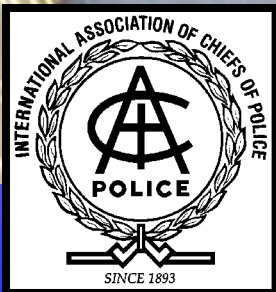


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**IACP TORCH RUN PHOTO CONTEST
1ST PLACE "SPIRIT AWARD"**

Photo by: Ruth Coughlan, Special Olympics Delaware

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Chairman's CORNER

December 23, 2009

Torch Run Friends:

Greetings to all of you and Happy Holidays! I hope you have a blessed Christmas, wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!!

2009 has been an amazing and very successful year for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Despite challenging economic times, the Law Enforcement Torch Run came through once again by raising tremendous awareness and financial support for Special Olympics athletes!!

On behalf of the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council, congratulations and thank you for being a significant part of another record-breaking year! In 2009 all of our collective efforts culminated with \$34,311,610 being raised for Special Olympics! Everyone who reads this should feel very good about that!

I hope that you will take the time to reflect on 2009 and how being involved in the Torch Run has not only helped others but made a positive impact on your life. Think of the athletes and fellow officers you would never had the joy of knowing without Special Olympics and the Torch Run. We have so much to be thankful for!

I wish you all the best during this holiday season and hope that you have a restful time with family and friends. 2010, and another eventful Torch Run year, is just around the corner!



All the Best and God Bless,

Michael

**Major Michael Teem, Raleigh, NC PD
Chairman, LETR Executive Council**



An Athlete's Story

By: Vivienne Shockley, Special Olympics Montana
Athlete Representative, LETR Executive Council

My first job on the Guardian Newsletter committee was to write a story about a Special Olympics athlete who inspires me. I thought about it a lot and finally decided to write a story about my friend Isaac.

I thought up almost 24 questions and sent them to Isaac through e-mail. When he sent the answers back to me I put his answers into sentences and then put the sentences into a story.

Then I sent my story to my brother Troy through e-mail. Troy is the Sports Editor of the Yamhill Valley News-Register in McMinnville, Oregon. He has been a newspaper writer for a lot of years and is good at it and he said he would help me and edit my story.

We all worked on this story; me, Isaac, his mom Theresa, my mom Sheryl, and my brother Troy. And just like the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics, together we can do anything!

Isaac Baldry is, in most every way, just a regular high school kid. He likes to do lots of things but, just looking at him, you wouldn't think he'd be into athletics or public speaking. You'd be wrong.

Isaac, 18, lives in Miles City, Montana with his parents and has three older brothers, one younger brother and a younger sister. Cerebral palsy has left Isaac in a wheelchair, but he is able to communicate with sign language and through his computer. For fun, he enjoys attending as many sports events as he can get to, especially baseball, basketball and football. During the summer, he also spends a lot of time in his garden, where he grows vegetables in raised beds.

But much of his time is also spent with Special Olympics. His family is involved as well: Isaac's mom, Theresa, is the local program co-coordinator for Special Olympics and one of his older brothers, Craig, is his main coach. His whole family ends up helping out at events, and he likes that it is all involved with Special Olympics. It's fun, he said, to travel together as a family, and it's especially fun to visit places he's never been.



Vivienne & Isaac

Isaac competes in bowling and track. For bowling, he has a special ramp that attaches to his wheelchair. Isaac's coach, Craig, places the ball at the top of the ramp and Isaac then has to drive the ball and ramp toward the lane. He uses the markings on the lane to help in positioning the ramp and, once he's satisfied with the placement, he pushes the ball forward. The setup allows him to compete in unassisted ramp bowling because his coach is only a caddie for the ball.

In track, Isaac competes in three power wheelchair races. Two are slalom events, which means he has to weave around cones while driving as fast as he can. They are 30 and 50 meters. He also competes in the obstacle course, where he has to drive the wheelchair in a circle at the beginning and the end of the course, with a short slalom in between.

