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Special Olympics Hawai'i Celebrate 35 Years of Tip A Cop with Newly Rebranded Tip A Hero Event

Off-duty, volunteer first responders will join forces with California Pizza Kitchen, Goma Tei, Maui Brewing Company, Olive Garden and The Counter restaurants on O'ahu, August 7-9.

2025 Tip A Cop photos and videos:

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HONOLULU – In celebration of its 35th year, Special Olympics Hawai'i's Tip A Cop fundraiser is entering a new chapter as [Tip A Hero](#) — a rebranded event that brings together more first responder agencies, restaurant partners and community supporters while continuing its mission of supporting Special Olympics Hawai'i. The event takes place Friday, August 7, through Sunday, August 9, at six California Pizza Kitchen locations, three Goma Tei locations, two Olive Garden locations, one Maui Brewing Company location, and The Counter on O'ahu.

During Tip A Hero, first responders around the island serve guests at participating restaurants by delivering meals and busing tables to raise awareness and resources for [Special Olympics Hawai'i](#) athletes and programs. The event will take place during the following dates and times:

California Pizza Kitchen – Ala Moana Center, Ka Makana Ali'i, Kahala Mall, Kailua Town, Town Center of Mililani and Pearlridge Center

- Friday, August 7: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- Saturday, August 8: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Sunday, August 9: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Goma Tei – Ala Moana Center, Kahala Mall and Pearlridge Center

- Friday, August 7: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Sunday, August 9: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Kahala Mall and Pearlridge Center — 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Maui Brewing Company – Kailua Town

- Friday, August 7: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Dinner only)
- Saturday, August 8: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Dinner only)
- Sunday, August 9: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Dinner only)

Olive Garden – Ala Moana Center and Ka Makana Ali'i

- Friday, August 7: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Sunday, August 9: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Counter – Kahala Mall

- Friday, August 7: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Sunday, August 9: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

“We are excited to introduce Tip A Hero, a new name and expanded vision for an event that has brought our community together for 35 years,” said Tracey Bender, Director of Development for Special Olympics Hawai‘i. “While the name has changed, the heart of the event remains the same — bringing our community together to support Special Olympics Hawai‘i athletes. We are deeply grateful to the off-duty, volunteer first responders who not only make this event possible but who bravely serve our community every day. We invite everyone to join us for a great meal while making a meaningful impact for our athletes.”

Since its inception, Tip A Hero has raised \$603,518 for Special Olympics Hawai‘i. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help Special Olympics Hawai‘i continue to provide year-round sports training and competition and health, wellness and leadership programs for more than 3,000 athletes statewide 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 Tip A Hero, please visit www.sohawaii.org. Follow Special Olympics Hawai'i on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsHawaii and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/sohawaii.

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About Special Olympics Hawai'i

Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports. Through year-round programs in sports, health, education, and leadership programs, Special Olympics creates inclusive opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, improving health outcomes, building confidence, and fostering acceptance while working to end discrimination.

Founded in 1968, Special Olympics Hawai'i serves more than 7,000 athletes and Unified partners statewide. Supported by over 8,800 volunteers, along with community, corporate, and foundation partners, the organization delivers 10 Olympic-type sports, more than 60 competitions annually, free health screenings, and inclusive programming in over 75 schools—strengthening individuals, families, and communities across the islands. Participation is always free for athletes and their families. Learn more at www.sohawaii.org.