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## **Back in the Saddle Again to Support Kids**

*The Bob Sierra Family YMCA's signature fundraising event directly impacts deserving kids in the Carrollwood community.*

**Tampa, FL (Oct. 20, 2014)** – The Bob Sierra Family YMCA will host its signature fundraising event, [Caribana 2014](#), on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the USF Marshall Center. With a country western theme, the event, sponsored by the Tampa Tribune, will feature dinner by Lee Roy Selmon's restaurant, cocktails by Coastal Wine & Spirits, music by [Kim Betts and the Gamble Creek Band](#), a fun mechanical bull ride, and a live & silent auction featuring exciting getaways & adventures, exclusive dinner experiences, sports memorabilia and much more! WFLA-TV News Channel 8 Anchor Gayle Sierens will emcee the event.

As a Charity Navigator [4-star charity](#), the [Bob Sierra Family YMCA](#) is proud to say 100% of the event's donations will go toward scholarships for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from Y programs and services due to financial hardship. Last year, *Caribana* raised more than \$100,000 for youth development programs such as summer camp, swim lessons, licensed afterschool care, licensed preschool and specially-adapted programs for those facing mental and/or physical limitations.

"Every penny goes to the kids," says Event Chair Ginger Willms. "There are a lot of people that need our services in Northdale and Carrollwood. It can be the person next door or the person down the street. They work; they have summer camp for their kids. *Caribana* goes a long way to help out."

### **Ticket Prices - Adults Only**

- » Table for 8: \$1,000
- » Individual seats: \$125 per person

To become a sponsor, host a table or purchase individual seats, please visit [www.caribanaymca.com](http://www.caribanaymca.com) or contact Mercy Powell at [caribana@tampaymca.org](mailto:caribana@tampaymca.org).

[Click here](#) to view pictures from last year's event.

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### **About the Tampa Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#) and one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 167,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. [www.tampaymca.org](http://www.tampaymca.org)