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### **Par Hawaii's Fueling Dreams Returns to Fuel Awareness for Special Olympics Hawaii**

*From April 17 to May 21, when drivers fill their tank at participating Hele and 76 Hawaii locations they can make a donation to fuel the dreams of athletes with intellectual disabilities*

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**HONOLULU** (April 16, 2019) – It's time to get pumped up! Par Hawaii's 14th Annual Fueling Dreams campaign returns to fuel support and awareness for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs across the state. From April 17 through May 21, when drivers fill up at any of the 45 participating Hele and 76 Hawaii stations on Oahu, Hawaii Island, and Maui, they can make a donation to steer the dreams of Special Olympics Hawaii athletes.

To kick off the campaign, drivers are invited to fuel up with low gas prices on April 17, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hele station at Mililani Town Center. Customers can also take advantage of low gas prices again at the Hele station in Palama on May 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

During Fueling Dreams, drivers can also enter to win one of three \$500 gift cards. The more entry blanks you submit, the better your chances to win a \$500 Hele or 76 Hawaii gift card. A donation is not required to enter the drawing. For a free entry blank, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Special Olympics Hawaii, P.O. Box 3295, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96801.

"It has been an honor to see first-hand how Special Olympics Hawaii has provided so many life-changing opportunities for athletes across our islands," said Eric Lee, Par Hawaii's Vice President – Retail. "Special Olympics Hawaii's vision to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the community and sports is one that we at Par Hawaii support and are proud to be a part of."

Par Hawaii, marketer of Hele and 76 Hawaii fuel brands, has been a strong supporter of Special Olympics Hawaii for well over two decades. To date, the Fueling Dreams campaign has raised more than \$795,000 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

“The relationship that we’ve built with Par Hawaii over the years plays a valuable role in creating once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for our athletes,” said Nancy Bottelo, Special Olympics Hawaii’s President and CEO. “We are truly grateful for the annual Fueling Dreams campaign and the support of those in the community, who contribute to our athletes’ success.”

All donations raised from Fueling Dreams will support opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities to train and compete in year-round sport activities, free of charge. Hawaii athletes compete in state, regional, national and international competitions. Just last month, local athletes Khiry “Rainie Jade” Thompson and Tyler Morimoto traveled to Abu Dhabi to represent Hawaii and the United States at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games.

For more information on the 14th Annual Fueling Dreams or on Special Olympics Hawaii, please contact (808) 695-3528 or visit [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). You can 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).

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#### **About Special Olympics Hawaii**

Special Olympics is a global inclusion movement using sports, health, education and leadership programs every day around the world to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1968, Special Olympics Hawaii has grown to serve more than 4,700 athletes and Unified partners across our state. With the support of more than 11,500 coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers 10 Olympic-type sports and over 50 games and competitions throughout the year. Special Olympics Hawaii 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).

#### **About Par Hawaii**

Par Hawaii, the state’s leading provider of petroleum products and transportation fuels, is headquartered in Honolulu and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Houston, Texas-based Par Pacific Holdings, Inc. Par Hawaii owns the state’s only operating petroleum refinery that produces 148,000 barrels per day of product in Kapolei, Oahu, distributes fuels via pipelines on Oahu and barges to all major harbors in the state, markets fuels through a network of 76 and Hele retail stations throughout Hawaii, and operates the nomnom convenience stores.