

# The Olympic Voice



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Special Olympics Allen County is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of the community. Not only do we depend on monetary contributions, we ask the community for volunteers, coaches and educational opportunities to generate awareness of people with intellectual disabilities. We are blessed to have community partners who wish to further our mission by providing such opportunities

As a supporter and member of Special Olympics Allen County, we hope you will support our efforts to maintain and enhance these relationships. Below are several opportunities athletes can be involved in. While some events throughout the year generate funds enabling us to provide sports programming at no cost to its athletes, others are "good time" events for athletes. No matter the event, each one gives us the chance to educate others about our program, our athletes and share the true spirit of our program.

**Please consider joining us at one or all of these events. After all, Special Olympics is nothing without its athletes.**

## ATHLETES NEEDED

Special Olympics has two phone lines. 402.5399 and 402.1302

Saturday, June 13, Fort Wayne Flash Game

On Saturday, athletes are welcome to attend the Fort Wayne Flash (Women's Professional Football) at their home game at **Woodlan Jr/Sr High School** (17215 Woodburn Road, Woodburn, IN 46797). Kickoff is 7pm. Athletes will cheer the football team onto the field, participate in the coin toss. This is a free event. Our own Alise Hazelett will be singing. Please meet at the entrance of the game at 6:45 pm.

*RIB FEST at Headwaters Park, June 18 - 21, 2009*

Champion of Fort Wayne has teamed up with Special Olympics Allen County. Together, we hope to spread awareness and collect donations for Allen County programming. This is an incredible opportunity to spotlight Special Olympics and its athletes. The fundraiser has huge potential. We would like athletes to be present, sporting their medals and Allen County t-shirts. Participants will collect donations and talk to the public as the crowd enters the Headwaters Pavilion at the Champion booth. Please see the attached advertisement and sign-up sheet. You can let us know your availability by calling us or sending us an e-mail at [specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com](mailto:specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com).

***This is a family friendly activity. If supervision is necessary for your athlete, we recommend you plan to attend as well. We cannot guarantee Special Olympics Management availability.***

Hoagland Day Parade, Saturday, June 20th—10 a.m.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be having a float in the Hoagland Day parade. Special Olympics athletes and parents are invited to ride on the float. Please contact [specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com](mailto:specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Saturday, July 11, 2009—Imagine This

We are now accepting athlete registrations to be in this year's Special Olympics Allen County entry in the 2009 Three Rivers Festival Parade—*Imagine This*.

We need 30 athletes willing to walk the parade route behind the Special Olympics Van. You must complete the attached commitment form or send an e-mail to [specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com](mailto:specialolympics.allencounty@hotmail.com) indicating your desire to be a part of this special day. While details are still be worked out, we promise this year's parade to be an experience of a lifetime for those participating. We will take the first 30 to register. Due to cost, all athletes will receive a T-shirt. Volunteers are asked to wear a white T-shirt. **Saturday, July 11 around 9-1 p.m. (Again, these are not the definite times, but a guesstimate. As the date draws closer we will get those registered the exact details.)**

*"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt." - Special Olympics Athlete Oath*