

Dear Members,

On February 26th 2009 the Northwest YMCA CheerCats participated in the 84th annual Rodeo Parade. The CheerCats are an intermediate cheerleading team consisting of 6-12 year olds. As part of the rodeo parade, all entries must portray some part of our southwestern heritage; the CheerCats parade float was created to represent a gold mine. To prepare the float, the girls put in many hours of messy work to paper machè giant rocks of gold, a saguaro, and paint. On parade day they cheered the WHOLE parade route, an hour non stop. We are *extremely* proud of their dedication to their team and to each other. These girls are models of the YMCA character values; respect, responsibility, caring and honesty. For all of their hard work, the CheerCats were awarded a first place trophy for the Best Creative Float by the Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee!

On behalf of the CheerCats, the coaches would like to thank our sponsor, The Moore Law Firm, for their generous donation. With their donation we were able to cover the costs of hiring a driver, two horses, renting our wagon, and the entry fee into the parade. We would also like to thank the following families, employees, and members for their dedication to the YMCA and to the CheerCats; The Beardsley Family, the Geissler Family, the McEnery Family, the Herrera Family, Ejaye Charley, Ryan Marshall, Caleb Swink and Mike Reuwsaat. We would also like to thank the families from the Cheer Fundamentals team who helped us; the Luna Family, the Serbousek Family and the Quiroz Family. Without your donation of time, money and/or supplies our float would not have been such a success.

Thank you,

Coach Michelle Osborne and
Coach Kristen Wright

GO YMCA!