The Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship Fund Raising History

After Erin's untimely death the scholarship fund was started via gifts from family, her father's business associates, the O.Y.A and the Orland Park Community. Those funds provided scholarships between 1998 and 2006. Between 2006 and 2014 the fund operated Erin's AAIM For Change 5K Run/Walk. Over those eight successful years, over 500 runners and walkers participated each and every year in addition to a slew of donations. These efforts allowed the fund to expand scholarships at Carl Sandburg High School, offer a scholarship at Plainfield East High School and allowed substantial donations each year to the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM). This year in the spirit of innovation and in cooperation with District 230 gymnastics, together we are hosting the Erin Olmsted Memorial Gymnastics Invitational and Donation Drive.

With your participation it is our hope that the success of this event and donation drive will allow us to continue awarding scholarships and helping AAIM with all the fine work that they do.

What is Erin's AAIM for Change?

This past March marked the 29th Anniversary of Erin Elizabeth Olmsted's death ..... a beautiful 17 year old girl who was killed by a drunk driver.

Erin was a senior at Carl Sandburg High School, an honor student, two time Varsity Gymnastics Captain, and active Gymnastics coach at Tumbling On U.S.A in Orland Park. More importantly, she was a loving daughter, sister and friend to many. Erin was a wonderful person. Her unexpected, sudden death devastated not only her family, but the community in which she lived. She has been missed each and every day.

Throughout the past twenty nine years the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM), a not for profit organization based in Illinois, has been helping the Olmsted Family with constant emotional support. AAIM is committed to helping victims of drunk driving. Their help includes, but is not limited to, financial support, emotional support, legal support, and educating the public regarding the consequences of driving while intoxicated or impaired.

Erin's sister, Kate, has worked alongside AAIM by speaking on Victim Impact Panels at High Schools, Universities, and Court Houses. Because AAIM is a non-profit organization, their various support programs are sponsored completely by donations.

From the beginning, our family wanted to do something to honor Erin. We wanted her memory to live on in the community she loved so much. As a result, the Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship was founded. These scholarships are presented each year to deserving students at Carl Sandburg and Plainfield East High School, and over the past 29 years $251,800 has been, awarded to 104 recipients. In addition, over the past 19 years $175,000 has been donated to AAIM as a direct result of our fund raising efforts.

Erin was killed just short of fullfilling her dream of graduating and going to college. With these scholarships, we hope that the recipients will take "a little piece of Erin" with them as they go off to college and always remember her dedication, hard work ethic and burning competitive spirit - that the sky is the limit and to make a real difference in the world.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in all our previous fundraising activities. They have been a lot of fun and a tremendous success.

On the morning of January 9, 2027, along with District 230 Gymnastics, we will be hosting The Erin Olmsted Memorial Gymnastics Invitational. Along with fellowship, music, social awareness, and being able to view the finest gymnastics talent the area has to offer, we are hoping to raise money to support the Erin E. Olmsted Scholarships as well as the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. If you can't make it, don't forget our donation drive which runs between November 30, 2026 and January 31, 2027. By participating in either you will be helping people in need and helping Erin's memory to live on.

For more information please check out our website www.erinsaaimforchange.org
We thank you in advance.
Sincerely,
The Olmsted Family

The 11th Annual Erin Olmsted Memorial Gymnastics Invitational



& Donation Drive

Gymnastics Invitational

Saturday January 9, 2027

Donation Drive

November 30, 2026
Through
January 31, 2027

To benefit the

Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship Fund

and

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists

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Saturday January 9, 2027

Location

Victor J. Andrew High School
West Gym
9001 W. 171st Street
Tinley Park, Illinois
Enter and Exit Main South Entrance
(Rear of School)

Time

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Parking

free on sight

Event Description

10 of the top high school gymnastic's teams in the Chicagoland area will be competing in Vault, Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise and All-Around. This gymnastics meet is one of the last before the IHSA state meet and considered by many the premier prelude to the state meet.



Admission

Seating and admission will be free to individuals who donate $20.00 or more to the Erin. E Olmsted Scholarship Fund, Donation Drive.

Just check in at the Admission table upon arrival

Tax Treatment

The Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship Fund is a Recognized 501(c)(3) public charity and all donations are tax deductible.

Corporate matching gifts are encouraged and appreciated

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"Awareness Without Action Changes Nothing"

The 11th Annual Erin Olmsted Memorial Donation Drive

November 30, 2026
through
January 31, 2027

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Amount of Donation $ _____

Make checks payable to:

The Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship Fund

Mail Form & Donation to:

The Erin E. Olmsted Scholarship Fund
15336 Teebrook Drive
Orland Park, IL 60462

OR

Donate on-line with a credit card on our website link at
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Thank you!