



Ron and Joan Ganim

Coach and Owners – Gymnastics World



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In September of 1975, Gymnastics World opened its doors under the ownership of Ron and Joan Ganim and Joan's parent's, Jim and Martha Puzder. Since that time, ownership has shifted, adding their three children into various roles.

From their humble beginnings in a 4,000 square foot warehouse in their first three years, they expanded to a 7,800 square foot facility attached to a racquet club in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Seven years later they ran out of space and so the current building is where they have been since 1985. With the addition of more space added in 1998, Gymnastics World now fills a 23,800 foot facility with programs for pre-school aged children, school aged, tumbling and a highly successful competitive gymnastics team. Cheer World, their sister company, has grown out of space and moved to its own facility in 2013.

Today over 1,000 girls and boys are enjoying their participation in one or more of the Ganim's gymnastics programs. The Ganim Family have been active members of the Cleveland area gymnastics community since the early 60's when they hosted and taught traveling gymnastics camps organized through their alma mater, Kent State University. In the late 60's they began coaching (and teaching) in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District.

Since 1975 the Ganim's have produced thousands of champion gymnastic athletes on the local, state, regional and national level, as well as two NCAA National Champions. In 2014 they had seven former athletes competing at the college level and over 100 former athletes who have been part of a collegiate program. Other club level success includes two national JO Team Members and at least 12 have made it to the National Gymnastics JO Championships.

Beyond their club success, Ron and Joan have coached the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Gymnastics Team to 14 team titles and many individual champions. While coaching great gymnastics to athletes they also taught them to be great citizens. From 2004-2011 the athletes of their program have raised over \$200,000 for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, providing amazing care to area youth. The Ganim's also support many other charities throughout the year including

Rush for a Cause, Harvest for Hunger, Adopt-a-Family, NEOPAT (for military families), local scholarships, Kick It (pediatric cancer research) and the Brian Muha Memorial Foundation.

Awards the Ganim's have received include the Children's Miracle Network National Service Award, USAG Ohio Contributor's of the Year, and the USA Gymnastics National Business Leaders of the Year award. They both have also received the National Federation of State High School Association's Coach of the Year Award, as well as, Ohio State Athletic Association Coaches of the Year and the Ohio State Athletic Association Sportsmanship Ethics and Integrity award.