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## **Volunteer Law Enforcement Serve Up Support and Awareness During Special Olympics Hawaii's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tip A Cop Fundraiser**

*The event returns to benefit local athletes  
at participating restaurants across Oahu, March 25-27*

Special Olympics Hawaii Tip A Cop Photos & Video:

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**HONOLULU (March 15, 2022)** – Volunteer, off-duty law enforcement officers from across Oahu will trade their uniforms for aprons and wait on tables alongside servers at 12 participating restaurants at Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center and Windward Mall including several Big City Diner, California Pizza Kitchen and Goma Tei locations, as well as Buffalo Wild Wings, Lucky Strike, Ruby Tuesday and The Counter Custom Burgers. This unique fundraiser aims to raise awareness and collect tips (or donations) for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs. The event will take place at the following dates and times:

### **Friday, March 25 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at:**

- Big City Diner: Pearlridge Center, Windward Mall only from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Buffalo Wild Wings: Ala Moana Center
- California Pizza Kitchen: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center
- The Counter Custom Burgers: Kahala Mall
- Goma Tei: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center
- Lucky Strike: Ala Moana Center
- Ruby Tuesday: Windward Mall

**Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at:**

- Big City Diner: Pearlridge Center, Windward Mall only from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Buffalo Wild Wings: Ala Moana Center
- California Pizza Kitchen: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center
- The Counter Custom Burgers: Kahala Mall
- Goma Tei: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center
- Lucky Strike: Ala Moana Center from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. only
- Ruby Tuesday: Windward Mall

**Sunday, March 27 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at:**

- Big City Diner: Pearlridge Center, Windward Mall only from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Buffalo Wild Wings: Ala Moana Center
- California Pizza Kitchen: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center
- The Counter Custom Burgers: Kahala Mall
- Goma Tei: Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall, Pearlridge Center from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Lucky Strike: Ala Moana Center only from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Ruby Tuesday: Windward Mall

“As we head into our 31<sup>st</sup> year of Tip A Cop, we want to extend a warm mahalo to the participating restaurants and law enforcement partners who have helped ensure the success of this event year after year,” said Special Olympics Hawaii’s Director of Development, Tracey Bender. “We hope the community will come out to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our athletes and local restaurants.”

During the event, off-duty, volunteer law enforcement from the Honolulu Police Department will put their serving skills to the test by volunteering to greet customers and assist servers to raise tips for Special Olympics Hawaii’s programs. Since its inception, Tip A Cop has raised \$355,864 for Special Olympics Hawaii. For more information, visit [sohawaii.org](http://sohawaii.org).

Special Olympics Hawaii provides year-round sports programs and health opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, free of charge. Since 1968, Special Olympics has been changing attitudes about the talents of people with intellectual disabilities and raising awareness to build an inclusive and unified community.

For more information on Special Olympics Hawaii, please call 808-943-8808 or visit [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). Special Olympics Hawaii is also 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 sport, 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 5,196 athletes and Unified partners on every island in our state. With the support of more than 10,800 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).