

2022 Annual Back-Tie Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

First and foremost, THANK YOU to all our 2021 sponsors, who made it possible for us to accomplish ALL our 2021 charitable goals embodied in our mission statement:

The Kurt Thomas Foundation seeks to expose youth to the power they possess to reach their highest potential and help empower them to make a difference. The Foundation will raise funds to provide a minimum of one training **scholarship** per year to a deserving young gymnast who embodies the qualities of Kurt Thomas.

The Foundation will also further Kurt's passion for increasing awareness and interest in the sport of gymnastics by recognizing individuals who have made a significant impact on the sport with the Thomas **Flair Award**.

In our inaugural year, the Foundation is proud to have had the opportunity to recognize two stellar individuals. **Solen Chodi**, for the Kurt Thomas Scholarship, and **Mike Jacki** for the Thomas Flair Award. More information on these awards, individuals and their incredible stories can be found on the Foundation's website at https://www.kurtthomasfoundation.com.

Again in 2022, our main source of funding for these two awards will come from the Gala. Additionally, we hope to expand our reach into one or more new program areas, including:

- Dare to Flair
- Inner City Youth Gymnastics program
- Kurt Thomas International Invitational Cup

We have upgraded the sponsorship program this year, and each sponsorship level entitles your organization to benefits, corresponding to the level of sponsorship, (see sponsorship matrix for levels available):

- SEATS: Admission, plated meal, complimentary wine and no-host bar
- RECETION TICKETS: Private, host bar reception and networking event
- WEBSITE: One year of logo recognition on Foundation and donation websites
- VIDEO SCREEN: Rotating logo recognition on Gala video displays
- VIP SEATING: Tables of 10 near stage/dance floor
- COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE: Individualized plaque commemorating your sponsorship¹
- RED CARPET: Prominent signage around red-carpet entry, and on photo backdrop(s)
- REPEAT BANNER: Gala signage inside the ballroom
- PERPETUAL PLAQUE: Addition of sponsor name, level and year on perpetual plaque¹
- LIVE INTRODUCTION: Sponsor leader and table will be recognized at Gala, leader may offer brief remarks during live presentation
- PHOTO BOOK: Curated photo book commemorating the 2022 Gala and award recipients¹

Please sign up now, sponsorships go quickly – https://www.betterunite.com/TheKurtThomasFoundation-2022kurtthomasfoundationgala

Please consider investing in a sponsorship this year, or if that is not possible, a donation to our Foundation for the Gala Silent Auction. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for your participation!

The Kurt Thomas Foundation Officers and Directors, 2022

¹ Will be available 6-8 weeks after the event

2021: The Year in Review



2022 Sponsorships
Available NOW

2021 was an incredible inaugural year for the Foundation. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated, we exceeded all of our goals and were able to fully fund our scholarship program and bestow the first Thomas Flair Award, in alignment with our mission statement:

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2021 Kurt Thomas Scholarship Winner—Solen Chiodi

The Foundation is honored to introduce our first scholarship recipient, Solen Chiodi. Choosing this young gymnast was not an easy task as there were many amazing applications from all over the US. Solen comes from a great family and has two sisters. One, Ida, has Down Syndrome. This inspired him to work at Gigi's Playhouse, a Down Syndrome Achievement center. He also volunteers his time to work at the Special Olympics.

Solen has a strong desire to serve and help others.

He began his gymnastic career at the age of 7 in Michigan. After 4 years, he and his family realized that if he was going to advance his skills, he would need to move to another club.

This is where we saw how much love and dedication he and his family have for the sport, as the best club for him was in Minnesota, hundreds of miles from his home. He was able to move in with his grandparents and start a training program at the Mini Hops Gymnastics Club under the coaching of Doug Price, and has been steadily improving his craft.

We are so proud to be associated with this exemplary scholarship recipient!

2021 Thomas Flair Award Winner—Mike Jacki

Mike is widely regarded as one of the most visionary and influential leaders over the past three decades in both Olympic sports and action sports. He's held CEO positions for both the U.S. national governing bodies for Gymnastics and Skiing.

As President of USA Gymnastics, Mike initiated the Safety Program in 1985. His accomplishments also include:

- Finalist for the 1968 Nissen Award after winning Big Eight titles on floor exercise, parallel bars and in the all-around
- Four-time Big Eight Champion and an All-American (still rings) in 1967
- Served as President of USA Gymnastics (1983-94), Jacki was also on the United States Olympic Committee's Board of Directors (1984-92)
- Nationally recognized gymnastics judge, Jacki scored seven NCAA Championships
- Inducted into the United States Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2004



Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors who helped us blow past our goal of \$18,000, raising \$66,500 for our scholarship, award and community programs



Fully 46% of every dollar raised is spent on our scholarship and awards programs. Net of Gala and Fundraising expense, 91% is spent on scholarships and awards





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Commit early!

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FAST!

To reserve your sponsorship, or for more information, please contact Barry Woodward, (barry_woodward@kurtthomasfoundation.com). Sponsorships are allocated based on date of payment received. All sponsorships are due and payable no later than July 31, 2022.

2021 Sponsors:





















2022 Black Tie Gala Sponsorships Available	Cost	Seats	Reception Tickets	Website	Video Screen	VIP Seating Area	Vanity Plaque	Red Carpet	Repeat Banner	Perpetual Plaque	Live Sponsor Intro	Photo Book
Patron Sponsor (evergreen)	\$25,000	10	10	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3XGold Sponsorship	\$15,000	10	10	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ICON Sponsorship	\$10,000	10	10	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Flair Sponsorship	\$ 4,500	10	10	YES	YES	YES	YES					
Happy Hour Sponsorship (PLUS Alcohol DONATION)	\$ 1,500	2	2	YES	YES							
Gymkata Scholarship	\$ 3,500	2	2	YES	YES							
Silent Auction Sponsorship (PLUS FRAMING DONATION)	\$ 1,500	2	2	YES	YES							
Online Streaming Sponsor	\$ 2,000	2	0	YES	YES							
Photography Sponsorship	\$ 2,000	0	0	YES								
Red Carpet Sponsorship	\$ 1,500	0	2	YES				YES	YES			



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