

Carol Stream Police Department

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Special Olympics Benefits from Cops and Donuts

Carol Stream police will be on the roof of Dunkin Donuts, 880 W. Army Trail Rd. Friday, May 18 promoting Special Olympics of Illinois. Chief Rick Willing, Mayor Frank Saverino and other police officers will take turns between the hours of 6 am and 11 am as part of Special Olympics' "Cops on Top" promotion.

Volunteers will be on hand selling promotional t-shirts, hats and pins to support the program. Donations will also be accepted. Dunkin' Donuts will have special deals for those that contribute to Special Olympics.

"This is a great opportunity for the police department to assist Special Olympics", said Willing. "Special Olympics allows persons with disabilities the opportunity to train, compete and enjoy the success of sports, he said."

Willing said that the department raised over \$1,200 last year during the Cops on Top event. "I hope we can do even better this year", he said.

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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