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### **Volunteer Law Enforcement Put Their Serving “Skillets” To the Test for Special Olympics Hawaii Athletes**

*Tip A Cop returns to benefit local athletes statewide at participating  
restaurants across Oahu, October 21-23*

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**HONOLULU** – This month, a meal at your favorite restaurant can be a homerun for local athletes. Special Olympics Hawaii’s Tip A Cop fundraiser returns for its second time this year on Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23. Guests who dine at California Pizza Kitchen and Goma Tei can make a donation to volunteer, off-duty law enforcement officers who will bus tables and serve food – all to raise funds for Special Olympics Hawaii and their work to provide year-around sports, health and leadership programs for athletes with intellectual disabilities. The event will take place at the following locations:

#### **California Pizza Kitchen – Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall and Pearlridge Center**

- Friday, October 21, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, October 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### **Goma Tei – Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall and Pearlridge Center**

- Friday, October 21, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Saturday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, October 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

“We’re excited to be partnering once again with such beloved and popular restaurants like California Pizza Kitchen and Goma Tei and are grateful for their generosity and commitment to giving back to the community,” said Special Olympics Hawaii’s Director of Development, Tracey Bender. “We hope that our supporters will come out to enjoy their favorite pizza, pasta or ramen while supporting our local athletes with intellectual disabilities.”

During the event, off-duty, volunteer law enforcement from the Honolulu Police Department and the Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division will put their serving skills to the test by volunteering to greet customers and assist servers to raise tips (or donations) for Special Olympics Hawaii’s programs. Since its inception, Tip A Cop has raised \$387,580 for Special Olympics Hawaii.

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 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).