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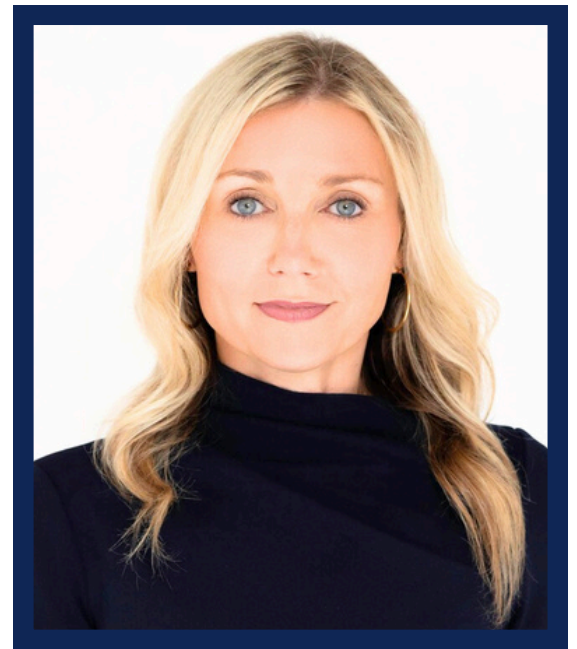
ON THE RUNWAY



Presented by



A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR, MONICA CHRISTOPHER



Greetings Dreamers,

Thank you for attending Rays on the Runway presented by Cherry Street Fund benefiting the Children's Dream Fund. Whether you love the Rays, love fashion or just love to make children's dreams come true, we welcome you, and more importantly, we thank you for creating memories that will last a lifetime for sick children!

Tonight you are in for a fabulous time! Dressed in the latest styles and fashions from local boutiques, you'll see Rays players and their lovely significant others take the runway with thirteen very special dream models! It won't take long for you to see that the Tampa Bay Rays shine on the runway as well as on the field!

Our dream models represent the hundreds of local children who are facing the greatest challenge of their young lives as they undergo treatments for life-threatening illnesses. It is our joy and privilege to make their special dreams come true and to provide them with a well-deserved escape from the rigors of hospitalizations, medical treatments and doctor visits. We applaud them for facing each day with courage and hope of a brighter tomorrow! They truly are our heroes!

To all of our volunteers, sponsors, Rays Families, the entire Tampa Bay Rays organization – and YOU - thank you for your generous support of our mission! With your help, the Children's Dream Fund celebrates over 43 years in the community, hundreds and hundreds of dreams, and a lifetime of memories for our brave dream children and their families.

Enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica M. Christopher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Monica Christopher
Chair, Board of Directors



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You are making dreams like these come true



Hadley, Age 6
Dreamed to be on stage

Jackson, Age 14
Dreamed to have an at home gym to prepare for football season

Emma, Age 13
Dreamed to go to Hawaii and ride horses

Every child deserves hope and a dream!

Meet our Dream Children

That are walking the runway!



Gabria, 9

Dreamed to go to the Barbie Dream House in LA!



RJ, 7

Dreamed to go on a Disney World vacation!



Gavin

Dreaming to go to the Crunch Labs in California & Meet YouTuber, Mark Rober



Austin, 20

Dreamed to be the Tampa Bay Rays Manager for the day!



Skyla, 8

Dreamed to go to Disneyland California!



Arian, 5

Dreamed to go to Disney World with his brother!



Jaxon, 9

Dreamed to go on a Disney Cruise!



Charleigh, 15

Dreamed to be a fashion designer in NYC!



Chiccardy, 12

Dreamed to be a VIP at Disney World!

Meet our Dream Children *that are walking the runway!*



Jailene, 7
Dreamed to be a Princess
at Disney World!



Gavin, 12
Dreamed to spend a
week at the Orlando
Theme Parks!



Merrick, 8
Dreamed to swim with
dolphins!



Morgan, 13
Still dreaming!

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ON THE RUNWAY

The Power of a Dream

The Children's Dream Fund was founded with the purpose of fulfilling dreams for children in a unique and personal way. Dreams vary as much as the personalities of the children we serve. Every child deserves hope and a dream! Our goal is to continue to make those dreams come true and create lasting memories for these children and their families.

Thank you to our Tampa Bay Rays



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dream come true!

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Join a group of Tampa Bay professionals whose mission is
to help the Children's Dream Fund make dreams come
true through social events and networking opportunities!

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Inshore fishing tournament to help make Dreams come true, presented by Pinellas Association of Insurance Agents. Participation and sponsorship opportunities are still available!

Havana Nights: September 26th

Join us at our annual night of delicious cocktails, food, and reverse raffle at Red Mesa Cantina! Visit our website to purchase tickets.

