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Be sure to shop with Amazon Smile and select Special Olympics Hawaii. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to programs for our local athletes!

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Share your HawaiianMiles and help our athletes! Donate today!

She Gets an A+!
This year's Maui Teacher of the Year is none other than Special Olympics Maui coach and head of delegation, Jessica Adkins from Maui High School. Jessica was honored as Maui Teacher of the Year -- in part thanks to her work promoting inclusion and acceptance in her inclusionary recreational leadership class. She was gifted $600, along with all of the other finalists during an award ceremony this month at Washington Place.

The holidays are just around the corner and it's almost time for Special Olympics Hawaii's 30th Annual Holiday Classic! This last state games of the year celebrates three decades marking the end of the winter season. Athletes begin training in September and compete in their area and regional competitions in October and November to qualify for the Holiday Classic.

This year's event will be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, November 23 and 24. The event will consist of a multi-division two-day basketball tournament and individual skills competition, singles and Unified® team bowling competitions, and traditional and Unified® doubles bocce tournaments. More than 800 athletes from across the state will be competing. For a full schedule of this year's Holiday Classic events, click here.

Unified Spotlight: Waialua Elementary Receives National Recognition
OrangeTheory Fitness Burns for Special Olympics Hawaii

On September 21, OrangeTheory Fitness hosted its OTF Burns fundraiser for Special Olympics Hawaii at Mililani High School. Around 100 people attended the fitness event and more than 400 supporters purchased tickets to donate to the cause. All of the proceeds for the fundraiser went to Special Olympics Hawaii. We'd like to give a big mahalo to all those who supported, OrangeTheory Fitness and head coach Ryan Martin for leading the family-friendly "burnathon"!

Mahalo for your Dough-nations!

A warm thank you to everyone who dined at California Pizza Kitchen on October 18-20. This month's Tip A Cop event was a success and raised $28,000 for our athletes!

11th Annual Over The Edge

A BIG mahalo to all of the thrill-seekers who supported this year's Over The Edge fundraiser! This year Special Olympics athlete Reyse Sakima was one of our brave rappellers! Please join him in raising funds for his fellow athletes by helping him reach his goal of raising $10,000. You can make your donation on our website at

Special Olympics Hawaii is proud to share that Waialua Elementary, a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, received National Banner Recognition for the 2019-2020 school year. They are the first elementary school in the state to receive this distinction and received this honor as a result of meeting national standards for excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy, and respect. The school is amongst a select number of schools to receive this distinction nationwide, and the only Hawaii school recognized this year.

Waialua Elementary is also one of ESPN's Honor Roll schools for 2019 -- a collection of the top 34 schools from across the country who participate in the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools National Recognition Program.

"We are excited to share this National Banner School honor with our entire Waialua Elementary ohana," says Kimi Kawachi, advisor for Waialua Elementary's Unified Sports program. "These two recognitions are truly a testament to the impact that creating a more inclusive school environment has had on the lives of our students. Together, our staff and students are encouraging acceptance, transforming students into youth leaders, and creating communities of caring and respect."

Watch Waialua Elementary's journey to becoming a Unified Champion School [here](#).

Special Olympics Hawaii Awarded Servco Foundation 2019 Community Grant

Thanks to the support of our community, Special Olympics Hawaii was one of 19 nonprofits selected to receive one of Servco Foundation's 2019 community grants. We would like to give a very special thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination for Special Olympics Hawaii and in particular, Barbara Poole-Smith who attended the event as our representative.

In celebration of their 100th anniversary, the Servco Foundation
Athlete Renee Manfredi Presents at This Year's Sports and Health Conference

Special Olympics Hawaii athlete Renee, presented her athlete impact story at Special Olympics North America's Sport and Health Conference which took place October 9-11 in Minneapolis. Thank you Renee for sharing your heartwarming story about Special Olympics Hawaii's impact!

Holoholo Club

Windward Mall - Every Tues. Afternoon
4:00 - 4:30 pm in front of Big City Diner

Ala Moana Center - Every Wed. Afternoon
4:00 - 4:30 pm in front of Target on Mall Level 2

Top Walkers This Month:

Volunteer - Nikki Guess, 267 miles
Coach - Heidi Kreusling, 197 miles
Athlete - Shavanna Mahoe, 191 miles

Overall Top Walker:

Parent - Randall Yokoto: 6,764 miles

Servco Hawaii generously decided to give back to the community by awarding 19 local nonprofit organizations $20,000 in grants as part of their $1.5 million Centennial Service Campaign. Servco selected recipients after receiving nominations from the public from June 1- July 14, 2019. Thank you, Servco!

Sponsor Feature: California Pizza Kitchen

This month we are recognizing California Pizza Kitchen as our newest year-round partner. Since 2016, California Pizza Kitchen has welcomed volunteer, off-duty law enforcement and athletes into their restaurants to meet and serve customers as we work to raise awareness and funds for our athletes. Since this partnership started, California Pizza Kitchen has raised a total of $78,000.

The first Tip A Cop event they hosted was in 2016 at their Ala Moana Center location and later that same year at their Ka Makana Ali'i restaurant. In 2018, the event expanded to all seven Oahu restaurants. This year's Tip A Cop event was held in March and October at all seven California Pizza Kitchen Oahu locations and raised close to $60,000. We are grateful for all the hospitality that California Pizza Kitchen managers and employees show our off-duty law enforcement officers and volunteers, and for their dedication in supporting our athletes.

"California Pizza Kitchen was thrilled to host Special Olympics Hawaii's Tip A Cop event for the second time this year," said California Pizza Kitchen Regional Partner, Eddie Spencer. "We are proud to be a year-round sponsor, helping raise almost $78,000 for Special Olympics Hawaii and continuing to support this signature event that brings together the community and local law enforcement through delicious food and a great cause."