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#### *Laughter and the best medicine.*

This month our community will come together for the first ever [Gilda's LaughFest](#) "to celebrate laughter...and celebrate life - even in the face of big things that happen to us in life." Congratulations to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving our community.

One of the things that strikes me about this highly anticipated celebration and Art Prize of recent past is how these events not only bring us together for a common cause, they also give us pause to really step back and take note of our what our city has to offer daily. It is commitment and investment, or the sharing of our time and talents with others that make us a vibrant community.

Of course our focus here is on the special things that can only be found in Grand Rapids neighborhoods. We celebrate

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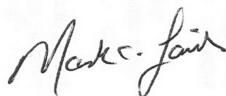


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those who devote their energy into creating traditional business districts that offer products and services to residents and visitors alike. We find laughter at [Dog Story Theater](#) in Heartside. We find healing at [Oasis of Hope](#) on West Leonard. Art happens year round at [GR Art Group](#) on West Fulton. And the power of a caring cooperative sprit is found within the [Grand Rapids Urban League](#) in the Franklin & Eastern Business District.

So let's have a good time with one another this month for a great cause. And once we have all laughed until our sides hurt - stop for a moment, reflect, and be thankful that we have a wonderful community that offers all of us so much each and every day.



Mark C. Lewis  
 Executive Director



**22nd Annual Neighborhood Business Awards**

**Thursday, November 3rd**  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**WEALTHY THEATRE, 1130 Wealthy Street SE**

It's never too early to **save the date** for the longest running celebration of all that is great about Grand Rapids neighborhood business districts. Sponsorship opportunities will go out in the next few weeks and we thank those for by their generosity, admission to this great event will again be *free and open to the public*.

We will accept nominations later this summer so keep track of the great things happening in your favorite district. Interested in participating on the selection committee to determine this year's winners, or help out with other event planning? Just give us a call or **send a note**.

The Neighborhood Business Alliance is proud host of this community event for over two decades.



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