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WASHINGTON

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## 2023 POLAR PLUNGE RECAP

Thank you to all those who came to Plunge with us this year!

Together, you all helped to raise over \$225,000 for Special Olympics Washington!



## Final Numbers

Tri-Cities: \$64,345.60

Anacortes: \$6,920.40

Seattle: \$128,328.10

Wenatchee: \$25,685.10



**Top Fundraising Individual:** Janice McClain

**Top Fundraising Team:** Hanford Vit Plant

[See Photos Here](#)

## 2023 TORCH RUN



The 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg will take place from June 7-9 with runs all across Washington State. It will converge at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma to kick off the Special Olympics Washington State Spring Games on Friday, June 9th.

The lighting of the cauldron from the torch indicates the start of the State Games. Law Enforcement's role in protecting the symbolism and integrity of this ceremony greatly enhances the experience of the athletes participating in the Games.

More information regarding the 2023 Official LE TR shirt as well as running routes will be released soon.

[Registration Link](#)

[T-Shirt Order Form](#)

## AGENCY COORDINATORS NEEDED

Want to make even more of an impact for Special Olympics Washington?

We have Agency Coordinator openings in several counties, including:

Adams County  
Clallam County  
Chelan County  
Colombia County

King County  
Kitsap County  
Mason County  
Okanogan County

Douglas County  
Garfield County  
Grant County  
Grays Harbor County  
Jefferson County

Pacific County  
Pierce County  
Thurston County  
Whitman County

If interested in being a point of contact for your agency,  
please email Maggie Moffat, [mmoffat@sowa.org](mailto:mmoffat@sowa.org)

## IDD TRAINING RESOURCES

Special Olympics has designed a series of health-focused free eLearning courses that law enforcement representatives can access to learn best practices for communicating and caring for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

Review [these instructions](#) to create an account and access the 45-minute *Introduction to Intellectual Disabilities* course on the [Special Olympics Online Learning Portal](#). Contact [learn@specialolympics.org](mailto:learn@specialolympics.org) with questions.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Disability in the Criminal Justice  
System

Serving & Protecting People  
with IDD

## 2023 LETR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference provides an opportunity for law enforcement personnel to network, exchange ideas and highlight events that have been successful in their programs.

Conference sessions will provide attendees with inspirational, motivational and educational content in effort to increase participation and subsequent funding for their respective Special Olympics programs throughout the world.

The 2023 International Conference will be held October 28-30 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk in Chicago, Illinois.

More Information Coming Soon!

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With the Spring Season in full swing, there are many opportunities to present awards to athletes at upcoming weekend competitions!

If interested, please email [volunteer@sowa.org](mailto:volunteer@sowa.org) with your availability.

**Contact us!**

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