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Steep Calm and Rappel on at Special Olympics Hawaii's Over the Edge Fundraiser, October 8

Registration is now open online for Special Olympics Hawaii's 13th Annual Over the Edge fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa

Special Olympics Hawaii Over the Edge Photos: <https://we.tl/t-sypAwoTyVR>

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Honolulu – If you don't sweat the tall stuff, this fundraiser is for you! Special Olympics Hawaii's 13th Annual Over the Edge fundraiser returns on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. The event allows participants to rappel 40 stories down the hotel, while helping to spread awareness and raise funds for Special Olympics Hawaii. Those who would like more information or to sign up are encouraged to visit www.sohawaii.org.

"We are looking forward to welcoming back Special Olympics Hawaii and their supporters for another exciting and rewarding Over the Edge event," said General Manager of Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, Irby Morvant, Jr. "Our guests not only love to watch the participants rappel down the side of our iconic hotel in the heart of Waikiki, but also appreciate the support this event provides to our local athletes with intellectual disabilities."

Early bird registration is currently available through Monday, August 1, with a reduced fee of \$50. For those registering after August 1, the registration fee is \$100 per participant. For the safety of those participating, individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or

guardian attend the event and sign a consent waiver. Participants must weigh between 100 and 300 pounds. All participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in donations.

“This fundraising event is something that we believe is truly unique not just here in Hawaii, but in the world since we are able to offer our participants exceptional and breathtaking views of Waikiki as they rappel down the beautiful Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa,” said Special Olympics Hawaii’s Director of Development, Tracey Bender. “Over the Edge celebrates the courageous spirit of our athletes as well as that of our participants who literally go over and above to raise funds and support our athletes.”

All participants will receive a special 2022 Over the Edge t-shirt. Additional prizes will be available to those who raise more than the \$1,000 minimum. Monies raised through Over the Edge stay in Hawaii and support local athletes across the state. Since 2009, Over the Edge has raised more than \$1,526,419 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

Those who wish to support Special Olympics Hawaii but do not want to participate in Over the Edge can also make a donation by visiting <https://give.classy.org/overtheedge2022>. This year’s Over the Edge event hopes to raise \$160,000 for Special Olympics Hawaii.

For more information on Special Olympics Hawaii, please visit www.sohawaii.org. You can also follow Special Olympics Hawaii on Twitter, www.twitter.com/sohawaii, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsHawaii, and on Instagram at 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.

About Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa

Balanced between the idyllic beauty of the legendary Waikiki Beach and the dynamic city center, Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa is a vibrant destination combining relaxation and adventure with true Hawaiian hospitality. Each of the 1,230 guest rooms, including 19 suites, offers Hawaiian elegance and private lanai with panoramic ocean beach, mountain, and city views. With

an unrivaled location just steps from world-famous waves, the resort affords effortless exploration of the island's attractions, from Diamond Head Crater, Honolulu Zoo, and Waikiki Aquarium to world-class shopping, sophisticated dining and expert surfing lessons. Offering endless amenities including luxurious treatments at the 10,000 square foot Nā Ho'ōla Spa, StayFit Fitness Center, swimming pool overlooking Waikiki Beach, one of Waikiki's biggest breakfast buffets at SHOR, an expansive dinner buffet experience at The Buffet at Hyatt, tropical cocktails at SWIM Ocean Bar & Restaurant, and more than 60 boutiques on site. Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach promises Hawaiian-style excitement paired with the warmth of authentic Aloha spirit.

For more information regarding Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, please contact the resort by phone at (808) 923-1234 or visit the resort website at:

www.hyattregencywaikiki.com.