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# Full Tank, Full Heart: Par Hawaii Celebrates 20 Years Fueling Dreams for Special Olympics Hawaii Athletes

This year, the 20th Annual Fueling Dreams campaign runs from April 14 to May 26, 2025, at 33 participating Hele stores across the state.

## **Fueling Dreams Photos:**

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**HONOLULU** – Par Hawaii is celebrating 20 years of Fueling Dreams for local athletes. From April 14 to May 26, 2025, island drivers can go the extra mile by making a donation at check out at any participating Hele station including 20 on Oahu, eight on Hawaii Island, and five on Maui. Every dollar pumped into this campaign helps athletes with intellectual disabilities train and compete free of charge.

"We are proud to support Special Olympics Hawaii and the incredible work they do to uplift and empower local athletes with intellectual disabilities at no charge to them or their families," said John Peyton, Vice President – Hawaii Retail at Par Hawaii. "The generosity of our customers makes a meaningful impact, helping to sustain essential programs in sports, health, leadership, and inclusion for these athletes in our communities."

Par Hawaii, marketer of Hele and 76 Hawaii, has been a strong supporter of Special Olympics Hawaii for more than three decades. To date, the Fueling Dreams campaign has raised more than \$1,057,120 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

"For 20 years, Par Hawaii has been a driving force in helping us build an inclusive community where every athlete has the chance to shine," said Dan Epstein, President & CEO of Special Olympics Hawaii. "Their ongoing generosity and dedication fuel the passion, perseverance, and performance of our athletes, both on and off the field."

All donations received from the Fueling Dreams campaign allow Special Olympics Hawaii to continue to provide programs and training for more than 7,000 athletes and Unified partners across Hawaii.

Special Olympics Hawaii provides year-round sports programs and training for athletes 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 the annual Fueling Dreams campaign or on Special Olympics Hawaii, please visit <a href="www.sohawaii.org">www.sohawaii.org</a>. You can also follow Special Olympics Hawaii on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/specialolympicshawaii">www.facebook.com/specialolympicshawaii</a> and on Instagram at <a href="www.instagram.com/sohawaii">www.instagram.com/sohawaii</a>.

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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 by solving the global injustice, isolation, intolerance, and inactivity they face.

Founded in 1968, Special Olympics Hawaii has grown to serve over 7,000 athletes and Unified partners across the State of Hawaii. Through the unwavering commitment of over 7,800 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.

There is never a fee to any athlete or family to participate in Special Olympics programs. Engage with us on: <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Learn more at <u>www.sohawaii.org</u>.

#### **About Par Hawaii**

Par Hawaii's mission is to provide energy security for the state, refining feedstocks into fuels for electricity and air, sea and ground transportation to benefit businesses and consumers. Par Hawaii is a founding member of the Hawai'i Renewable Fuels Coalition and will begin producing renewable fuels from plant-based oils and waste oils this year at its Kapolei refinery. Par Hawaii also has a statewide fuel distribution system that includes pipelines on O'ahu and storage facilities on all the major neighbor islands. It markets gasoline, diesel, and biodiesel through its network of 76 and Hele retail stations throughout Hawai'i, and operates the Hele convenience stores. Par Hawaii is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Houston, Texas-based Par Pacific Holdings, Inc., which also owns and operates refineries in Tacoma, Washington; and Newcastle, Wyoming. Visit <a href="https://www.ParHawaii.com">www.ParHawaii.com</a>.