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Special Olympics Washington and Seattle Storm Team Up for Non-Profit's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Climate Pledge Arena

Seattle, WA, August 11, 2025 — Special Olympics Washington is proud to partner with the Seattle Storm for an exciting anniversary celebration on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Climate Pledge Arena — a celebration of inclusion, empowerment, and 50 years of impact.

As part of Special Olympics Washington's 50th Anniversary, the event will shine a spotlight on athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the communities that support them. From athlete-led moments to fan engagement throughout the night, the evening will celebrate the power of sport to unite people across Washington State. Fans will also have the opportunity to support Special Olympics Washington through the 50/50 raffle run during the game.

"This night is more than just a celebration of our past — it's a powerful statement about the future we're building," said Mary Do, President & CEO of Special Olympics Washington. "Together with the Seattle Storm, we're elevating voices, championing inclusion, and honoring the athletes who inspire us every day."

"We're proud to team up with Special Olympics to celebrate this incredible milestone and recognize the decades of hard work and dedication they've poured into our city," said Seattle Storm Chief Commercial Officer Nate Silverman. "At the Storm, we believe in the power of sports to bring people together, break down barriers and build a stronger, more inclusive community. This will be a night to remember, and we're honored to be part of it."

Special Olympics Washington has been creating opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for five decades through year-round sports, health programming, and inclusive education. The partnership with the Seattle Storm reflects a shared commitment to equity, access, and community-driven change. To learn more or get involved, visit www.specialolympicswashington.org.

About Special Olympics Washington: Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for thousands of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes

and the community. In 2025, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary by honoring its remarkable legacy in Washington while setting the stage for a stronger, more inclusive future.

About Seattle Storm: The Seattle Storm, a four-time WNBA champion, delivers a premier professional basketball and entertainment experience to a passionate fanbase. Off the court, the Storm is committed to promoting fitness and health, advancing social justice, and making a lasting impact in Seattle and the broader Pacific Northwest. Through youth development programs, equity and accessibility-focused partnerships, and its Force4Change platform, the Storm is dedicated to long-term community impact and growing the game.

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