## **OPTIMIST CLUB OF GULF BREEZE**



Dec. 2024

Thank you for supporting the G.B. Optimist Club. A lot was accomplished with the funds you helped us raise this past year. We did all this without administration costs as administration costs are covered by membership dues. Here are some of the highlights:

- We raised a total of \$93,666 from our three events (the Fishing Rodeo, Golf Tournament, Christmas Tree sales) and other donations.
- We contributed a total of \$95,347 back to the community to support 55 local academic & sport organizations, and charities in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties that support youth and school programs. Which includes:
  - \$31,000 in college scholarships; \$15,500 from our fund raisers and \$15,000 donated by a local, city owned business.
  - \$41,647 to community programs such as Toys for Tots, P.A.C.E Center for Girls, Santa Rosa Kids House, Take Stock in Children, Gulf Breeze Sports Assoc., Tiger Point Rec. Assoc., Project Graduation, Caring & Sharing, GB After School Program, Interfaith Ministries, and:
    - Lunch for the teachers and staff of our six local schools at the beginning of the school year and for teacher-of-the-year gifts.
    - Conducted Oratorical Contests that allowed participants to earn scholarships.
  - \$1,000 to each of our 6 Santa Rosa County schools' principals' fund, to be used at his or her total discretion for emergency funding of under-resourced children.
  - \$17,600 to our six local schools' sports, robotics, multimedia academy, health academy, and band programs.

In 2024, we were able to positively affect the lives of hundreds of young people in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties. In 2025, we hope to do more with your help.

Thank you for your support.