



Special Olympics

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Special Olympics Ontario

Special Olympics is one of the many community projects in which State and subordinate council participation is highly encouraged by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Knights and their families all over North America support the efforts of Special Olympics not only by financial donations, but also by donations of volunteer hours in local, provincial and national events.

The Ontario jurisdiction is proud to be a supporter of the Special Olympians of Ontario.

Over the past years K of C members throughout Ontario have been engaged in a number of projects that have supported Special Olympics Ontario.

Special Olympics is more than an event or a set of Games!

Special Olympics programs provide people with an intellectual disability a local sports program run and operated by local volunteers. To get your council involved either contact Joe Mathews or Special Olympics Ontario for more information.

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**The Knights' commitment to Special Olympics
and to hundreds of grassroots programs
for people with intellectual and physical disabilities is
an expression of its belief in the
intrinsic worth of every human being.**

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1. The focus leading into the 2007-08 program year was to involve more KC Councils on a local level. This primarily was achieved through three major activities; Provincial Games in Durham, Hometown Games and local competition support (Toronto / Perth) and the Military Tattoo event in York Region. There were certainly a good many more engagements at a local level but we need to authenticate the support.

- Ottawa
- London
- Sudbury
- Toronto
- Aurora
- Peterborough
- Thunder Bay
- Windsor

In most cases it has been volunteer support and we (KC) have attempted to centralize our financial support through SOO Inc. Grants in the name of KC have supported community competition through a new Special Olympics program, Hometown Games. This initiative is of particular interest and a project that other KC Councils can engage and get involved with in the future.

2. Our (Ontario) State Council has been active in a number of projects that are complimentary to our Special Olympics partnership. This has been further strengthened through a designated SO Liaison (Joe Matthews) and complemented by a State Board representative in Joe Salini.

- Volunteer support for Special Olympics 50 / 50 program with Toronto Maple Leafs
- Volunteer support Healthy Athletes Program in Ottawa and Toronto
- Financial and volunteer support – KC Day with Toronto Blue Jays
- Planning committee and volunteer support – York Regional Police Military Tattoo in support of Special Olympics
- Direct and financial support of the 2008 Special Olympics Provincial Spring Games
- Hometown Games competition – Toronto (softball) – Perth (soccer)

3. Total contributions to Special Olympics Ontario in the reporting period estimated at \$35,000 (DIRECT) and another \$30,000 (INDIRECT)

4. Total volunteer hours estimated at

- ❖ State = 500 hours
- ❖ Local = 3000 hours

Material Support

- ❖ State = \$5000
- ❖ Local = \$20,000





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