He's become very good in his events and, in eight years, he's won 19 gold medals and one silver. His favorite medals were won at the state games two years ago.

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An Athlete's Story

Isaac had just gotten a new wheelchair. Practice had gone fine, but when he got to the competition he was so nervous and excited that he kept opening his hand while he was driving. The buttons that program his chair are right next to the joystick he uses to drive, and when he opened his hand he was killing the chair, shifting it into the programming mode.

At first, he panicked. He had to think through how to get his chair back into drive mode, and the rest of his competition had already taken off. He was worried about the race and, since no one could come onto the track to help, he had to figure out the problem on his own. He did, and managed to come back and finish the race first. The same thing happened in his second race and, again, he had to calm down, fix the chair and finish the race. This time he was able to come back to win a silver.

“I was so happy at the end of my third race when I was able to keep my hand closed for the whole race. I did not even realize I was first; I was just so glad it had not cut out on me,” Isaac said via e-mail. After that, the chair was fixed so that it wouldn’t cut out again, and the buttons are now covered. “I was proud of myself for how I kept trying and did not give up. It seemed like my chair was frozen forever, but my coach said I fixed it really quickly.”

Isaac’s family is also involved with his public speaking. In order to speak, Isaac uses an augmentative communication device. He has to plan out what he wants to say and then type it into his computer. Then, when he pushes the right buttons, he’s able to give his speech one sentence at a time.

Isaac and his mom brainstorm about just what he wants to talk about, and then they look at the ideas they’ve written down and go back and make sentences about those ideas. He started out using the Global Messenger CD to help him with speech ideas, and he also goes back over old speeches to see what he might be able to use again. This takes lots of time for both Isaac and his mom, Theresa.

Isaac says “I didn't plan on being a Global Messenger. I was asked to share the creed at the Badland's Bowl football game. Now I like being a Global Messenger, it gives me self confidence” and he’s getting more comfortable in front of crowds. He enjoys traveling to new places for speeches and enjoys talking about Special Olympics ... but he’s not always really excited about having to wait for the end of his speech to eat. He has to wait, though, because he always gets butterflies in his stomach before going up in front of the crowd.



Isaac & fellow Torch Runners

When a local police officer volunteered to help Special Olympics, Isaac was excited. Officer Murnin has been involved for three years, and each year he’s been involved has been better than the last. Isaac used to be the only athlete to meet the torch and now all the athletes, families and officers are there to welcome the torch when it arrives in Miles City before the start of the Area Games. They have a barbecue put together by the RSVP cops program and celebrate the day at the local armory.

The next day, though, is the big day, when the officers and local athletes run the torch down Main Street. Last year, the junior high had its classes come out with signs and the band even played.

When the group runs past the high school, Isaac’s teachers and friends are outside cheering, too, and he follows the officers to Forsyth to help pass the torch.

Isaac is an inspiration to me, because he doesn’t let his disabilities stop him. He does a lot of things that lots of other people don’t, and many of them are things that lots of people probably don’t expect he would be able to do.

TORCH RUN TRIBUTE



Chief Bob Bell, Maine LETR

It is with great sadness that Special Olympics Maine announces the loss of a dear friend, Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run® Director (Ret.) Chief Robert “Bob” Bell. Bob has served in the Maine LETR for 25 years and is responsible for single handedly bringing this grass roots fund raiser to Maine. He will be greatly missed.

In 1984, Chief Bell attended a meeting for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and it was then that he heard about Richard Lamunyon’s Torch Run. Bob returned to Maine with an excitement like never before and brought the idea of the Torch Run to then SOME CEO Mickey Boutilier. With the go ahead from SOME, Bob grabbed the reigns, organized a small steering committee made up of other Chiefs and appointed himself as the Torch Liaison to the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. That first Maine run in 1984 raised \$36,000 for Special Olympics Maine and everyone was then hooked.

