

Triumph

Summer 2006



Special Olympics
New York

Albany Summer Games Wins a Gold Medal

Over 2,000 athletes and coaches were the honored guests at Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, June 15 as this fun and inspiration-filled evening kicked off two days of exciting competition at Special Olympics New York's Summer Games.

Impending bad weather moved the ceremonies inside but could not dampen the athletes' tremendous anticipation of coming events. Seated by their New York State delegations, each region distinguished by a different but equally vibrant tee-shirt color, the groups of athletes created an animated mosaic of unbounded enthusiasm.

Emcees Rich Becker of Fox23 News and Yolanda Vega of the New York Lottery welcomed the packed crowd of athletes, coaches, dignitaries and spectators, setting a jubilant tone,

matched by the pageantry of the University at Albany Color Guard's opening procession. The national anthem was nicely rendered by lead member, David LaGrange of the Flame of Rock band which also performed to the delight of all attending.



The Adirondack Warriors; consisted of athletes from Clinton and Essex counties; and they defeated the Saratoga Devil Dogs, 28-18 in the Summer Games Highlight game.

For the speakers' program, thoughts about the courage and joy of Special Olympics competition were shared by University at Albany's President Kermit Hall, County Executive Mike Breslin, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, and the games' co-chairs Mona

Golub of Price Chopper Supermarkets and Shawn Williams of GE Advanced Materials- Silicones. The Athletes' Oath offered a suitable finish to the oratory.

Lavishly robed Knights of Columbus preceded the dynamic New York State Corrections' Emerald Society Pipe Band, eliciting cheers from the athletes. The Law Enforcement Torch Run arrived, having brought the Flame of Hope on a 1,000-mile journey across New York State. Over three hundred cheerleaders from local schools further enlivened the gathering as new recruits from the State Police Academy, along with many other Law Enforcement Torch Run members from across the state ran the flaming torch up the center aisle.

Special Olympics athletes Kara Siddons and Chuck Probst, both of Albany, joined the final leg of the run and proudly carried the Flame of Hope to the Special Olympics cauldron, lighting it as Neal J. Johnson, President and CEO of Special Olympics declared the Games officially open.

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National Games in Iowa

Over 3,000 Special Olympics athletes from all over the United States competed at the Games. This was the largest Special Olympics multi-sporting event to happen this year.

Visit www.specialolympicsNY.org, for pictures, results and information on how TEAM NY did.

Ah, Binghamton in October (Upcoming Fall Games)

Brilliantly colored leaves, crisp fall air and over 2500 people attending the Special Olympics New York 2006 Fall Games!

From October 6 - 8, athletes from across the state will compete in soccer, softball, cycling, cross country, bocce, golf, equestrian and roller skating

The Olympic Village will showcase companies' products and services and will

provide Healthy Athletes clinical screenings and entertainment for the 1,000 athletes and coaches at the Games.

Events will take place at Otseango Park, SUNY Binghamton, El Racho De Pas and other facilities throughout the greater Binghamton area.

Come, enjoy and be inspired! Be a volunteer or be a fan. The athletes welcome your support at one of Special Olympics New York's largest

events of the year.

Sponsors for this year's upcoming Fall Games include: The New York Lottery, NYSUT, Raymond Corporation, NBT Bank, NYSEG, The Federation of NY Insurance Professionals, Greater Binghamton NY Convention and Visitors Bureau and CDPHP.

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A Message from the President

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



Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. At every Special Olympics competition, big or small, they coach athletes, referee games, act as timers and cheer for our athletes. They are an integral part of our global movement and help to provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the excitement, joy and personal fulfillment associated with sports training and competition. We are grateful beyond words for their efforts.

Our volunteers also gain a great deal from their experiences. Watching a competition, seeing the athletes' determination and excitement as they cross the finish line or make a difficult basket, our volunteers are transformed somehow by the amazing spirit of our athletes. That's why so many volunteers come back again and again.

My own life has been changed and enriched by my involvement with Special Olympics. As first a volunteer and now CEO of Special Olympics New York, I continue to learn from our athletes and cherish the relationships I have built with them.

If you are not already a volunteer, please consider joining us – you will be surprised with how much it may change your life.

Thank you for all of your support.



