

# Triumph

Spring 2006



**Special Olympics**  
New York

## 2006 Summer Games Coming to Albany this June

*Mona Golub of Price Chopper, Presenting Sponsor, and Shawn Williams of GE Silicones, Gold Sponsor, to serve as event Co-Chairs.*

The excitement mounts for the year's most spectacular Olympic competition: our Summer Games, returning to Albany for 2006 and 2007. This June 15-18 at the University at Albany, Sunset Recreational Lanes and Siena College, over 2,000 athletes and coaches will put their training and skills to the test in eight Olympic-style events including aquatics, basketball, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, track and field, tennis and volleyball.

The weekend will also include Opening Ceremonies on Thursday night and Closing Ceremonies and a Victory Dance when competition concludes on Saturday. Further details on how to volunteer, support and sponsor Summer Games can be found by visiting [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org).

To formally announce the Games to the general public, a Corporate Breakfast and Press Conference was held March 15th at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Colonie.

This inspirational event opened with speakers Katie Cranston Spadafora and Kevin Brown, both athletes of Special Olympics. They captivated the audience by voicing their happiness, gratitude and support for the Games coming again to Albany.

On behalf of Presenting Sponsor, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Co-chair Mona Golub spoke of her family's continued commitment to Special Olympics New York. The Golub family has created a long-standing relationship with



Featured from left to right; Athlete Steve Caruso, President & CEO Neal J. Johnson, Athlete Katie Cranston Spadafora, Golub Corporations Mona Golub and Athlete Kevin Brown. All athletes pictured here serve on the Global Messengers program.

the organization. Neil Golub, President and CEO of Golub Corporation, served as Honorary Chair for both the 1996 and 1999 Summer

Games in Albany. In 1999, he asked his wife Jane, Director of Vendor Income Programs for Golub Corporation, to partner with him in the 1999 effort, and she complied happily. When the athletes arrive at the Summer Games, Mona Golub will be there cheering them on, sharing the proven

commitment and loyalty of her parents.

Also Co-chairing the Summer Games is Shawn D. Williams, representing Gold Sponsor Americas Industrial of GE - Advanced Materials, Silicones as General Manager.

GE people worldwide are dedicated to turning imaginative ideas into leading products and services that help solve some of the world's toughest problems. It is with this spirited character of willingness, pride and commitment to the community that Shawn Williams accepted the invitation to serve as event Co-Chair for the Summer Games.

Ms. Golub and Mr. Williams honored the other corporate sponsors attending the breakfast kick-off for the Games, reinforcing their support of the organization's work to inspire greatness in all those participating in this wonderful event.

In addition to Price Chopper Supermarkets



Co-chair  
Mona Golub



Co-chair  
Shawn D.  
Williams

## 2006

### Miles for Medals

*Get those laces tied up tight.*

This year our Miles for Medals Walks take on celebrity status as Yolanda Vega from The New York Lottery becomes our 2006 Honorary Walk Chairperson. Yolanda will be making appearances at many of our



walk sites this year, as well as spots on our radio and television public service announcements.

Yolanda has been a long time advocate of Special Olympics New York and the Miles for Medals Walks and we are honored to have her public support in raising awareness for our programs.

For information on how to register, visit [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org) or call 800-836-6976.

### Spring Walk locations:

- Westchester, FDR State Park – April 29<sup>th</sup>*
- Oswego, Oswego High School – May 6<sup>th</sup>*
- Glens Falls, Crandall Park – May 13<sup>th</sup>*

and GE Silicones, Summer Games are made possible through the generosity of sponsors including State Sponsors New York Lottery and New York State United Teachers; Silver Sponsors AXA Financial Advisors and Federation of NY Insurance Professionals; Media Sponsors Fox 23 News, ClearChannel Radio and the Albany Times Union; Bronze Sponsors Capital Communications FCU, Keeler Motor Car Company, Fraternal Order of Police and Symantec Corporation; Sport Sponsors Lions Club International, CDPHP, Citizens Bank, The Affinity Group LLC, NBT Bank; Team Sponsors Callanan Industries and Saratoga Gaming & Raceway; and Contributors M & T Bank and Oldcastle Precast Northeast.

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# A Message from the President

Neal J. Johnson, President & CEO of Special Olympics New York, Inc.