Over the past twenty five years Bob has become a bit of a legend in the International Torch Run. He was the only Mainer to ever be inducted into the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame and was one of the first inductees in to the Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run Hall of Fame. Although Maine has a small program Bob always set his goals very high for the state and always believed that one day Maine would reach his annual goal of \$250,000! At this years Maine LETR Kick Off conference last month Bob once again made his annual plea and stated that because this was our 25th anniversary, he saw no reason why we couldn’t make it this time.

During the March Maine kick off conference Bob also announced that after 25 years it was time for him to step aside as the Maine LETR Director and passed the torch to Bangor Police Chief Ronald Gastia. Ron was personally selected by Bob and he was very confident that Chief Gastia would be able to live up to the job. Bob had stated that it had always been his goal to serve in the Torch Run until the 25th anniversary.

In addition to being the Director in Maine Bob also served for many years as the Region 1 Coordinator and greatly enjoyed being part of the “good ole boys.” In tribute to Bob’s dedication and service to the Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run, an award was created in his honor, the annual “Bob Bell Award.” After being the first recipient of this, the highest award bestowed on anyone in the Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run, Bob continued to have the final say in each years selection of winners for the past ten years. The Bob Bell Award has always been seen as an extreme honor to those who have received it.

When Bob wasn’t working on the Torch Run he could usually be found with his wife Janice at Foxwoods and he was greatly looking forward to this years conference. Aside from his love for his wife Janice, the Casinos and Special Olympics Bob also had a passion for golf shirts. One of the biggest arguments every year occurred when it was time to order runner shirts. Bob never saw any reason why the runners complained about golf shirts. He felt that they were the best looking and made the most sense because they could be worn all year. In honor of his retirement from the Torch Run this year, Bob was presented with an entire box of Golf Shirts with the 25th anniversary LETR logo on them...one in every color.

Athlete

Profile

Martha Hill

Special Olympics Wisconsin



"Intellectual disabilities are not who we are, it's just something we have, like blond hair and a pretty smile," Martha Hill, Special Olympics Wisconsin Athlete, former Global Messenger, and state Law Enforcement Torch Run® committee representative. "We all have the same hopes and dreams as others; it just might take a little more work to make them come true."

You might have seen her on the ABC Family Channel standing on stage in front of 80,000 people with the Chairman of Special Olympics, Timothy Shriver, at the Opening Ceremony of the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in China. Or maybe you heard her speak as a State Athlete Input Council committee member.

Over the years, Hill has left her hometown of Sheboygan, Wisconsin to share her story, speaking about hope, acceptance, dignity, and courage alongside distinguished celebrities, such as Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Yao Ming, Colin Farrell, Vanessa Williams and other world leaders.

Martha Hill, 30, is an experienced swimmer and has competed in many sports, currently participating in golf and has become an icon for thousands of athletes across the globe. As an influential spokesperson for Special Olympics, her inspirational words have helped change the lives of people around the world with cognitive disabilities.

Martha often quotes Eunice Kennedy Shriver in her speeches, to whom she refers to as her "personal hero." At the 2009 International LETR Conference this past November, Tim Shriver highlighted Martha as his "Smile Coach" because of her positive and cheerful demeanor. Tim Shriver worked with Martha during her time serving as one of the 12 Sergeant Shriver International Global Messengers in the class of 2007-2009.

Hill said she hopes the next class of International Global Messengers time to serve will be just as rewarding as hers was. "If I could tell them anything, it would be to be flexible and to enjoy every minute of their term. Always be ready to travel, smile, or to give a speech. You can rest when your term is over."

After becoming a Global Messenger, Martha is no stranger to the limelight. Since then, she has put her public speaking skills to action by advocating for Special Olympics, focusing her speeches not only on changing lives, but changing perceptions. Most recently, Martha attended the 2009 International LETR Conference and thanked the officers she met, reinforcing the importance of having the officer's support.

