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Volunteer Law Enforcement To Assist and Serve (Tables) During Special Olympics Hawai'i's 30th Annual Tip A Cop Fundraiser

The annual event returns to benefit local Special Olympics athletes statewide at participating restaurants at Ala Moana Center, Pearlridge Center and Kahala Mall, July 16 - 18

Special Olympics Hawai'i Tip A Cop Photos: <https://we.tl/t-dTrupj9cmR>

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HONOLULU – Volunteer, off-duty law enforcement personnel from around Oahu will be reporting to a new beat during the 30th Annual Tip A Cop fundraiser. The event takes place at six participating restaurants in Ala Moana Center, Pearlridge Center and Kahala Mall including Buffalo Wild Wings, The Counter Custom Burgers, Goma Tei, Lucky Strike, and Olive Garden, as well as The Beach House by 604. The fundraiser aims to raise awareness and collect tips (or donations) for Special Olympics Hawai'i athletes and programs. The event will take place during the following dates and times:

Friday, July 16 from 5p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

- The Beach House by 604
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Ala Moana Center)
- The Counter Custom Burgers (Kahala Mall)
- Lucky Strike (Ala Moana Center)
- Olive Garden (Ala Moana Center)

Saturday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

- The Beach House by 604
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Ala Moana Center)
- The Counter Custom Burgers (Kahala Mall)

- Goma Tei (Ala Moana Center, Pearlridge Center and Kahala Mall) *Only from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Lucky Strike (Ala Moana Center)
- Olive Garden (Ala Moana Center)

Sunday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

- The Beach House by 604
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Ala Moana Center)
- The Counter Custom Burgers (Kahala Mall)
- Goma Tei (Ala Moana Center, Pearlridge Center and Kahala Mall) *Only from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Lucky Strike (Ala Moana Center)
- Olive Garden (Ala Moana Center)

“We’re very fortunate to be able to hold our annual Tip A Cop event this year at a number of new, exciting restaurants across Oahu,” said Special Olympics Hawaii’s Director of Development, Tracey Bender. “With the loss of funds we experienced from the cancellation of both Tip A Cop events last year, this fundraiser is crucial to our ability to bring athletes back to in-person sports training and competition sometime this year. We hope the community will come out and support our local law enforcement and all that they do for our athletes.”

During the event, off-duty, volunteer law enforcement from Honolulu Police Department, will put their serving skills to the test by volunteering to greet customers and assist servers in a variety of duties in efforts to raise tips for Special Olympics Hawaii’s programs. Since its inception, Tip A Cop has raised \$340,409 for Special Olympics Hawaii. For more information, visit 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’s 30th Annual Tip A Cop, 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.