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## **Local Law Enforcement ‘Serve’ Diners for 28th Annual Tip a Cop Fundraiser, Nov. 30 – Dec. 1**

*Participating restaurants will accept tips to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Hawaii*

**HONOLULU** - From serving our community to serving your favorite appetizers, this holiday season off-duty volunteer law enforcement will join forces for Special Olympics Hawaii’s annual Tip a Cop fundraiser. The event returns for its 28th year on Friday, Nov. 30 from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. at participating restaurants across Oahu including popular eateries California Pizza Kitchen (all Oahu locations), Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. (Ala Moana Center), and Big City Diner (Ward Village.)

Law enforcement from the Department of Homeland Security, Honolulu Police Department, United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Marine Corps, and the U.S. Probations Office District of Hawaii will put their serving skills to the test by volunteering to bus tables and assist servers in efforts to raise “tips” for Special Olympics Hawaii’s programs.

“It’s always a pleasure when our Tip a Cop fundraiser returns for the holidays. For nearly three decades this event has allowed us to connect with the community and share awareness about our programs in a fun and interactive way,” said Nancy Bottelo, president and CEO of Special Olympics Hawaii. “The amount of support we receive from our Tip a Cop volunteers, restaurants, and diners is invaluable and provides year-round opportunities for our athletes to compete and train.”

Since its inception, Tip a Cop has raised \$291,856 for Special Olympics Hawaii. For an up-to-date list of participating restaurants and hours please visit [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org).

This year Special Olympics Hawaii celebrated its 50th anniversary. The local organization currently provides year-round sports programs statewide for over 4,700 athletes with

intellectual disabilities. There is never any charge for athletes or their families to participate.

For more information on Special Olympics Hawaii's Tip a Cop, please contact 808-695-3524 or visit [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). Also, follow Special Olympics Hawaii on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/sohawaii](https://www.twitter.com/sohawaii), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsHawaii), and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/sohawaii](https://www.instagram.com/sohawaii).

### **About Special Olympics Hawaii**

Special Olympics is a global inclusion movement using sport, health, education, and leadership programs every day around the world to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1968, and celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Special Olympics Hawaii has grown to serve more than 4,700 athletes and Unified partners on every island in our state. With the support of more than 11,000 coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers 10 Olympic-type sports and over 50 games and competitions throughout the year. Special Olympics is supported by individuals, foundations and corporate partners.

There is never a fee to any athlete or family to participate in Special Olympics programs. Engage with us on: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Learn more at [www.SOHawaii.org](http://www.SOHawaii.org).

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