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Special Olympics Fundraiser at DuPage Dragon's Baseball Game

The Carol Stream Police Department and the DuPage Dragons amateur baseball team will "team" up to raise money for the Illinois Special Olympics. On Friday, July 13, 2007 at 7:05 p.m. the DuPage Dragons will take on the Danville Dans at the Benedictine Sports Complex on the campus of Benedictine University at 5700 College Rd in Lisle.

The game will start off with the Carol Stream Police Honor Guard presenting the colors during the national anthem. Torch Run t-shirts, hats, pins and raffle tickets for a Harley Davidson motorcycle will be sold. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and all the money raised will be donated to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Illinois Special Olympics. In addition, the DuPage Dragons will donate half of the ticket sales from the game to the Illinois Special Olympics.

The DuPage Dragons are comprised of college athletes with at least one year of college eligibility left. They play a fifty game schedule over the summer months in the CICL, Central Illinois Collegiate League, which is sanctioned by the NCAA and Major League Baseball. It is considered by many to be the highest form of amateur baseball.

Tickets to the game are \$6.00 and parking for the game is free. Tickets can be purchased by calling (630) 241-2255, and tell them that you support the Special Olympics.

The Illinois Torch Run for the Special Olympics has a rich and promising history. The Illinois' first Torch Run in 1986 raised just \$14,040. In 2005, the Illinois Torch Run raised \$1.625 million, making it the second highest grossing Torch Run program in the world. Fundraisers, like this one, are the single most important part of the Torch Run. Without programs like these, the Torch Run wouldn't be where it is today.

The Illinois Special Olympics provides opportunity for children and adults with special needs to train and compete in a variety of sports and games. More than 19,000 athletes in Illinois gain sports skills, the joy of teamwork, self-esteem, and friendship by participating in Special Olympics. Special Olympics programs exist throughout the state for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities.

Special Olympics Illinois is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that raises funds through private means, such as donations and grants. Special Olympics Illinois is accredited by Special Olympics, Inc. that operates in all 50 states and in more than 150 countries.

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