

“Tip-A-Cop”™ Fundraiser Raises \$44,161 for Special Olympics Oregon

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Police officers recently raised \$44,161 in tips at Red Robin restaurants statewide to benefit Special Olympics Oregon. The “Tip-A-Cop” fundraiser is associated with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) an international series of relay runs and special events to raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics.

During the day-long event held September 30 from 12 to 8 p.m., police officers from across the state, joined by local Special Olympics athletes, collected tips from restaurant guests to be used for the continued development of training and competition programs for Special Olympics athletes throughout Oregon.

“We would like to thank community members for their generosity, as well as Red Robin and law enforcement statewide for hosting such a successful event,” said Margie Hunt, chief executive officer for Special Olympics Oregon. “These donations will help us create valuable experiences and opportunities for each Special Olympics athlete.”

Special Olympics Oregon provides year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Today, there are more than 5,000 active Special Olympics Oregon athletes who participate in sports, including skiing, swimming, track and field, softball, golf and bowling.

“Special Olympics is a wonderful organization, and we are honored to be able to show our support through this special event,” said Eric Houseman, Red Robin president and chief operating officer. “We’d like to thank our guests across the state for their participation and commitment to Special Olympics athletes in Oregon. It was an outstanding community effort.”

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