

Northeast Ohio Cheerleaders and Gymnasts Rally for MedWish

American Elite Commits Community Service Hours to Saving Lives Around the World

Tallmadge, Ohio – American Elite Cheerleading and Gymnastics will host a Pep Rally at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 at its center at 81 Northwest Avenue in Tallmadge. In addition to showcasing the gym's first team performances of the year, the rally will officially kick off a community service partnership with MedWish International.

“Being an allstar is about more than cheerleading and gymnastics skills. At American Elite, we expect our teams to show their spirit, passion and dedication through community service,” said Wanda Whipkey, owner of American Elite. “Partnering with MedWish will give our teams a chance to see that when they give back, they’re not just helping their own communities, but people all over the world.”

Each year, American Elite chooses a local nonprofit organization to provide community service opportunities for its competitive team programs. This year's commitment to MedWish will result in more than 175 volunteers to help sort and pack lifesaving medical supplies. These supplies are donated to MedWish by hospitals, nursing homes and families in Northeast Ohio, and are shipped from MedWish to help improve health care in developing countries around the world. Everything from exam gloves to hospital beds pass through MedWish, and volunteers are the key to making these items available to patients in need in places like Peru, Tanzania, Haiti and the Philippines.

American Elite cheerleaders will also look for other ways to support shipments of lifesaving aid as part of this partnership.

“We’re grateful to have such enthusiastic support for our mission,” said Ann Affolter, president of the board of directors at MedWish.

“We’ve always had great ‘cheerleaders’ for the work that we do, but this is the first time I can say that in the literal sense!”

About MedWish International

MedWish International is a Cleveland-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers usable medical surplus from health care systems and distributes these vital supplies to doctors, nurses and humanitarians to improve health care around the world. Since its founding in 1993, MedWish has kept millions of pounds of medical surplus out of landfills and has sent much-needed supplies to 90 countries all over the world. For more information about MedWish, please visit www.medwish.org or call (216) 692-1685.

About American Elite

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