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Goldman Sachs commitment to Special Olympics

On April 26 Special Olympics New York was honored by Goldman, Sachs & Co. at their Community Team Works (CTW) cocktail reception. Held at the chic and trendy Cipriani Downtown, SONY was recognized for the organization's commitment and dedication to Special Olympics athletes.

Special Olympics New York was among five global organizations to be honored by Goldman Sachs, and received a generous \$100,000 donation in support of Special Olympics New York's continuous efforts to provide year-round quality sports training and athletic competitions for the athletes. The donation will also help in the development of the New York City Pilot Project, an urban strategy to increase the involvement and improve the experiences of athletes in New York City and, throughout this Pilot in urban environments around the world.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. Chairman Hank Paulson presented the CTW award to Staten Island athlete Mary Pannese who was escorted by Special Olympics New York President and CEO Neal Johnson.

"For fifteen years, Goldman Sachs has generously supported the mission of Special Olympics New York," said Neal Johnson. "It was a touching moment when Mr. Paulson presented the award to Mary."

Goldman Sachs has been integral in helping to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, including mental retardation, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of skills and friendship with their families,

Special Olympics athletes and the community. Through the athletes' participation in Special Olympics New York they gain confidence and build a positive self-image, which carries into the classroom, the home, the workplace and the community.

"It was an honor to represent Special Olympics New York at this reception," said Mary Pannese. "I'm proud to be a Special Olympics athlete."

Goldman Sachs employees have worked with an estimated 45,000 athletes during CTW projects at Special Olympics New York competitions over the years. Goldman Sachs support helps to insure that Special Olympics New York will never charge its athletes, their families or caregivers for the opportunity to participate in these competitions or the training leading up to them.

CTW volunteers number in the hundreds each year and assist in a variety of sports – including, track & field, aquatics, basketball, volleyball and the ever popular power-lifting. In addition, our athletes can count on CTW volunteers to be on hand to ensure that all aspects of the competitions run smoothly. Whether they are there to pass out sandwiches and drinks, organize the parade of athletes, tally scores, award medals or simply cheer the athletes' efforts, Goldman volunteers bring the same dedication, passion and professionalism that they bring to their careers.

Through the help of Goldman Sachs corporate leadership and commitment, Special Olympics New York has grown into its own region and together with CTW; Special Olympics New York looks forward to a continued partnership with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and future events.

New York City Region

18th Annual Metro Tournament

It may not have been the sunniest of days on Saturday, June 3 but the 18th Annual Metro Tournament at Riverbank State Park brightened up a rainy forecast with a day of exciting competitions. Beginning with Opening Ceremonies, the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) provided parade marshals, a color guard, and the Emerald Society Bag Pipes & Drum Corp, which accompanied the Parade of Athletes onto the track and field area. More than 1,000 athletes from the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island and Hudson Valley were in attendance along with 300 coaches and 800 volunteers.

The charming Yolanda Vega from the New York Lottery was her usual charismatic self as she pumped up the athletes and spectators during Opening Ceremonies. Tim Shriver, Chairman of the Board Special Olympics Inc.,



was in attendance along with Congressman Charles Rangel; New York City Sports Commissioner Ken Podziba; Matthew Sapolin Executive Director for Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Montreal Canadiens hockey player Chris Higgins (his sister Jeanne competed in aquatics); Miryam Coppersmith, who plays Sophia Bacala on The Sopranos, performed The National Anthem; and the Very Reverend Doctor James Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John The Divine, provided a moving

benediction. Highlights included an energizing performance by PS 307 Diamonds and Satellite West Emeralds cheerleading squads.

Special Olympics athletes Kathy Camastro and Chris Reyes, escorted by a pair of New York State Park Police officers, ran the torch into the

stadium and lit the cauldron. Special Olympics New York President and CEO Neal Johnson then proclaimed "Let the Games Begin," the athletes waved their red pom-poms and headed towards their respective meeting places.

2006 marked the 10th year Riverbank State Park has hosted the Metro Tournament. Riverbank continues to provide SONY athletes and coaches with prime athletic facilities. The athletes showed sportsmanship, dedication and drive in doing their personal best. Competitions took place in aquatics, basketball, powerlifting, softball throw, track & field and volleyball.