Like any good recipe, it takes many ingredients to put together a successful Special Olympics event or program.



In a perfect world, money would be a secondary element, a luxury not a necessity. Unfortunately, in the real world, financial resources play a critical role in sustaining the quality of our efforts and the reach of our mission at Special Olympics New York. Through the generosity of individuals and corporations, we have been able to bring quality sports competition and training to individuals with intellectual disabilities for more than thirty years. While I am extremely proud of our first class record, it is also my responsibility to see that our highly regarded programs grow into the future. Towards this end I would like to recruit your assistance.

Currently, the U.S. Congress is considering an appropriation for the 2007 fiscal year; **Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act**. It is imperative that our Federal representatives understand how important our programs are and how they affect the lives of tens of thousands of New Yorkers. No one can tell this story better than you: our athletes and their

families. I encourage you to contact your U.S. Congressman and our two Senators and request their support for this crucial piece of legislation. A short note, phone call or email will go a long way. If you do not know who your Federal representatives are, feel free to call Darcie Henderson at 800-836-6976 x 108, or email [dhenders@nyso.org](mailto:dhenders@nyso.org).

We have had a fantastic thirty years and the next thirty are going to be even more exciting. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future. ■

## Remembering JoAnn Young, 55

*Role model, coach and fund-raiser for the program.*

For a quarter-century, JoAnn Young was a driving force behind the Staten Island Special Olympics. Mrs. Young passed away at home, December 23, 2005 after a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Young coached swimming, basketball, softball, weightlifting and track, drove one of the group's vans to competitions and even traveled to Alaska as a hockey coach for the Special Olympics International games. She raised funds, too. Her volunteer efforts seemed endless and earned her the 2000 Special Olympics New York Outstanding Coach of the Year Award. "Her life was dedicated to the Special Olympics," said her husband.

"There wasn't a day in the last 25 years that she didn't do something for Special Olympics," said Richard Salinardi, area coordinator for the Staten Island Special Olympics and Chairman of the Board for Special Olympics New York. "I consider her the heart of our Special Olympics program on Staten Island. It's devastating that we lost JoAnn, but at the same time her legacy is something that will keep us going forever. She was a role model as a coach and a parent and an administrator." ■

## Turn OLD into GOLD

*Recycle your cell phone for Special Olympics.*

Turn your unwanted cell phones into cash to support Special Olympics and help provide sports training and competition opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.



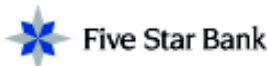
The Recycle for Special Olympics promotion runs from now through June 30, 2006.

Special Olympics will receive a minimum of \$1 to more than \$100 per donated phone. RMS Communications Group, the cell phone recycler, has guaranteed a minimum donation to Special Olympics of \$250,000.

So don't toss your old cell phone. "Recycle for Special Olympics" and turn your old phone into gold! Find out more at [www.specialolympics.org/recycle](http://www.specialolympics.org/recycle). ■

## Special Olympics New York Welcomes Five Star Bank

One of our newest corporate sponsors to join Special Olympics New York is Five Star Bank. Five Star Bank selected Special Olympics New York to receive a \$2,000 donation raised during its "Five Star Giveaway" promotion held at each of its 50 branches throughout Western and Central New York. This was a marketing effort associated with the launch of Five Stars Bank's new name.



Check presentations to Special Olympics New York were made in East Aurora, Victor, Olean and Elmira by Regional Presidents John Witkowski, Martin Birmingham, Gary Rougeau and Jeffrey Kenefick respectively.

Five Star Bank has pledged to support community involvement in the communities it serves and knows that collaborating with Special Olympics New York is a win for all.

The donation benefits the Genesee and Central Region, Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference and the 2006 Fall Games in Binghamton, as this is where their 50 Bank branches are located. ■

## Triumph Spring 2006

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### Western Region

## Allegany and Cattaraugus County Awards Local Coordinator

On March 10, Bill Burdsall was given Area 25's first "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his efforts in (Allegany and Cattaraugus County) Special Olympics New York. The presentation was made during the annual awards banquet in Cuba, NY. Bill retired in February after serving 38 years as the Areas Coordinator. Through his leadership, dedication, and unselfish volunteer efforts, thousands of area athletes have been able to participate in local, regional, and statewide Special Olympics competitions. ■



### Genesee Region

## "Crystal Ball, Olympic Gala" Presents Ordinary Miracles/Extraordinary Moments

April 8th was a time to remember in the Genesee Region. Olympic Gold Medalist in swimming and sportscaster John Naber conducted an aquatics clinic for Special Olympics athletes and local swim teams. Naber's appearance was sponsored by Xerox Corporation and approximately 40 Special Olympics New York athletes took advantage of the free clinic which was held at the School of the Holy Childhood. The swimmers were in awe as they heard about Naber's 1976 Golden Olympic Moment where he broke records in the backstroke. Each athlete received a commemorative pin and an autographed photo of Naber.

