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Dare to Make the Descent at Special Olympics Hawaii's 16th Annual Over the Edge Fundraiser

Step up, strap in, and rappel down the side of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa on October 11—all for an incredible cause.

Special Olympics Hawaii Over the Edge Photos:

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HONOLULU (July 10, 2025) – Experience truly breathtaking views of Waikiki and Diamond Head and support a good cause! Special Olympics Hawaii invites you to take it all in at its [16th Annual Over the Edge fundraiser](#), where every rappel supports athletes across the state. This year's event will take place Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa. Participants have the unique opportunity to feel an adrenaline rush like no other when they rappel more than 400 feet down the side of the hotel and stop for a photo shoot along the way down. Register as an individual or create a team with your co-workers, friends, or family at bit.ly/sohiote2025. Space is limited so sign up today.

Early bird registration is currently available through August 1, with a reduced registration fee of \$50. For those registering after August 1, the registration fee is \$100 per participant. For teams, the registration fee is \$25 and registration for returning participants is free. Participants must weigh between 100 and 300 pounds. Individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian attend the event and sign a consent waiver. All participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in donations.

“Now in its 16th year, this highly anticipated event continues to bring out the very best in our community—not just the courage of those who go over the edge, but the generosity of everyone who rallies behind them,” said Tracey Bender, Director of Development at Special Olympics Hawaii. “Over the Edge offers an unforgettable experience with a powerful purpose behind every rappel: helping to support Special Olympics Hawaii’s ability to provide year-round sports, health, leadership, and inclusion programs for our local athletes.”

All participants will receive a commemorative 16th anniversary Over the Edge t-shirt. Additional prizes will be available to those who raise more than the \$1,000 minimum. Monies raised through Over the Edge remain in Hawaii and support local athletes across the state. Since 2009, Over the Edge has raised more than \$2,044,100 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

A special mahalo to the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa for being the host of this event for the 11th year. Those who wish to support Special Olympics Hawaii but do not want to participate in Over the Edge can also make a donation by visiting bit.ly/sohiote2025 and make a donation to any one of our brave participants. This year’s Over the Edge event hopes to raise \$175,000 for Special Olympics Hawaii.

For more information on Special Olympics Hawaii, please visit www.sohawaii.org. You can also follow Special Olympics Hawaii 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 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.

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.

About Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa

Balanced between the idyllic beauty of the legendary Waikiki Beach and the dynamic city center, Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa is a vibrant destination combining relaxation and adventure with Hawaiian hospitality. Each of the 1,230 guestrooms, including 30 suites and 80 jr. suites, offers Hawaiian elegance and private lanai with panoramic ocean, mountain, and city views. With an unrivaled location just steps from world-famous waves, the resort affords effortless exploration of the island's attractions from Diamond Head Crater, Honolulu Zoo, and Waikiki Aquarium, to world-class shopping, sophisticated dining, and expert surfing lessons. Offering endless amenities including luxurious treatments at the 10,000 square foot Na Ho'ola Spa, locally sourced ingredients at The Buffet at Hyatt, SWIM bar & restaurant, and SHOR restaurant, and specialty boutiques on-site at Pualeilani Atrium Shops.

For more information regarding Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, please contact the resort by phone at (808) 923-1234 or visit the resort website at:

<http://www.hyattregencywaikiki.com/>.