"It's important for all law enforcement members to hear an athlete's perspective," she said. "It's also important for them to realize how important what they do is for all the athletes."

During the live auction in Connecticut, Martha signed a conference T-shirt which was auctioned off for \$250 to support the Special Olympics Connecticut LETR as a thank you for such a wonderful conference.

From running across the state of Wisconsin to racing over the hilly terrain in China, Hill has witnessed officers running the race for liberty. She has even carried the Flame of Hope™ around the world herself! She spoke of her experience running in China.

"We were awe struck for only a few minutes and then swept up into the glow. I felt the cadence of the boots as we ran down the streets of Shanghai. My head was swirling, my ears were ringing and my heart was overflowing," she said. "The athletes had become part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Law Enforcement Torch Run had become part of the athletes."

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

By: Francis Williams, Gibraltar LETR Director

On the 23rd of June this year we celebrated our 21st Law Enforcement Torch Run® and as usual everything was set in motion at the beginning of the year with letters to our sponsors, meetings with liaison officers of the ten departments that annually participate; and all seemed to be going smoothly.

Due to the National Games starting right after the run, it was quite impossible to have athletes running with us, which would certainly increase awareness so we opted for the next best thing, having parents participate. This started four years ago when I was approached by Mrs. Eloisa Wimbleton the mother of Special Olympics athlete, Mr. Glen Wimbleton asking if she could run with us. Obviously she was told that it would be a pleasure for us to have her on board.



Torch Runner, Mr. Joseph Gilbert receiving the Torch from Mr. John Rodriguez, Collector of Customs and Torch Run Patron

Since then, she has encouraged her husband John, and two other mothers, Mrs. Rosemary Brooking and Mrs. Elizabeth Lopez, who has also been accompanied by her daughter Serena. Slowly by their own efforts, we hope to have more parents join us.

This year, following our recent trip to Lisbon and to further increase our contact with the Portuguese Torch Run committee, we extended an invitation to them to attend our run. We had the pleasure of hosting three committee members: Mr. Luis Ferreira, Mr. Gonçalo Simões and Mr. Manuel Ferreira all from the Special

Unit, Policia de Segurança Pública.

Due to minor work that usually happens on our roads, we normally decide our route mid-May and monitor any changes or emergency work that might require us to alter the route. Normally we visit the beaches, housing estates and our principle shopping area known as Main Street.

Gibraltar is only six square miles and has two main traffic roads running parallel to the Rock, from North to South, and another main road that takes us from West to East to the other side of the Rock. The roads are usually congested with traffic, but we manage to get the runners and motorcade through, causing only minimum retentions.

Lately, the increased building construction taking place everywhere in Gibraltar, and the repairs being carried out on our main roads, compounded with abnormal frontier delays, were causing extra vehicle congestion although we knew this, we hoped that everything would be alright on the day.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

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Running on the pavement due to work on the main road near airport.

You can well imagine our concern when six days before the run, following a meeting with the Commissioner of Police, Mr. L. Wink, who is one of our Torch Run Patrons and a keen supporter, we were requested to reconsider our motorcade as it would be counter productive to increase what was already a traffic mayhem by official law enforcement vehicles.

At an urgent meeting we decided to shorten our running time to two hours and re-scheduled the route. Unfortunately, due to the safety concerns for our runners, we avoided the beaches and running on the road.

Our runners were only able to run on the footpath a short distance and mainly concentrated our efforts to walk through our Main Street creating awareness and collecting funds.

Fundraising has been an integral part of our run almost since our beginning so this time around we would have more time to concentrate on this and create more awareness. Some runners were slightly disappointed, not being able to run, but understood the situation. Hopefully next year when the current road work comes to an end, we will be able to return to normal.

Putting things into perspective, what we have learned from this experience is that although you can plan ahead, you should never take things for granted, things change at the last moment. Adapting and overcoming obstacles is part of our life and no better training for that is acquired than working with Special Olympics.



