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### **Par Hawaii Helps Special Olympics Hawaii Athletes Go the Extra Mile During Annual Fueling Dreams Fundraiser**

*The 21st Annual Fueling Dreams campaign runs from April 13 to May 24, 2026, at 33 participating Hele stores across the state.*

Fueling Dreams Photos & Videos:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_Bu4otDzC9e10MYHXsgF81tGUB12NcIS?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_Bu4otDzC9e10MYHXsgF81tGUB12NcIS?usp=drive_link)

Photo Credit: Special Olympics Hawaii

**HONOLULU** – Par Hawaii is revving up for the return of its annual Fueling Dreams campaign to benefit Special Olympics Hawaii. From April 13 to May 24, 2026, Hawaii 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. All donations will help athletes with intellectual disabilities train and compete free of charge.

“We believe in the mission of Special Olympics Hawaii and appreciate the staff, volunteers and partners who are dedicated to transforming the lives of thousands across our islands through sports,” said John Peyton, Vice President of Hawaii Retail for Par Hawaii and Special Olympics Hawaii board member. “We’ve had the privilege of seeing Special Olympics Hawaii grow in exciting ways over the years, and we encourage the community to join us in supporting this great nonprofit organization.”

Par Hawaii, marketer of Hele and 76 Hawaii, has been a strong supporter of Special Olympics Hawaii for more than two decades. To date, the Fueling Dreams campaign has raised more than \$1,105,003 for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes and programs.

“For more than two decades, Par Hawaii has been a dedicated partner in helping create life-changing opportunities for our athletes,” said Dan Epstein, President & CEO of Special Olympics Hawaii. “As one of our mission partners, their continued support fuels more than just

competition. It inspires confidence, builds community, and empowers our athletes to thrive 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.

In addition to Fueling Dreams, Par Hawaii has also served as sponsor of the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Hawaii Summer Games and has supported its employees’ participation in Special Olympics Hawaii’s Over the Edge fundraiser and other activities over the years.

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 [www.sohawaii.org](http://www.sohawaii.org). You can also follow Special Olympics Hawaii 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).

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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. 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](http://www.sohawaii.org).

### **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 [www.ParHawaii.com](http://www.ParHawaii.com).