The day did not end with the clinic but continued at the sold out dinner dance and auction where Naber was the featured keynote. Approximately 625 people attended the event at the Hyatt Regency Rochester. The opening presentation was made by Mason Selkowitz McDermott Marketing and Crystal Pix. The voice of Barbara Streisand singing "Ordinary Miracles" was followed by a recitation by Rochester Institute of Technology's professor

Keith Jenkins, who recited verses of the song before breaking into song himself.

The "Finish Ribbon" was then carried through the audience by athletes Jeffrey Ahern, Katie Holleran, Megan Abel, Ben Streb, Julianne Warren and Adolph Dupree. The Ribbon signified the theme of the evening presenting its own extraordinary moment. On the screen as the athletes presented the ribbon on-stage were videos of athletes in action...the ordinary miracles of Special Olympics athletes in competition which came together as very extraordinary moments.

Guests enjoyed dinner and were treated to a motivational speech by John Naber which was followed by Special Olympics athletes encouraging guests to sponsor teams in competition.

Dancing to the band, "Sometimes 3" was a hit for all who stayed through midnight. The Crystal Ball, Olympic Gala is the largest fundraiser of the Genesee Region supporting 3,200 athletes who train and compete year round in 22 sports at 62 events. ■

### New York City Region

## Med Fest

It was a beautiful spring day on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Med Fest when more than 200 children with intellectual disabilities gathered together at Riverbank State Park for the first bi-annual Special Olympics New York - New York City Region free medical screening for athletes from the New York City Public School System.

Thirteen City Year New York volunteers were on-hand to handle height and weight screenings while New York City Region staff ensured all the logistics were in place. City Year, a volunteer organization, seeks to demonstrate, improve and promote the concept of national service as a means of building a stronger democracy.

"It was amazing to see how many of our athletes were able to get examined and cleared so quickly and thoroughly. Dr. Varlotta and his team did a wonderful job taking care of our athletes while our staff and City Year New York volunteers worked tirelessly to make the event an enjoyable one for all," said Neal J. Johnson Special Olympics New York President and CEO.

The event was developed by Special Olympics, Inc. to help children and adults with intellectual disabilities who want to train and compete in Special Olympics sports but cannot



FDNY EMT Mark Bonilla of Battalion #19, Bronx helps out at Med Fest.

### Central Region

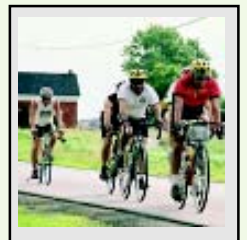
## Central New Yorkers to Pedal for Medals

*Cycling events slated for June to benefit Special Olympics New York Central Region.*

Pedal for Medals is a four-day, 300 mile ride from the Adirondacks to the Finger Lakes from June 22-25, 2006 and a one-day ride at Delta Lake State Park just north of Rome, NY, on June 10, 2006 which is presented by Wal-Mart.

At Delta Lake, you can choose to take part in a one-mile Family Fun Ride within the park, a 12-mile ride around the lake or a challenging 38-mile ride or take on the ultimate challenge of traveling 75 miles a day for four days through some of the most beautiful scenery in the northeast. Together, these rides offer something for every cyclist.

Register [www.pedal4medals.org](http://www.pedal4medals.org) or call 315-473-3177. There is a \$25 registration fee and a \$600 minimum fund-raising goal for the four-day ride, which is fully supported with all meals and double occupancy hotel rooms. The Delta Lake ride is a "come one, come all" affair with no registration fee or minimum fund raising goal, and includes a celebration and BBQ provided by the ELKS Lodge of Rome. ■



due to logistical and financial challenges that makes it hard for them to obtain the required doctor's medical approval. Under the direction of Dr. Gerard Varlotta, Associate Professor of Sports Medicine at New York University Medical Center, and his team of associate's, along with EMT volunteers from the FDNY, athletes received height and weight, blood pressure, and heart and lung checks. This unique opportunity allows athletes to continue to train and compete in the many programs New York City Region offers.

