maddy joined Gilda's Club in July 2018. She gained experience shaping nonprofit volunteer programs while a student at St. Thomas, where she attained her B.A. in Social Work and Family Studies.

Maddy is now overseeing our robust volunteer program through onboarding new volunteers, improving retention rates and evaluation mechanisms as well as continually celebrating the hard work of our volunteers. She sees our volunteers as the cornerstone of the organization as they helped to establish and grow Gilda's Club to what it is today.

In addition to volunteerism, Maddy also supports our member experience alongside our program staff by creating and maintaining engaging programs and acclimating members to the comprehensive social and emotional support Gilda's has to offer.

Annie Stone MA, LMFT - Youth and Family Coordinator



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Annie Stone is a licensed marriage and family therapist who has focused her career on working with families who are struggling with family and life transitions. She is currently learning more about PACT (parenting at a challenging time) through Massachusetts General Hospital. Each childhood experience informs the future person that we become.

It is Annie's goal to grow the Gilda's Club Twin Cities' Children, Teen and Family program to be welcoming, social and emotional support to more families and offer programming that youth will find valuable and educational no matter how cancer affects the individual or family.

Annie is the newest Gilda's Club staff member, and to grow the Children, Teen and Family program is collaborating with partners, adding programming and social opportunities to offer valuable program for the entire family.

Ryan Sweeney, Development and Stewardship Manager



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Ryan Sweeney is a fundraising and IT professional who has worked for the past five years with Gilda's Club Twin Cities to improve both programmatic and fundraising outcomes through the use of data analysis and the adoption of innovative technologies.

Ryan is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and prior to joining the Gilda's Club staff he has managed teams working to integrate leading edge technologies in schools, museums, theaters, healthcare institutions, and for-profit corporations. As the Development and Stewardship Manager at Gilda's Club, Ryan oversees all fundraising operations, all program and fundraising IT systems for the organization including multiple databases, spear-heads donor stewardship initiatives, and works to improve donor engagement at all levels.

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Carissa Vincent, Development Manager



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Carissa is responsible for driving Gilda's Club Twin Cities' fundraising efforts. Prior to joining GCTC, she spent over 20 years with Piper Jaffray, most recently as the Head of Recruiting. As a breast cancer survivor and Gilda's Club Twin Cities member, she has been a passionate advocate and volunteer in a variety of capacities with cancer-focused nonprofits and medical providers.

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