

## Adopt An Athlete

Individuals who want to get involved and show support of the 2009 Special Olympics Summer Games in Windsor are invited to participate in the Adopt An Athlete program. Individuals, families, groups and businesses can adopt an athlete that will be participating in the 2009 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games for as low as \$500 per athlete.

You are encouraged to help the City of Windsor raise awareness and funds to help support these Special Athletes in attending the 2009 Games.

Not only will you be giving an Athlete, who couldn't afford to participate in the Games without your support; a chance to experience and succeed in sport. You will receive:

- A letter from an athlete telling their story
- A thank you plaque
- Your name listed in the Games Program
- A possible feature in Windsor's local publications (ie. The Windsor Star)
- Name listed on the Games website
- Name listed at all venues during the Games

To participate in the Adopt An Athlete program simply fill out the donor card below or call the Games office to make arrangements.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Real Need

Less than 5% of the organization's funding comes from government grants. Special Olympics Ontario is not a member of the United Way. Over 95% of our support comes from corporate fundraising, sponsorships, and personal donations. However, in spite of these generous sponsorships and donations, there is always a need to raise more money. There are thousands of individuals who have an intellectual disability who would like the opportunity to get involved. Special Olympics Ontario is recognized provincially as a multi-sport organization by the Ministry of Tourism.



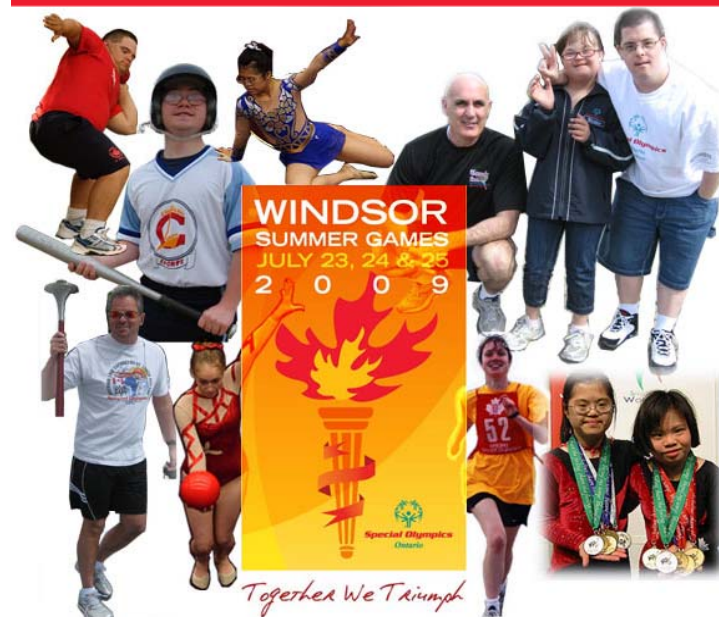
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## To Get Involved Or become A Sponsor

2009 Special Olympics Provincial  
Summer Games  
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Phone: 519 971-7301 ext 239

Website: [www.specialolympicswindsor2009.com](http://www.specialolympicswindsor2009.com)



*"Let me win! But if I cannot win..."*



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Summer Games  
Windsor, Ontario  
July 23 ~ 25, 2009

## ***Advancing the Mission***

When Dr. Frank Hayden began the research that started the world-wide Special Olympics movement, no one could have envisioned how powerful and successful this mission would become.

### **Enriching the lives of people with an intellectual disability through sport.**

Seems simple enough but forty years ago and even today, people with an intellectual disability can become marginalized and in some ways discounted within their own communities. Special Olympics, through sport, have opened up a new world for those who participate and for those who support. Whether you choose to coach or volunteer to help in some other capacity, the collective effort advances the whole movement.

Special Olympics is not a government agency, so personal and corporate donations are critical to building new programs and supporting our volunteer driven programs. In addition, your decision to support makes a clear statement that this work is important and that the people served matter.

## ***Real Competition***

Special Olympics Ontario has sixteen core sports including swimming, bowling (5 & 10 pin), floor hockey, power lifting, soccer, softball, track & field, speed skating, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing. Special Olympics Ontario also runs programs in other sports such as basketball, rhythmic gymnastics and curling.

## ***Making the Real Difference***

Special Olympics provides athletes with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience and succeed in sport. Special Olympics athletes gain self confidence and transfer the success from playing the field to become more active citizens in society.

## ***Real Sport***

Special Olympics is not an event that takes place once every four years. There are hundreds of Special Olympics' programs throughout the province which provide athletes with the opportunity to train twelve months of the year. Special Olympics athletes train and compete at community and regional events and have the opportunity to be selected to advance to the Provincial level competition. Just like other great Canadian athletes, Special Olympics athletes also have the opportunity to advance to National and International Competition every four years.

## ***Real People***

There are over 16,000 athletes and 7000 volunteers registered in Special Olympics Ontario Programs in every area of the province. When you add the parents, friends, athlete volunteers and event volunteers, there are more than 25,000 additional Ontarians involved with Special Olympics Ontario.



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## ***Real Involvement***

Special Olympics Ontario is a volunteer driven organization and is always in need of new and interested volunteers. There is the need to fill many different volunteer positions such as coaches, officials, fundraisers, administrators, and event organizers. If you are interested in becoming involved, contact us at the 2009 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games office: (519) 971-7301 ext. 239.

## ***Provincial Summer Games***

The 2009 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games will feature Soccer, Softball, Rhythmic Gymnastics, and Track & Field events.

With your help, we're hoping to:

1. Offer Special Olympians an athletic event to remember during their stay in Windsor.
2. Raise the estimated \$1 Million dollars for the 2009 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games and other Special Olympics Ontario events.
3. Make the community at large aware of the needs of persons with intellectual disabilities.
4. Put Windsor on the Map as the caring community that we are already known for.

