



Sign Up for the CommUNITY Challenge and Go the Extra Mile for Special Olympics Washington Athletes

New Virtual Event Will Raise Needed Funds for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Across the State

May 24, 2021 – SEATTLE – Join Special Olympics Washington and participants across the state for the **CommUNITY Challenge** (CommUNITYChallengeWA.com), a six-week virtual journey across Washington. Now through Saturday, July 3, Special Olympics athletes, friends, family, and the community will run, walk, roll and move together with the goal of collectively achieving 180,000 miles and raising \$250,000. The event is accessible and open to everyone.

Proceeds from the CommUNITY Challenge will continue Special Olympics Washington's commitment to positively impacting the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through innovative programs to keep athletes active, engaged and healthy.

"As we continue navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for us to come together as a community is greater than ever," said David Wu, president and CEO of Special Olympics Washington. "It's not too late to join us for the CommUNITY Challenge and we invite everyone to go for their personal best as we raise funds for athletes across the state."

Registration is \$30 and includes a limited-edition finisher's medal; Special Olympics Washington athletes may register at no cost. Participants can earn fundraising incentives along the way and prizes will be awarded to the individuals and teams who raise the most funds and go the furthest distance.

The CommUNITY Challenge goes through Saturday, July 3. The event is made possible through support from Kaiser Permanente, the Official Health Partner of Special Olympics Washington; Knights of Columbus; Krusteaz; Alaska Airlines; and The Boeing Company.

For more information, including how to register and to donate visit CommUNITYChallengeWA.com.

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for more than 19,500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, 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. For more information, please visit SpecialOlympicsWashington.org.

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