



LETR Shirts



2017 Torch Run Shirts are still available. Orders can be made online at the SOWA store, or sent to the SOWA office if you wish to order in bulk for your department. Selling shirts are a great way to get your #GameOn!

[Bulk Order Form](#)
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Save the Date!

Red Robin "Tip-A-

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Torch Run - without you, it would not be possible

Thank you! The "Flame of Hope" traveled around our state through sun and rain, day and night arriving in Pierce County to kick off the 2017 Spring Games at Pacific Lutheran University. We cannot thank you enough for being a "Guardian of the Flame" in support of the 2,500 athlete who competed this month.

If your agency participated, but have not turned in your registration forms/waivers and t-shirt money, please do so at your earliest convenience.



Dan Irish representing Hanford Patrol who ran the torch 384 miles and Terri Swanson, a senior at Franklin Pierce High School had the honor of lighting the cauldron to start the games!

[Find Pictures Here](#)

Let's Keep the Ball Rolling... #GameOn Extended!

The \$2,017 for 2017 #GameOn Challenge is STILL on through August! If you are currently fundraising, keep it going! If your agency would like to participate, we encourage you to go [online](#) and start a fundraising page today and help support 17,000 athletes in our local communities.

To date, we have 30 agencies who have pledged to participate and go above and beyond the call of duty to help us make an even bigger impact in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families, and the communities.

We are far from our goal of raising \$100,000 through the #GameOn Campaign so we hope agencies will continue to commit to get their

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Saturday, Oct 21,
2017
11:00 a.m. - 2:00
p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 9:00
p.m.

Law enforcement will be serving up some food and fun as "Celebrity Waiters" in 40 Red Robin restaurants across the state. 100% of "tip" donations to law enforcement volunteers will support the local athletes in your community.

If you were a Team Leader last year, we will be reaching out to shortly with more information. If you and/or your agency would like to participate, please contact **Ellie Hardwick**.

[Resources](#)

Need tips and tools on fundraising, accounting and campaigns? Check out our [Resources](#) page on the website.

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#GameOn this summer by coordinating special events, reach out to their local businesses and share their fundraising pages with friends, families and fellow law enforcement colleagues.



Special shout-out to the Top Four Fundraising Agencies:

- Port of Seattle Police Department
- Mukilteo Police Department
- Hanford Patrol
- Liberty Lake Police Department

If you have any funds that need to be turned in, please make sure to send them to the SOWA office and include the [accounting form](#).

And... Don't forget to keep sending us videos on how your agency gets it's #GameOn for Special Olympics Washington.

Please contact **Ellie Hardwick** for more information. All agencies that sign up will be highlighted as a #GameOn agency!

LETR International Conference Registration is Open!



This year's LETR International Conference will be held **September 21-23** at the Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee.

The conference provides an opportunity for law enforcement personnel to network, exchange ideas and highlight events that have been successful in their programs. Please find Qualifying Information, the Registration Forms and Scholarship Application link below. We will contact individual agencies who qualified to send attendees based on 2016 fundraising numbers.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the LETR International Conference in Nashville!

[Click Here to Download the Registration Forms and Scholarship Applications are due to Ellie Hardwick by Friday, July 14th at 5pm](#)

Meet your "New, but Not So New" LETR Staff



Mary Do
Assistant of VP
Philanthropy

Mary has been with the Special Olympics movement for nearly 15 years. She started her career with Special Olympics Northern California in 2001 as the LETR Director and moved back to Seattle in 2004 to manage the LETR Campaign.

She left Special Olympics Washington briefly to work for the Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Association as the Director of Marketing and Events, but return to Special Olympics in 2015 as the Assistant VP of Philanthropy where she oversees overall strategies and revenue for corporate/community partnerships, major events and the LETR Campaign.

[Contact Mary](#)



Ellie Hardwick
Manager LETR

Ellie previously worked with Special Olympics Washington from 2012-2014 and we are excited to have her back leading the charge on LETR efforts. She began her involvement with Special Olympics assisting with the inaugural Redmond Polar Plunge in 2007 then continued her contribution with Special Olympics Oregon throughout her college years. Ellie comes to us with a wealth of expertise in special events and operations, and was the former Operations Manager for the National MS Society.

Ellie looks forward to continuing her journey as the LETR Manager where we know her dedication will be apparent!

[Contact Ellie](#)



Ryan Hoy
Special Events/LETR
Coordinator

Ryan has also worked with Special Olympics Washington in the past, in a corporate development position. Special Olympics runs in his blood as his family has been involved for decades.

Over the last several years, Ryan has run of events through his special events management business.

With his knowledge of building relationships and commitment to our athletes, Ryan is prepared to bring organization and enthusiasm to the team and we could not be happier to have him back.

[Contact Ryan](#)

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