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Volunteer Law Enforcement Go Above and Beyond for Special Olympics Hawai'i's Badges and Buckets Fundraiser

*The annual fundraiser returns September 6-8 at participating locations around Oahu and
September 4-14 on neighbor islands*

Badges and Buckets photos and videos:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ymlFr79tVjq1BIYZmjiH81FLck1NqNDZ?usp=sharing>

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HONOLULU — Next month, volunteer, off-duty, law enforcement officers are set to take their community spirit to new heights during Special Olympics Hawai'i's annual Badges and Buckets fundraiser. The event will take place:

- **Molokai:** September 4-6
- **Hilo, Kauai & Maui:** September 5-7
- **Kona & Oahu:** September 6-8
- **Lanai:** September 13-14

During the event volunteer, off-duty, law enforcement officers will be stationed on 10-foot scaffolds and rooftops across the state, raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Hawai'i. On-the-ground volunteers will also collect donations and keep the excitement going for shoppers and supporters.

"Our athletes inspire us every day with their determination, courage, and unwavering spirit," said Special Olympics Hawai'i's President and CEO, Dan Epstein. "The Badges and Buckets fundraiser is a powerful reminder of the incredible community we have here in Hawaii – one that stands tall in support of those who deserve every opportunity to shine. We appreciate the commitment of our volunteer officers and their generosity to come together year after year to lift our athletes to new heights."

Badges and Buckets locations on Oahu include:

- Enchanted Lake Shopping Center
- Hawaii Kai Shopping Center
- Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center
- Kapolei Walmart
- Keeaumoku Sam's Club
- Keeaumoku Walmart
- Kunia Walmart
- Laulani Village Shopping Center
- Manoa Marketplace
- Mililani Walmart
- Pearl City Walmart
- Salt Lake Shopping Center
- Waimalu Plaza

Donations collected from Badges and Buckets directly benefit Special Olympics Hawaii and its work to provide sports, health and wellness, leadership, and inclusionary programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round. Since 2001, the fundraiser has raised more than \$4,391,220 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes statewide.

“Our volunteer officers are proud to ‘rise to the occasion’ once again for Special Olympics Hawaii,” said State Law Enforcement Torch Run Director, Ryan Nishibun. “Every hour we spend on that scaffolding is a small gesture compared to the strength and perseverance our athletes show every day. We encourage everyone to come out, say hello, and help us make this year’s event the most successful yet.”

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

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About Special Olympics Hawaii

Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports, every day around the world. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities solving the global injustice, isolation, intolerance, and inactivity they face.

Founded in 1968, Special Olympics Hawaii has grown and now serves over 6,000 athletes and Unified partners across the State of Hawaii. Through the unwavering commitment of 10,000 volunteers, along with community supporters, corporate partners and foundations, Special Olympics Hawaii delivers 10 Olympic-type sports and over 50 competitions, hundreds of health screenings, and inclusive programming in more than 70 schools annually.

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