Athlete family members participating in run from left to right: Mrs. Rosemary Brooking, Ms. Serena Lopez, Mrs. Elizabeth Lopez and Mrs. Eloisa Wimbleton

ILLINOIS OFFICERS TAKE FUNDRAISING

TO NEW HEIGHTS

By: Jeff Henson, Special Olympics Illinois LETR Liaison



Police officers throughout Illinois staked out Dunkin' Donuts rooftops on May 22 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the seventh year in a row to heighten awareness and raise donations for the Law Enforcement Torch Run® to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

It was a record-breaking year for the

Cop on Top event with officers participating at 94 locations in Illinois and raising more than \$182,000 – a first in both the number of locations and funds raised! The Bloomington Police Department was once again the top fundraising department, collecting more than \$9,400 during their event the week of the State Summer Games!

Everyone who visited a participating Dunkin' Donuts store and made a donation to the Torch Run received a free donut. Individuals who donated at least \$10 also received an Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run® travel mug and coupon for free coffee.

The Dunkin' Donuts Cops on Top event has been a great success since its inception in 2003, raising more than \$668,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois!



CONNECTICUT RAISES THE BAR AND TURNS ON THE CHARM

By: Mike Peretti, Conference Chair



The saying, "good things come in small packages" seems to have been devised specifically to describe the Connecticut Torch Run and Special Olympics programs. From the time you stepped off the plane at Bradley International Airport, to the time the Flame of Hope™ was passed to Southern California, conference attendees were embraced by the hospitality of the Connecticut family. Foxwoods Resort, a long time proud supporter of Special Olympics Connecticut, was a beautiful backdrop to the reunion of Torch Runners from around the world. Focusing on the

"International" component of our global movement at this year's conference, we were reminded of the many accomplishments of Torch Runners around the world. Supporting the global theme, Connecticut Torch Run, in partnership with the LETR International Expansion Committee, arranged for a sponsorship through the Knights of Columbus that was directly responsible for bringing four Torch Runners from Latin America and Puerto Rico to the conference who otherwise would not have been able to attend. These attendees have critical roles in executing a Final Leg in Feb 2010 in Puerto Rico leading up to their National Games.

Motivation and Inspiration was abundant throughout the conference, led by the powerhouse of speakers intertwined throughout the events. No speaker was more powerful than Eunice Kennedy Shriver herself as she spoke to the attendees through a series of video clips taken from her most famous speeches over the years. Mrs. Shriver spoke of her dream, praised the heroes, and set the tone to fight the fight in order to overcome harmful attitudes toward those with intellectual disabilities. President and CEO Tim Shriver took it from there and gave us a glimpse of the future and the journey that lies before us. Special Olympics Athlete Loretta Claiborne inspired us at the Honors Luncheon citing that the fight for inclusion and equality for those with intellectual disabilities is the "modern day civil rights movement", while Kenny Mayne, ESPN anchor, and Actress Susan Saint James made us laugh and made us better understand our cause at the Hall of Fame Banquet. With a line up like this you would not think it could get any better, but the athlete emcees themselves made us laugh and cry. They told us stories of triumph and reminded us that if not for the Torch Run, they and many of their friends would live their lives in institutions. Athletes Brian Drexler, Alison Smith, Bethany Stopa and Jeff Depina, will always be the face of Special Olympics Connecticut for those of us who attended.



Regardless of where you turned, whether at the Casino Hospitality Night, or the Native American Museum Host Night, you were inspired and appreciated. This conference made us all reflect upon where we have been and where we have yet to go. We celebrated another record breaking fund raising year, but recognized there is much more work to do. Recommit to your athletes and the Torch Run as the conference attendees did in Connecticut. Keep the Flame of Hope Burning Bright!

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SEE YOU IN LONG BEACH!



