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## Special Olympics Hawaii Commemorates 50 Years of Empowering Hawaii Athletes

*Tickets are now available for Special Olympics Hawaii's  
50th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 3, 2018*

**HONOLULU** – Recognizing five decades of work supporting Hawaii athletes with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics Hawaii will host a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at Mid-Pacific Country Club at 5:30 p.m. The benefit event invites guests to enjoy a festive evening of dining and entertainment, while celebrating the milestones marked over the last five decades delivering sports, health, and promoting inclusion.

“For the past 50 years, Special Olympics Hawaii has successfully utilized sports as a catalyst to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities and foster a future of acceptance and inclusion,” said Nancy Bottelo, Special Olympics Hawaii President and CEO. “As we mark this astounding milestone, we invite those who have supported us over the years to celebrate as we look back at all we’ve done and look forward to a future of respect, dignity, and inclusion for all people, regardless of their abilities.”

Tickets for the 50th Anniversary Celebration are \$100 per person and are available at [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). Monies raised from the event will support upcoming sports competitions such as the annual Holiday Classic State Games, which marks the end of Special Olympics Hawaii’s 2018 fall season.

Supported by over 11,000 volunteers annually, Special Olympics Hawaii is able to deliver 10 Olympic-type sports and more than 50 competitions throughout the year, all free of charge to the athletes and families. Special Olympics Hawaii is a year-round, not-for-profit

organization that relies on community support to provide sports programs, health education, and community building to address inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities--creating a more welcoming and inclusive society.

For more information on Special Olympics Hawaii's 50th Anniversary, please contact 808-943-8808 or [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). You can also follow Special Olympics Hawai'i on Twitter, [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).

### **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, and celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Special Olympics Hawaii has grown to serve more than 4,700 athletes and Unified partners on every island in our state. With the support of more than 11,000 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).

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