Metro Tournament Presenting Sponsor was Goldman, Sachs & Co. A large contingent from the FDNY, were invaluable volunteers during pre-event setup and the day of including: EMS, EMTs and Medics. Key sponsors included NYBOT Futures & Options for Kids; Securities Traders Association of New York; Disney Worldwide Outreach; Mattel / Fisher Price; Pfizer; PricewaterhouseCoopers; American Airlines; ITG; New York Sports Club; Merrill Lynch; UBS; New York Lottery and NYSUT. Blimpie provided lunches again this year and Poland Spring beverages.



Summer Games

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For the next two days the athletes took to the sporting grounds, demonstrating their talent and skills at track and field, aquatics, basketball, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, tennis and volleyball. Venues in addition to the University at Albany included Siena College, Albany Academy for Girls and Sunset Recreation Bowling Lanes.

Special Olympics New York Board Chairman Richard Salinardi said, "The true meaning of the competition is that the athletes prove to themselves that they can do something. Many of the athletes when they start to compete don't have the skills. They don't have the skills



because they don't have the opportunities. Through training, they develop their abilities and then all of a sudden they're in a real competition and they have real results."

Said athlete and global messenger Stephen Caruso, "We worked hard to get here this whole past year, just to come out and watch and see what these athletes can do because they can really surprise you."

As records were broken and medals were won with pride – what was most important for those two days came true – all our Special

Olympics athletes had fun.

A special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor; Price Chopper Supermarkets, and to these supporters: Gold Sponsor; GE Advanced Materials- Silicones, Statewide Sponsors; New York Lottery and New York State United Teachers, Silver Sponsors; AXA Financial Advisors, Fraternal Order of Police and Federation of NY Insurance Professionals, Media Sponsors; Fox23 News, ClearChannel Radio and the Times Union, Bronze Sponsors; Capital Communications FCU, CSEA, Keeler Motor Car Company, Symantec Corporation, Community Foundation for the Capital Region and Desmond Hotel & Conference Center.

Capital District Region
Another Satins, Silks & Stars Success

GE Advanced Materials – Silicones presented the 16th annual Satins, Silks & Stars black-tie gala and 10th Anniversary Silks & Satins 5K Run to benefit Special Olympics New York Saturday, July 29th in Saratoga Springs. This premier fundraising weekend generated nearly \$150,000 to benefit the Special Olympics New York athletes.

Tremendous appreciation goes out to GE Advanced Materials- Silicones, Price Chopper Supermarkets, The New York Lottery, NYSUT, Keeler Motor Car Company, Citizens Bank, Merrill Lynch, NYRA, Fox23 News, Times Union and ClearChannel Radio.

Not to mention, all of the other supporters and in-kind donations from committee members to regional attractions.

Thanks for spending a little time with Special Olympics New York during the 2006 *Hey, Big Spender* Satins, Silks & Stars weekend.



New York City Region
We Rang the Bell

Special Olympics athletes Danny Lane and Giuseppe Pellecchia rang The Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, May 10 to kick-off this year's Special Olympics New York -NYC Region Metro Tournament. The athletes were joined by NYSE Group, Inc. President & Co-COO Gerry Putnam; Special Olympics New York President & CEO Neal Johnson and Chairman Richard Salinardi.

Long Island Region
Golfer's Dream Vacation to PEBBLE BEACH

- Round trip airfare for your foursome
- 4 days-3 nights at the Pebble Beach Lodge
- 2 days of golf: Pebble Beach, The Links at Spanish Bay
- Car Rental During Your Stay
- \$500 Spending Money Per Person

\$100 per Ticket-Only 400 Tickets to be sold and the drawing will be on August 28, 2006
 To purchase a raffle ticket or receive more information - call 631-254-1465, ext. 12

Long Island Region
29th Year for Popular 10K

The Great Cow Harbor 10K Run will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006. This event is being organized as the biggest Cow Harbor Race yet. Join the over 5,000 participants, who will run through the village streets of Northport, New York.

All registered participants will receive a t-shirt with the Great Cow Harbor Logo. Also added this year is the availability of sponsoring a runner.

Sanctioned by the Road Runners Club of America, it has been selected as a Championship Race for the eighth consecutive year.

Being one of the most prestigious foot races in the country and nationally ranked, Runner's World has named this race as one of the top 100 races in the USA.