Season Spectacular at Water Street: November 15th

A Holiday spectacular with a tree lighting, kid-themed activities, food, cocktails, and cheerful live entertainment - all to support the Dream Fund! Open to the public.

Want to learn more? Please visit
www.childrensdreamfund.org/events



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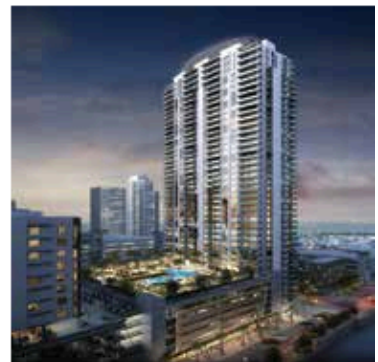
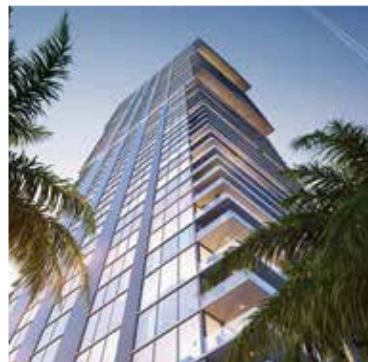
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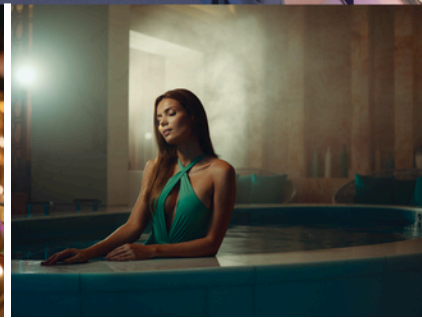
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WestCMR is proud to be the **Rays Up Sponsor** for the highly anticipated return of Rays on the Runway! The Children's Dream Fund is excellent at bringing children joy; this particular event does just that. Seeing their faces light up, as they get the opportunity to showcase their unique style while walking along side Rays players is priceless.

For years, WestCMR has been supporting the Children's Dream Fund and all that they do to make dreams come true. It is an honor to stand behind such an amazing cause and outstanding staff. We are committed to creating happiness and hope for all who need it. CEO, Randy Ware, prides himself on giving back and making an impact within the community.

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The Children's Dream Fund will always hold a significant place in our hearts at WestCMR. We are so very proud of their staff's commitment to bringing joy, hope, and smiles to the children and families who are dealing with life altering illnesses. They are a true ray of sunshine in the lives of everyone they work with.

- Randy Ware

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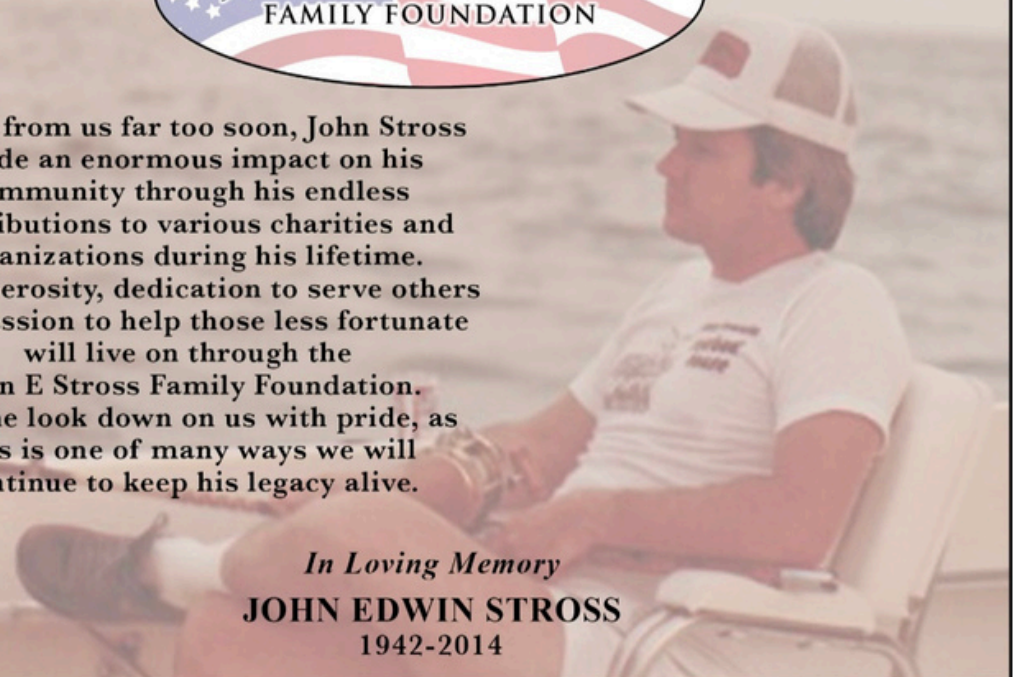
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