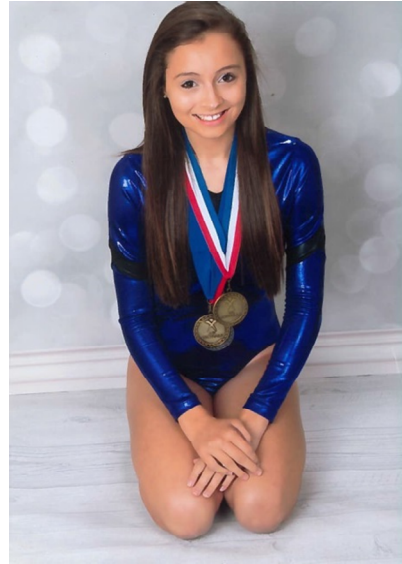


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Marina Gomez
2015 Walk to Cure Arthritis
Youth Honoree
Wichita, KS

Marina Gomez is a 16-year-old junior at Circle High School in Towanda. She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) last spring when a sports injury did not appear to be healing and further testing revealed RA. Marina is still on a journey to find remission from this disease.

Marina's passion at school is marching band where she is Captain of the Color Guard. She loves choreographing and performing routines with the band. Performing routines is what Marina does best. For the past three years, she has been a member of the Skywalkers of Wichita competition trampoline team.

Marina won the National USA Gymnastics Junior Olympics in her event in 2012 and 2013. While working through the pain and treatment of RA she took 2nd in the Regional competition in Lubbock, Texas this past May. Marina also enjoys coaching younger kids at the gym and being a good role model for them.

We admire Marina's determination and decision to not let arthritis control her life. We are thrilled to recognize her as the 2015 Walk to Cure Arthritis youth honoree.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.