The event began at 10:00am and concluded at 1:30pm with lunch and t-shirts provided free to the participants. Based on the success of Wednesday's event, another Med Fest will be scheduled in the future. ■

Capital District Region



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Hudson Valley Region

**Bresnan Bike Tour Pedals into 17<sup>th</sup> Year**

*Sponsored by Bresnan Communications.*

Why would some of the Northeast's most influential and successful individuals cycle in the Bresnan Bike Tour year after year? Could it be the exhilaration of completing the arduous 200-mile, uphill ride from New York to Vermont? Certainly such challenges are a factor, but more than just sweat and money are involved.

Over the past 16 years, the Bresnan Bike Tour has evolved from a physical challenge to an inspirational union for those who ride. It represents a special bond of support and love for people with disabilities who need a little extra help in their lives. It is a validation of two outstanding organizations that support these special citizens. It helps enable people with disabilities to experience one of the greatest thrills in life – personal achievement.

We are proud to announce that the 2005 Bresnan Bike Tour raised over \$250,000. Because of the Bresnan sponsorship, nearly 100% of the funds raised go directly to Special Olympics New York – Hudson Valley Region and the Westchester Arc Foundation.

We are grateful for Bresnan Communications continued support as Title sponsor for the Bresnan Bike Tour since 2002. We are happy to announce that NBC Universal Cable has come aboard as a Silver sponsor this year.

If you are interested in riding a challenging bike tour that provides outstanding accommodations in the Berkshires, fine dining and a well-equipped support crew, please contact Maria Madero at 845-878-9722, email: [mmadero@nyso.org](mailto:mmadero@nyso.org).



Central Region

**Day at the Beach**

*Special Olympics athletes and Colgate students get along swimmingly.*

You could almost hear the ocean's roaring waves at Lineberry Natatorium at Colgate University on Saturday this past March 25<sup>th</sup>, where frisbees, oversized sunglasses and beach buckets were used, perhaps for the first time ever, at a Special Olympics swimming event. It was Central Region's first annual Fun Relay Event; where 80 Special Olympics swimmers and the Colgate University men's and women's swim teams were in attendance.

The event was the brainchild of Program Director Jeff Mickle and volunteer coaches of the Central Region. Mickle confessed that he gathered the items for the "day at the beach" relay while shopping at the Dollar Store. They say a dollar and a dream can go a long way, and it was indeed true that day.

In this relay, teams of combined Special Olympics athletes and Colgate swimmers swam pool lengths with a bucket, second rounds were with buckets and sunglasses, then three items and so on. Problem-solving trumped speed as one athlete wore the bucket on her head and sped past her competitors.

Another element within the relay was team-building, an exercise also to promote good fun. Mickle purposely mixed athletes from various counties who had never teamed up together before, so that fun became their sole purpose. "It was good for our athletes to get away from the rigors of competition and just have some fun participating in a sport they enjoy with other athletes and swimmers and coaches at Colgate University," said Mickle.

After lunch, Colgate University Swimming Coach Stephen Jungbluth's staff and swimmers took up stations around the natatorium and gave hands-on lessons in swimming, diving and racing techniques. "It was hard to tell who triumphed more," said Glenn Ivers, Central Region Director and an alumnus of Colgate University. "The Special Olympics athletes, who gained new team-building skills, or the Colgate swimmers who learned to appreciate them not for what they can't do, but what they *can* do."



Ted Nicholson, Cayuga County; Larry Jackson from Syracuse and Michael Grant from Cayuga County.

