MedFest Clinical Director Volunteer Recruitment

Dear INSERT NAME/ORGANIZATION

Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to more than 4.5 million athletes in 170 countries. Special Olympics competitions are held every day, all around the world—including local, national and regional competitions, adding up to more than 90,000 events a year. Special Olympics is the largest global public health organization dedicated to serving people with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program offers health screenings in seven areas: Fit Feet-podiatry, FUNfitness- physical therapy, Health Promotion- better health, nutrition and well-being, Healthy Hearing- audiology, MedFest -sports physical exam, Opening Eyes- vision and Special Smiles- dentistry.

MedFest was created to offer the physical exam that all athletes need prior to participating in Special Olympics sports programming at no cost to the athlete or their family. It is sometimes the first exposure these athletes have to medical care. In many cases, life-threatening conditions have been found, and subsequently treated, thanks to MedFest. Led by volunteer physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and medical students, the MedFest screening consists of the following stations: medical history, height and weight, blood pressure, vision test, cardiology test, musculoskeletal test, orthopedic tests, abdominal evaluation, and a check out station.

Special Olympics needs volunteer health care professionals to serve as Clinical Directors for its Healthy Athletes MedFest Program. Special Olympics is reaching out to medical professionals skilled in conducting sports physicals and exams. The medical expertise you have to offer can ensure that the MedFest Program reaches its maximum potential. We need you to use your special skills and abilities to help change the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. As a MedFest Clinical Director you will join other health professionals volunteering in the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program. Please accept the challenge of empowering our athletes by ensuring their safe participation in the Special Olympics sports programs. As one clinical director volunteer recently said, "The athletes thank me for what I do for them, but it is really the athletes who deserve my thanks for what they do for me.”

To learn more about Special Olympics MedFest, please visit <http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/Healthy_Athletes/Disciplines/MedFest.aspx>

Special Olympics is recruiting for MedFest Clinical Directors for several state and country programs. Please contact the individual listed below to discuss how you can join our team and make a difference in a Special Olympics athlete’s life.

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