Along with the festivities there's also a 2K Fun Run/Walk that will immediately follow the 10K run.

Contact Rebecca Keller at 631-254-1465 x. 11 or rkeller@nyso.org for more information.

Central Region
From the Adirondacks to the Finger Lakes

Pedal for Medals continues to write history

For the second year in a row, cyclists from around the state and from as far away as Maryland pedaled from the Adirondacks to the Finger Lakes to benefit Special Olympics New York. Along the way, they learned a lot about the courage it takes to ride with a strong headwind, to face hill after hill, to keep going when just about every muscle in their body is telling them to stop.

They learned a whole lot from the special people they met along the way. At nightly stops in Saranac Lake, Canton, Watertown and Oswego, they met Special Olympics athletes who have also demonstrated great courage in overcoming obstacle after obstacle to achieve their goals. They also met Staff Sergeant Roy Mitchell, an above-the-knee amputee who rode most of the 300-mile ride on a hand cycle.

Wounded in Afghanistan, Sergeant Mitchell declined the easy way out when the army offered to start his retirement when he came home. He saw the army as his career and asked to stay on at Fort Drum in an administrative post. His example opened the way for a dozen other amputees to remain at the base on active duty and to continue to serve their country. He approached other challenges in his life with the same determination and spirit. An avid mountain biker before his disability, he turned to road cycling upon his return. After just a year and a half of rehabilitation and training on a hand cycle he felt he was ready to take on a challenge like Pedal for Medals.

During the ride he achieved his personal cycling best of 65 miles, completing the route from Canton to Watertown by climbing the same hills and enduring the same heat as the rest of the cyclists. At the end of the ride, he vowed to return to the ride next year with other hand cyclists from Fort Drum.

Together, our Special Olympians and this special athlete Roy Mitchell taught an indelible lesson to cyclists, volunteers and thousands of Central New Yorkers who witnessed the ride or read about it in their local paper. Disabilities, fears and obstacles can be overcome, courage can be found within, and we can all reach for our personal best in whatever we attempt, each and every day of our lives.



National News

The 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games

To be held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China October 2-11, 2007.

The event will mark the first time the World Summer Games will be held in Asia, and only the second time they will be held outside the United States. In addition to some 7,000 athletes, Special Olympics expects the 2007 World Summer Games to draw 40,000 volunteers, 3,500 event officials and thousands of families, volunteers, spectators and journalists from every continent.

Special Olympics athletes of all ability levels will compete in 20 different Special Olympics and Olympic-type sports: aquatics, athletics, badminton, basketball, bocce, bowling, cricket, cycling, dragon boat racing, equestrian, football (soccer), golf, gymnastics, handball, judo, kayaking, MATP, powerlifting, roller skating, sailing, softball, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. Special Olympics athletes not competing in the World Games will play crucial leadership roles off the sports field as officials, assistant coaches, reporters, and spokespeople.



Special Recognitions and Awards celebrated ...

New York City Region - On May 12, Tom Peyton, Program Director for the New York City Region was awarded by Region 8's Department of Education for his tireless work in promoting quality physical education in the schools. Peyton has increased the number of athletes in Region 8 from 285 to 500 while providing venues for sporting events and training for the teachers.



The awards presentation took place during the region's Second Annual Physical Education Showcase where students demonstrated their talents and athleticism in a variety of sports including yoga, cheerleading, fencing and gymnastics.

"While we are implementing our citywide physical education goals we appreciate how Tom has demonstrated a commitment and dedication in accordance with our initiatives," said Virginia Matthews, Regional Instructional Specialist of Physical Education.

Tom began working with Special Olympics New York in 2004 under the Christmas Records Grant to increase the number of athletes from the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE.) He and colleague Dave Celentano have successfully increased the total number of athletes from 9,500 to 16,000 in two years. "I'm grateful for the honor and humbly appreciate their kind gesture," said Peyton.

Tom is now working on a plan to ensure athlete retention to Special Olympics once they graduate from the Department of Education. For more information on Special Olympics programs in New York City, please call 212-661-5217.

Genesee Region - The Rochester Press-Radio Club Day of Champions was April 26th and our own Special Olympics athlete and Fairport High junior Jeff Ahern was the honorary chair. He received gifts from the Buffalo Bills, Rochester Red Wings and Buffalo Sabres. His presenter was none other than Peyton Manning himself, who told him "I'll get you some Colts stuff, too."