Genesee Region

**Time for Spring Games in the Genesee Region**

*The largest and most intense season of sporting events are upon us.*

Kicking off the Spring Games competition series will be the **Region Central Spring Games** held at York Central on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Corning East High School will be the host for the **Region South Spring Games** on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, our athletes will compete at the **Finger Lakes Spring Games** at Wayne Central on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. And the **Region North Track and Field Event** will be held at Rochester Institute of Technology on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Volunteer opportunities are available at each of these events; please contact Marilyn Abel at 585-586-7400 ext. 103. We look forward to seeing you at the Games!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK

# WINTER



# GAMES

SYRACUSE 2005-2006

The weekend of February 12-14 saw the energy level spike in Syracuse as it played host to the 2006 Special Olympics New York Winter Games. The festivities began with Opening Ceremonies on Friday night, including the lighting of the Olympic flame. Saturday saw an action packed day of intense competition at four venues located throughout the Syracuse area. The weekend came to a close Saturday night with a brief Closing Ceremonies and a Victory Dance that was enjoyed by athletes, coaches and family members alike. ■



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### Long Island Region

## Spring is in the air!

*May 7th Games on tap.*

Long Island's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Games, presented by Geico Direct, will be held at Great Neck South High School on Sunday, May 7, 2006. This event will host approximately 1,000 athletes, 2,000 student volunteers and 1,000 adult volunteers.

In this one day, athletes will compete in Track and Field or Tennis. There will also be an opportunity for our Young Athletes, ages 5-7, to participate in an adapted sporting event thereby introducing them to all the wonderful benefits of Special Olympics.



All attendees will participate in Opening Ceremonies as the athletes march in the Parade of Athletes. After the athletes finish competing, they will experience a traditional Awards Ceremony as well as have the opportunity to attend Olympic Village which will be the host of more than 40 community booths, including Healthy Athletes and a Long Island Rail Road train built especially for our athletes! ■

### New York City

## The 51st Viennese

### Opera Ball

The January 27<sup>th</sup> benefit which was held at The Waldorf in New York City was hosted by Ann Curry of NBC's "Today" and "Dateline," and Alfons Haider ORF "Dancing Stars" and "Vienna



Special Olympics Athletes Alyssa and Craig with Ann Curry.

Opera Ball" Host. The event was celebrated with the musical genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, whose 250<sup>th</sup> birthday fell on the same date as the Viennese Opera Ball.

The introduction of debutantes coming into society is one of the many highlights of the evening. This year our very own Special Olympics New York Long Island Region's Alyssa Scroope made her "entrance as a debutante" and was accompanied by escort, Craig Luden; also from Long Island Region. The two waltzed the night away with wonderful grace and ease; many thanks to Micki Williams of the Arthur Murray studio for providing them with lessons! ■



# TORCH RUN TIMES

Law Enforcement Torch Run News

## 2006 Polar Plunges Raise \$85,000 Dollars for Law Enforcement Torch Run

*Participants go over the edge to benefit Special Olympics New York.*

The four plunges took place from January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>. They were held in Rochester, Fishkill, Coney Island and Port Washington, New York. Together these four plunges saw some awesome people taking the plunge for Special Olympics New York. In all there were 700+ people who braved the cold waters and New York's waterways.

Each plunge had its own individual accomplishments. As far as bragging rights are concerned the top fund-raiser Martin McQuade took the dip at the Fishkill Plunge, with a total of \$4,900.

The Coney Island Polar Plunge had the most plungers with a total of 300+. Port Washington had the highest team dollars as Pfizer raised an accumulative \$4,000 and overall the event raised \$20,000 with 40+ plungers in attendance. Rochester raised the most money with \$42,000 and 295 participants.

No matter if you were the top fund-raiser, or just joined us for the festivities, Special Olympics New York is proud of each and every one of you who participated, volunteered and sponsored these great events. We hope to see everyone again next year.

Check [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org) for individual stories on each of the plunges.



## Final Leg Announcement

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Torch Run State Committee, we invite you to participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg for the 2006 Special Olympics New York Summer Games. The Games are being held June 15-19 in Albany, NY. The event promises to be a spectacular showcase for 2,000 athletes of Special Olympics New York. The Final Leg is being held on June 15, in the Capital Region and ends at the Opening Ceremonies on the Campus of the University at Albany. Registration packets are available and anyone who wishes to participate will need to get a registration packet by contacting Chris Porreca, Torch Run Liaison at 800-836-6976. ■

## Final Leg Runner for National Games

Lieutenant Joseph Barca of the Yonkers Police Department has been selected to represent the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics New York during the Final Leg. The Final Leg will run from June 22 - July 2<sup>nd</sup> ending at the Opening Ceremonies of the USA National Games, in Ames, Iowa.

