

# Pittsburgh's GotSole

Jewart's Gymnastics of Wildwood, Pa., would like to help the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Jewart's Gymnastics joined Pittsburgh's GotSole, a group of Pittsburgh residents who have watched the horror and devastation suffered by the people of Haiti after the catastrophic earthquake. The gym is working with Soles4Souls.org to launch the biggest shoe drive in Pittsburgh history. Students of Jewart's Gymnastics were asked to drop off slightly worn shoes to be sent to the victims of the disaster.

Congrats to Jewart's Gymnastics for its community involvement! ✨

# Flip For A Cure at Mary's Meet

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**On December 6, 2009**, the Midland Gymnastics Training Center in Midland, Mich., held a cancer fundraiser in memory of their former coach, Mary Steinke. Mary lost her battle with lung cancer in September 2009. "Flip for a Cure at Mary's Meet" was developed in Mary's memory with the goal of donating money to the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund. This fund assists families in paying for their medical costs endured from cancer treatment.

The Midland Gymnastics Training Center coaching staff and their high school-aged gymnasts planned, organized and implemented the meet. The high school committee held many fundraisers, such as a bake sale, prize raffles, used leotard sale, pop can drive and candy sales. "Flip For A Cure at Mary's Meet" raised more than \$5,000 to the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund. We hope we made Coach Mary proud! ✨



# Kids Gym, Inc.

**USA Gymnastics** Director of Club Services Loree Galimore recently visited several USA Gymnastics Member Clubs in the Midwest and found some unique and creative ideas at a club in Portage, Mich., called Kids Gym, Inc., owned by Cathy Rietscha.

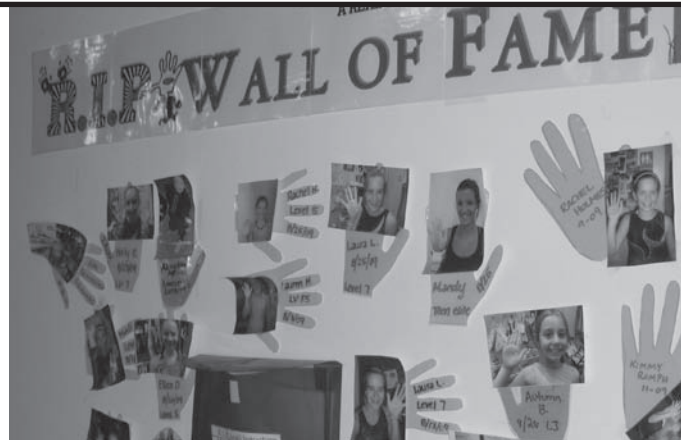
## 1) The Banana split club

Kids in the gym get a certificate for a Banana Split at Ritter's Frozen Custard if they get one side of their splits all the way down – so they have a possibility of earning three banana splits. It's a huge incentive to get your name on the board and win a free banana split!



## 2) The R.I.P. club

If you are a gymnast at this club and get a rip on your hands while working bars, you get to have your photo taken and displayed on the RIP board. A fun idea to take away the pain.



## 3) Handstands Around the World

Handstands Around the World encourages gymnasts to do a handstand while on vacation and bring in a photo to post on the board. They have gymnasts in handstands from around the globe. ✨