Western Region - The announcement was made February 22, 2006 that Don Johnson, Special Olympics New York coach, volunteer, and mentor, was one of the nine civic-minded Western New Yorkers who won the "first" Buffalo News and WNED-TV Jefferson Awards.

Named for Thomas Jefferson, chief author of the Declaration of Independence and third U.S. president, the awards were founded in 1973 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Sen. Robert Taft Jr. They are sponsored at the national level by the American Institute for Public Service. This year Buffalo joined more than 97 other cities presenting local Jefferson awards. The Buffalo News and WNED-TV co-sponsor the Jefferson Award and will present the award annually to outstanding volunteers.

Tom and his wife, Carol, have a son, Eric, who was born with Down syndrome which opened a new world for them. Eric began competing in Special Olympics at age 6, training at school. Don helped out by volunteering and coaching for the program.

For the past 15 years, he has volunteered as a Special Olympics coach in Erie County. "He impresses upon each athlete the Special Olympics oath – let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," said May Ann McClellan of Williamsville, who nominated Johnson. "To Don, the exercise and training is important – the winning will come eventually."

"Don has a knack to bring his instruction to the appropriate level," McClellan noted. "He's an example of what a leader, an innovator, a gentle but strong guardian should be."

Southern Tier - Area 17 coordinator Janet Krizek, from the Southern Tier Region recently received an Award for Excellence from Tompkins County Foundation, Trust company; a community bank of Ithaca.

The Tompkins County Foundation is a not-for-profit trust that gives grants to non-profits in their community. The foundation gives the awards annually to 6-8 individuals/non-profit organizations. This year the awards were presented on May 15 and Area 17 also received a cash award of \$1,500.

Janet Krizek has been an area coordinator for the past twelve years. Her leadership has made it possible to provide year-round sports and training and athletic competition to all the athletes of Special Olympics in Area 17.

If you have a story of excellence or recognition you would like to share with Special Olympics New York, please let us know.

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TORCH RUN TIMES

Law Enforcement Torch Run News

It's Time!!!

More than two years ago the New York State LETR Committee along with Special Olympics New York had an idea...let's have a party! Well, that idea led to years of hard work preparing for the bidding process, winning the bid, forming a conference committee, bringing all the ideas together to ultimately get to this point! November 8-11, 2006 at the Adam's Mark in Buffalo, NY we will host the 2006 LETR International Conference. This year mark's the 25th anniversary of the torch run and with that comes our theme – "25 to life ... A Whole New Meaning!"

Every year over 1,000 Law Enforcement Torch Run supporters from over 35 countries gather together for the International Conference which gives torch run volunteers in the law enforcement community the opportunity to network, share and learn how to make their local Torch Run program a continued success.

This year's conference highlights include a VIP Tour of Attica State Prison (limited to the first 100 pre-registered attendees), NY Host Night Party in Niagara Falls, bid on one of a kind items in the Live and Silent Auction, the memorial 5K run, try your skills in the Cop-stacle Course and have a fantastic time with your fellow law enforcement friends from across the world!

Special Thanks to our sponsors: NYSOPBA, The New York Lottery, NYSUT, Macy's, AFLAC, Five-Star Bank, M&T Bank and Walmart.

If you are interested in attending the conference or becoming involved the Law Enforcement Torch Run in your area please contact Renee Snyder at rsnyder@nyso.org or 1-800-836-6976.



Thank You!



More than 2,000 law enforcement representatives carried the "Flame of Hope" to guide the way to the opening ceremonies of the '06 Summer Games in Albany, NY. Hundreds of agencies came together to carry the Torch throughout New York's towns, villages and cities, in honor of Special Olympics athletes.

Hudson Valley Region

Oh MYLANTA, it's Almost Fall!

June has come and gone, and so now have all the Spring Games, Metro, and the Summer Games. It is at this time of year that we move into the calendar mode and start putting together our upcoming program year. But first, let's take a quick look at the past few weeks of competitions and what's happening over the summer...