The LETR state committee voted for this honor and as a group selected Lieutenant Barca. This will be something that Lieutenant Barca will be ready for as he has started his training and has participated in many running events over the years including 25 Yonkers Marathons, 16 Marine Corps Marathons and 20 years of the Torch Run.

Looking forward to the event, Lieutenant Barca will be running from Solider Field, Chicago to Ames, Iowa. "This will be a great opportunity to meet many other officers from around the country and become part of the great experience that ties each of the officers together," said Barca.

We wish Joe well on his Final Leg adventure and look forward to hearing about his trip. Congratulations Lieutenant Joseph Barca of the Yonkers Police Department. ■



Lieutenant Joseph Barca,  
Yonkers Police Department.

## Krispy Kreme Cops on Top

Just a quick reminder that the Krispy Kreme Cops on Top event is scheduled for May 5-7th. Don't worry there is still time to order your promotional materials. If you are unable to conduct your Cops on Top event in May, We can work with Krispy Kreme and secure another time. All you will need to do is simply order your materials at least thirty days in advance for events outside of the May timeframe.

### New York Krispy Kreme stores are located at the following addresses:

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- 838 1550 Old Country Road, Riverhead 11901, 631-208-0423
- 848 51 Orange Plaza Lane, Middletown 10940, 845-346-0492
- 1051 1250 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda 14150, 716-332-0444
- 1052 1150 Jefferson Road, Henrietta 14623, 585-424-7370
- 1053 2021 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga 14225, 716-681-4700
- 1054 2851 Erie Boulevard, East, Syracuse 13224, 315-251-1600
- 1056 549 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham 12110, 518-783-8600

## Calendar Announcements

### LETR Open

With the warm weather and grass turning green, there is no better place to spend an afternoon than at the links. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Corning will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LETR Golf Open to benefit Special Olympics New York. The event is taking place at the Hiland Country Club in Queensbury, NY. The cost is \$100 for an individual and \$375 for a foursome. We will offer a buffet dinner, awards and great fun for anyone who attends. See you on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and if you need more information call Bill Collins at 800-836-6976 ext. 127. ■

### Western New York Fire Truck Pull

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Western New York Fire Truck Pull is being held on May 20, 2006. The event will take place at the Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department in Lancaster, New York. There is plenty of activities for the whole family including food, prizes, games, and of course the Fire Truck Pull. Get your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers together today and form a team. For more information please contact Special Olympics New York at 800-836-6976 ext. 103. Hope to see you at the pull! ■

### Law Enforcement Torch Run Golf Classic

It is time to dust off the clubs and join Special Olympics New York for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic presented by AXA Equitable. The Golf Classic will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Links at Unionvale in Lagrangeville, NY. The event is open to anyone who plays golf and likes to support Special Olympics. The cost will be \$150 per person or \$500 a foursome. Each participant will be treated to the driving range, goodie bag, lunch, and a post event dinner and award ceremony. If you are interested or need more information please contact Chris Porreca, Torch Run Liaison at 800-836-6976 ext. 103. ■



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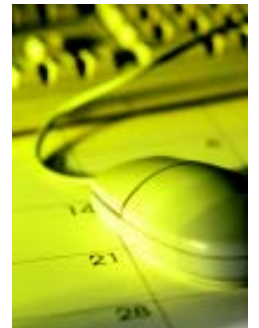
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- ✓ Sponsor the Games?
- ✓ Make an in-kind donation?
- ✓ Inquire about Planned Giving or Bequests?
- ✓ Maybe even become a Fund-raiser for one of our walkathons or bike events?
- ✓ How about joining the Law Enforcement Torch Run?

There are many competitions and fund-raising events that happen everyday for Special Olympics New York. We can't name them all here in *Triumph*, but we want you to know all about them.

We urge you to visit [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org) and see for yourself the many wonderful opportunities that exist. Become a volunteer, sponsor and/or a fund-raiser today!

Contact Special Olympics New York at 800-836-6976 on how you can lend a helping hand!

## Calendar of Events



**June 3**  
New York City Region  
**Metro Tournament**  
Riverbank State Park, NYC

**July 17**  
Long Island Region  
**Tour for Champions Golf Outing**  
Indian Hills Country Club, Northport

**July 29**  
Capital District Region  
**10th Annual Silks and Satins 5K Run**  
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