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Gymnastics Clubs to Take Kick at Handstand Record

The record breaking attempt will be held nationwide on September 17, National Gymnastics Day

Jacksonville, Florida (September 15, 2011)– Every year USA Gymnastics and its affiliates celebrate National Gymnastics Day with a special event to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

To celebrate "The Year of the Handstand," at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Sept. 17 gymnastic clubs across the country will help people kick up their feet to make an attempt at a new world record for simultaneous handstands.

As of Aug. 17, the world record was 2,402, set in 2005 in Melbourne, Australia. Locally, TNT Gymnastics, is participating in this national attempt to break the current record. The locations' owner, Denise Brumsey, invites all of the Jacksonville community to join in watching and cheering on the participants here at TNT Gymnastics (2683 St. John's Bluff Rd. S. Jacksonville, FL 32246) at 1:00pm on Saturday, Sept. 17. All participating gymnastics clubs will get an email later that day telling them if the record has been broken.

Participating in the handstand world record attempt will be 2011 Florida State Champion, Haley Richardson, who before being diagnosed with osteosarcoma, was an avid gymnast. Now cancer free, she will join others at TNT Gymnastics on September 17 to help break the current world record for simultaneous handstands.

Since 2001, gymnastics clubs across the nation have raised more than \$1.4 million for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals but National Gymnastics Day is also about raising awareness of the benefits of gymnastics programs.

About Children's Miracle Network Hospitals®

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. Each year, over 170 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. Locally, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Northeast Florida/ Southeast Georgia benefits the pediatric programs at Shands Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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