2009 Law Enforcement Torch Run® International Conference

November 11 - 14 • Connecticut

The 2009 Torch Run International Conference was held at Foxwoods Resort in Connecticut, from November 11-14. At the annual conference, the announcement was made that the Torch Run raised US\$34.3 million in 2009. More than 1,000 Law Enforcement personnel and Special Olympics staff celebrated this global success by attending more than 20 conference sessions, competing in Unified Sports®, participating in the “Foxtrot” and so many other motivational, educational and inspirational events. Here some of the highlights:



These SOCT athletes did a masturful job emceeing the General Sessions and hosting the more than 1000 law enforcement and Special Olympics personnel that attend this year's conference! From left to right, SOCT athletes Dan Wilding, Jeff DePina, Brian Drexler, Alison Smith and Bethany Sopa.



Special Olympics

Connecticut

Be a fan.



SOCT athlete and 2009 Conference emcee, Brian Drexler, kept conference attendees laughing with his sense of humor and flare for entertaining.

At this year's conference attendees were thrilled to hear from a number of very important folks in Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run movements...



Special Olympics athlete and SOI Board Member, Loretta Claiborne.



Special Olympics Chairman and CEO, Tim Shriver



Kenny Mayne, ESPN anchor and reporter and Special Olympics Connecticut supporter.



Susan St. James spoke about her involvement with Special Olympics and the impact this has had on her life.



The David Family



Special Olympics Wisconsin athlete, Martha Hill as Tim Shriver's "Smile Coach!"



This year we welcomed six law enforcement representatives from Spanish-speaking Torch Run Programs in the Caribbean/Latin America. From left: Luis Ernesto Caballero Guillen (Peru), Vladimir A. Cáceres Rivas (El Salvador), Ángel Gomez (Puerto Rico), Bill Buford (LETR Executive Council Member and Chair of the International Expansion Committee), Carlos Iriguyen (Puerto Rico), Nelson Pozo (Ecuador) and William Roy Siancas Landazuri (Peru).



A tribute to fallen officers...



...and a celebration of the good work done by outstanding LETR officers. Pictured here are the winners of the 2009 John Carion "Unsung Hero" Award. From left: Vinnie Adler (New Jersey), Theresa Garagan (Alberta), Michael Nelsen (Utah).

The winners of the 2009 Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame Award:



Paul Manuel of the Calgary Police Service in Alberta, Canada.



Jeanette Steinfeldt of Special Olympics Iowa.



Rodney Seurer of the Savage Police Department in Savage, MN.

The crowd was entertained by the Coast Guard Choir...



... had fun dancing...



and playing ladder ball.



Of course, no Conference is complete without a Torch Run!



Everyone was well taken care of and made to feel right at home thanks to the wonderful work of Special Olympics Connecticut staff, athletes and volunteers. Thank you SOCT!



Connecticut Torch Run Director Luis Rosa passes the torch to Southern California Torch Run Director and 2010 Conference Host Roberta Abner. Looking forward to another successful and inspirational conference in 2010 in Long Beach, California!

2009 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN[®]
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CONNECTICUT
PROGRAM FUNDRAISING AWARDS

Increase in Gross Revenue Awards:

Largest Increase in Gross Revenue
Wisconsin Torch Run

Second Largest Increase in Gross Revenue
New Jersey Torch Run

Third Largest Increase in Gross Revenue
New York Torch Run

Fourth Largest Increase in Gross Revenue
Minnesota Torch Run

Fifth Largest Increase in Gross Revenue
Illinois Torch Run

Highest Grossing Program Awards:

Highest Grossing Program
Maryland Torch Run

Second Highest Grossing Program
New Jersey Torch Run

Third Highest Grossing Program
Illinois Torch Run

Fourth Highest Grossing Program
Ontario Torch Run

Fifth Highest Grossing Program
Wisconsin Torch Run

2009 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN[®]
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CONNECTICUT
PROGRAM FUNDRAISING AWARDS

Per Capita Fundraising Awards:

Top Per Capita Fundraising Program
Gibraltar Torch Run

Second Highest Per Capita Fundraising Program
Cayman Islands Torch Run

Third Highest Per Capita Fundraising Program
Northwest Territories Torch Run

Fourth Highest Per Capita Fundraising Program
Maryland Torch Run

Fifth Highest Per Capita Fundraising Program
Montana Torch Run

Percentage Growth Awards:

Largest Percentage Growth
Chinese Taipei Torch Run

Second Largest Percentage Growth
Northern Ireland Torch Run

Third Largest Percentage Growth
Austria Torch Run

Fourth Largest Percentage Growth
Cayman Islands Torch Run

Fifth Largest Percentage Growth
Maine Torch Run

2009 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN[®]
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CONNECTICUT

LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE

Diamond

Torch Run Programs Raising over \$1,000,000

Florida

Illinois

Maryland

Minnesota

Missouri

New Jersey

New York

Ontario

Wisconsin

Ruby

Torch Run Programs

Raising over \$750,000

North Carolina

Northern California

Southern California

Texas

Emerald

Torch Run Programs

Raising over \$500,000

Connecticut

Georgia

Kentucky

Virginia

Washington

Sapphire

Torch Run Programs

Raising over \$250,000

**Alberta, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, Delaware, Hawaii,
Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico,
Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota**



2010 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN® INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

“Catch the Wave”

October 19-22, 2010

The recent passing of Eunice Kennedy Shriver has weighed heavily on the hearts and minds of those involved with the Special Olympics movement. Along with all the other Law Enforcement Torch Run® programs, Southern California is more determined than ever to help preserve the legacy created by Mrs. Shriver. The torch has been passed, both literally and figuratively, for each and every one of us to carry on, and to strengthen our resolve in support of our Special Olympics athletes. Since 1981, the Torch Run® for Special Olympics has grown to be the largest grassroots fundraising program and partnership for Special Olympics programs throughout the world. The Flame of Hope™ continues to burn brighter each and every year because of the dedicated law enforcement officers who support the effort.

With this in mind, Southern California invites you to “Catch the Wave” in Long Beach, for the 2010 LETR International Conference. Together, we can ride a wave of continuing success as we gather new ideas and motivate each other to do more. Beginning with the dramatic opening ceremony and lighting of the torch, to the heartwarming stories that will not leave a dry eye in the conference hall, the 2010 conference is sure to inspire every attendee towards our ongoing goals of raising funds and awareness in support of Special Olympics athletes. All of this, while enjoying the glorious weather and scenery in “Sunny Southern California.”

The concurrent sessions will deliver exactly as intended, and will have plenty to offer for all attendees. From the seasoned LETR veteran to those recently introduced to the Torch Run experience, the sessions will motivate, educate and inspire each of you. Armed with a fresh perspective and newly acquired ideas, our hope is that when you return home you will implement them for the benefit of your program.





Our demonstration and fundraising events will include a 5K Torch Run; the unveiling of a unique Special Olympics Unified Sports® event, featuring our SOSOC athletes; and the Misty May Beach Volleyball tournament, which is sure to bring out your friendly, competitive spirit. The events will be packed with fun and entertainment for all to remember!

From the moment you arrive in Long Beach, you will experience the friendly and relaxed atmosphere that this pleasant seaside community has to offer. Southern California is set to deliver a wonderful conference on behalf of the athletes and law enforcement worldwide!

The conference will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center, which is centrally located and within a short walking distance of the three hotels (The Westin Long Beach; Renaissance Long Beach; and Hyatt-Long Beach). Long Beach has something to offer for the entire family; take a voyage in time aboard the historic Queen Mary, experience a deep sea adventure at the Aquarium of the Pacific, or visit Universal Studios Hollywood, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, as well as many other Southern California attractions, which are all nearby.