May 13, 2006

Spring Games EAST

Dutchess, Putnam & Westchester Counties
HOSTED at MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL

Over 550 athletes competed at this event where the questionable weather held out for the day. 21 individuals comprised the field of the pentathlon event alone! All of the athletes were afforded the opportunity to compete in three events plus a relay.

An unprecedented 30 teams took advantage of participating in the relays this year. Overall, this was one of our best events yet. Olympic Village was run by Mr. John Brower in fine fashion. Special thanks to John for his efforts!

As always, the Healthy Athletes program was in full swing supported by Drs' Seagriff (DDS) and Hoffman (podiatry). Thanks to the Docs, their colleagues, friends & staff.

May 6, 2006

Spring Games WEST

Rockland, Orange, Ulster & Sullivan Counties
HOSTED at WEST POINT

Over 400 athletes attended the competition at West Point competing in track & field, aquatics and adaptive games. Additionally, over 650 USMA cadets volunteered for the day. Opening Ceremonies began with skydivers being launched out of a helicopter at 4500' and landing within 5 yards of one another. The Army band was there to provide music for the duration of the ceremony.

On-Going Training

GOLF PROGRAM for Westchester County

6:00pm on Wednesday evenings @ Mohansic in Yorktown

GOLF PROGRAM for Rockland County

6:00 – 7:30pm on Thursdays @ Phillip J. Rotella Golf Course

Both programs host athletes of both the skills levels and the 9 hole play level.

CYCLING PROGRAM

Ongoing in Southern Westchester.

If you have interest in any of these events please contact us at (845) 878-9722.

21st Annual MBIA Golf & Tennis Classic

Benefit Special Olympics Hudson Valley & Westchester Arc

When: Monday, September 18, 2006
Registration & Brunch - 9:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start - 10:30 a.m.
Tennis Start - 11:00 a.m.
Cocktails - 5:00 p.m.
Awards Banquet - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Golf at Mt. Kisco CC; Whippoorwill Club; Anglebrook Golf Club
Tennis at Mt. Kisco CC

Cost: Golf: \$800 per golfer
Tennis: \$300 per player

Genesee Region

Delegation Has an International Flair

The Genesee Region delegation to State Games had a slightly "down-under" feel to it with the addition of Alysse Iverson, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from

Koorainghat, Australia. Alysse served as a special helper and cheerleader extraordinaire as



a follow-up to her school year with the athletes who attend Wayne Central High School.

Alysse arrived in the United States in January after graduating from high school in Australia. She is sponsored by the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club and attends Wayne Central High School. While at school, Alysse began volunteering in Ms. Ronnie Steele's special education class, and became friends with a number of Special Olympic athletes. When the Wayne Central School District decided to host a regional track and field competition this spring, Alysse jumped aboard with true Aussie Gusto! She helped to develop a Buddy System between Wayne Central Varsity Track Athletes and Special Olympic track athletes to assist in training. For three weeks prior to competition, the buddies trained together forming connections and friendships on the track that blossomed throughout the school. On the day of regional competition, the entire school turned out for support all the athletes, in no small part thanks to this Australian dynamo.

As a thank you for her hard work, Wayne High School and Genesee Region staff members asked her host club to fund Alysse to go to state



games so she could support the athletes she had helped so much during the school year. Her host club generously

agreed and Alysse was off to Albany. Alysse calls her work with Special Olympics athletes one of the most rewarding experiences of her life and plans to continue helping with Special Olympics in Australia when she returns home in December. She hopes the friendships she has made with Special Olympic athletes and coaches during her time in New York will last forever.



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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 every day 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 and see for yourself. Our web site has recently been re-designed showing many opportunities for becoming a volunteer, sponsor and/or a fund-raiser.

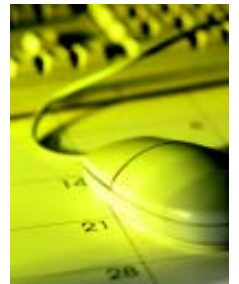
Contact Special Olympics New York at 800-836-6976 on how you can lend a helping hand!

Calendar of Events

August 28
Genesee Region
2006 Oak Hill Summer Golf Classic
Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester

September 14
New York City Region
Million Dollar Duck Race
NYC

October 18
New York City Region
Real Estate and Construction Gala
Chelsea Piers, NYC



For more information on these and other event listings
visit www.specialolympicsNY.org

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