



*Lightning City Gymnastics proudly presents ...*  
**THE GASPARILLA  
GIVING BACK ORGANIZATION!**

As part of the mission of the Gasparilla Classic, Lightning City has developed an amazing opportunity for all participating gymnasts and families to GIVE BACK to a variety of charitable causes! This exciting organization began in October of 2014 at the Fall Gasparilla. This competition was held at the Lakeland Center and had approximately 1,000 compulsory gymnasts, all of which got to participate and feel the power of giving back NEARLY \$4,500 to charitable causes! Since that first meet in 2014, The Giving Back Program has donated approximately \$22,000 to local charities! This year the Gasparilla Classic is proud to have 4,000 athletes from 22 states and 8 countries! Talk about a great opportunity to make a difference in this world! GREAT NEWS...we want YOU to be a part of this mission!

***How it works:** This year at the legendary Gasparilla Classic all athletes, coaches, judges, staff and volunteers will be given three tickets holding a value of \$1 each in pirate gold! Everyone will then have the opportunity to decide amongst several pre-determined charities where they would like to donate their tickets. All \$3 may go to one charity or split up into two or three. At the end of the weekend, Lightning City Gymnastics will add the total ticket values and donate the actual dollar amount to the charities provided. BUT WAIT ...THERE'S MORE! On top of the total ticket values, Lightning City will donate an ADDITIONAL \$250 per charity for the Fall Gasparilla and \$500 per charity for the Gasparilla Classic!*

**LET'S DO THIS!!! Read about the charities, decide which organization you want to help and make sure to DONATE YOUR PIRATE GOLD! Our goal is to have over \$15,000 donated from the Gasparilla Classic 2016! Don't forget to inspire others and share what you're doing with the hashtag #gasparillagivingback .**



## TR Legends Fund (Tim Rand Fund)

This charity is in honor of a man who committed his life to the sport of gymnastics. Tim was the owner of American Twisters gymnastics, USA National Team Coach, National clinician as well as Regional JO chairman and Elite Chairman during his career. Tim Rand will always be remembered for the effects he had on not only his own athletes and coaches but the influence he made on gymnasts and coaches around the country. His lectures and videos made a huge impact on hundreds of USAG coaches that resulted in an astronomical amount of successful gymnasts at every level. His enthusiasm and love for making gymnastics better overall was contagious and his spirit will live on forever!

To honor the memory of Tim Rand, The TR Legends fund was established and has been assisting athletes, coaches and judges since 2007. All proceeds that are donated to the TR Legends fund are tax deductible and 100% of the donations go to the support of athletes, coaches and judges. The fund has paid the Eastern and JO National entry fee for all qualified Region 8 National athletes for the last 4 years as well as assisting with coaches/judges education and apparel. The name of the fund was recently changed to the TR Legends fund in order to honor all the legendary coaches/judges/friends of USA Gymnastics.





**MISSION:** Make-A-Wish® grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories, on average, every 38 minutes. We believe that a wish experience can be a game-changer. This one belief guides us. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve.

**WEBSITE:** <http://wish.org/>



**MISSION:** To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, To help injured service members aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

**WEBSITE:** [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)



**MISSION:** Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment, provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals, conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families. This mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability of a patient or family to pay.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/>



MISSION: Metropolitan Ministries serves poor and homeless families in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Polk counties with compassion, practical help and a willingness to make a huge difference. We care for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in our community through services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill self-sufficiency... as an expression of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.

WEBSITE: <http://www.metromin.org/>



MISSION: Moffitt Cancer Center has made a lasting commitment to the prevention and cure of cancer, working tirelessly in the areas of patient care, research and [education](#) to advance one step further in fighting this disease. Moffitt will continue to contribute to transform cancer care through service, science, and partnership.

WEBSITE: <https://www.moffitt.org/>



**Mission:** The Humane Society of Pinellas is Pinellas County's largest No-Kill shelter. The Humane Society of Pinellas has a mission to strengthen the bonds between pets and people by offering an enriching environment for our animals, providing learning opportunities for our community, and matching the right animal to the right forever home.

**Website:** <http://www.humansocietyofpinellas.org/>



**Mission:** Suncoast Animal League is a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue agency that takes in abandoned, abused, homeless and unwanted animals. We provide medical treatment, shelter, socialization and plenty of love to the animals while they wait for their forever home. Additionally, we provide specialized services for animals traumatized from previous experiences and – in some cases – provide temporary foster care in a home setting for those animals in need of more intense, hands-on care. Suncoast Animal League also counsels existing pet owners in solving common pet problems so that more animals are not abandoned or taken to shelters.

**Website:** <http://suncoastanimalleague.org/>



### **SPCA SUNCOAST – New Port Richey**

**Mission:** The SPCA Suncoast's mission is to save, protect and improve the lives of our community's animals by advocating for their welfare, educating the public, enhancing the human-animal bond and providing compassionate care for homeless pet animals waiting for adoption.

**Website:** <http://spcasuncoast.org>