There are over 100 restaurants in the downtown area within walking distance from the hotels, from elegant dining to sidewalk cafes, that are sure to delight your taste buds. Those interested in a relaxing stroll along the waterfront can enjoy shopping at the charming boutiques, partake in the arts and cultural scene, or a number of recreational and beach activities.

For more information, please visit the 2010 LETR International Conference website at: www.sosc.org/2010TorchRun

Remember, make your plans early to..."Catch the Wave"! This is a conference you won't want to miss.





NINTH ANNUAL IACP PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORY A: GROUP



Special Olympics New Jersey

Submitted by: Lynn Schindel



2nd Place



*Special Olympics
Washington, DC*

Submitted by:

*Deputy Chief
Jeanne O'Toole*



3rd Place

*Special Olympics Florida
Submitted by: Laura Collins*



NINTH ANNUAL IACP PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORY B: SPIRIT



Special Olympics Delaware

Submitted by: Ruth Coughlan



2nd Place

Special Olympics Northern Ireland

Submitted by: Jeremy Adams



3rd Place

Special Olympics Gibraltar

Submitted by: Francis Williams



NINTH ANNUAL IACP PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORY C: OFFICER & ATHLETE



Special Olympics Connecticut

Submitted by: Lisa Carlone



2nd Place

Special Olympics Oklahoma

Photo submitted by: Sgt. Shawn Byrne



3rd Place

Special Olympics Texas

Photo submitted by: Lt. Dina Gonzales



NINTH ANNUAL IACP PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORY D: GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME®



Special Olympics Southern California

Submitted by: Richard Fernandez



2nd Place

Special Olympics Colorado

Submitted by: Lt. Greg Daly



3rd Place—Tie

Special Olympics Florida

Submitted by: Laura Collins



3rd Place—Tie

*Special Olympics New South Wales,
Australia*

Submitted by: Scott Whyte



NINTH ANNUAL IACP PHOTO CONTEST

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2009 Final Leg Torch Run—Idaho

Photo by: Andrea Kramer



2nd Place

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3rd Place—Tie

2007 Final Leg Torch Run—China

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All of these winning photos were selected from a pool of over 1200 images submitted by almost 50 Torch Run programs from all over the world. Judges from the IACP and Special Olympics International – including athletes – met to review the entries at IACP Headquarters.

Each of the winning programs received a copy of their winning images in poster size for their own display. These images were also on display at the 116th Annual IACP Conference in San Diego, California. The top photos are also scheduled for publication in both *Police Chief* and *Spirit* magazines.

Torch Runner Profile



Officer Erica Galuszka **West Springfield Police Department** **Massachusetts**

Officer Galuszka stormed onto the Torch Run scene in early 2008. With the first annual Cruiser Convoy fast approaching, she grabbed her telephone and started signing up department after department in her western part of Massachusetts. She brought an unmistakable energy to the day of the event, plus cars from 15 departments she personally recruited!

After Erica came out again a few weeks later to the August Sports Tournament Opening Ceremonies, we knew she was going to be an important piece to the resurgence of the LETR program in Massachusetts.

Erica attended the Dallas Torch Run Conference where she made friends and contacts from around the country and picked the brains of top fundraisers. Within two weeks of her return from Dallas, she put on a one day Cop on Top event at a local Wal-Mart and raised over \$2,000!

2009 has seen Erica put in countless hours on the Dream Ride, which is an established motorcycle event from Connecticut that has expanded to other states including Massachusetts. Erica is also planning a larger follow-up to her successful Cop on Top event from 2008 for the weekend after Thanksgiving, hoping to capitalize on the largest shopping crowds of the year! Massachusetts is lucky and proud to have Erica Galuszka as a part of our new generation of Law Enforcement Torch Runners!

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SEAN KINGSTON The Little Drummer Boy

LEIGHTON MEESTER Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)

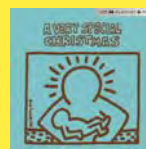
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