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# Special Olympics Hamilton County **TORCHBEARER**

SPECIAL THANK YOU EDITION 2020

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## **Brave In the Attempt**

**By: Lindsay Bartsch**

Bravery is something that can be taught, but most often is demonstrated in our every day life from those who are inherently brave.

We see it in law enforcement, always keeping our communities safe. We see fearless firefighters running in, when we want to run out. Today, we see medical professionals leaving their homes so we can stay safe in ours. Connecting these careers together produces one word: **bravery**.

Do you think of bravery when standing up for something you believe in?

Do you think of bravery when someone showcases themselves, even when there is a chance they will be rejected or dismissed?

What about being brave in your hometown for simply living there?

According to Special Olympics Inc., only 50% of people report that their city/town is a "good place" for persons with intellectual disabilities to live.

At Special Olympics Hamilton County, we are able to provide a safe space, locally, for our athletes to be themselves and show their bravery every day through sports. SOHC athletes continually thrive, debunking any and all stereotypes placed on them since birth. Our goal is to eliminate these perceptions about our athletes and change dialogue to include them as equal.

We provide outlets of sports training and competition, health and wellness programs, and growing personal development opportunities. These opportunities allow our athletes to be represented and accepted at any table they may choose to sit. **We are leveling the playing field of life.**

We have the choice to be brave every day, mimicking our athletes, to make sure they get the same opportunities that you and I are able to find just by walking out the door.

At SOHC, now, more than ever, is a test of our bravery. Adapting and growing through our new normal. We are re-scheduling our annual spring fundraising event to a virtual gala on **June 27th, 2020**. We are partnering with Special Olympics Ohio to bring the first-ever Fitness Influencer Challenge to our athletes. Our 2020 Cincinnati Corporate Olympics will be taking place on July 8<sup>th</sup> and we are planning our event for in-person and virtual outcomes.



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## The Envelope

In every issue of the *Torchbearer*, you will see a solicitation envelope.

Any donations made inside of this envelope will come **DIRECTLY** to SOHC athletes.

SOHC is not subsidized by Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics Ohio, or United Way.

We must raise all of our funds locally through donations, grants, and sponsorships.

We need your help!



## **Brave in The Attempt (Continued from Page 1)**

The decisions made in our current climate are calculated and with the mindset that best supports our program and athletes in the long term. As any business can attest, these changes are hard and unfamiliar. They require constant dedication from staff, volunteers, and most important, our donors.

Our 2020 issue of the *Torchbearer* is just that, to recognize our dedicated donors who allow us to remain brave for our athletes.

We thank you, donors, for your continued generosity.

We have not stopped working and adapting during this time to best serve our athletes and donors. We do not intend to stop, but rather forge forward to become bigger and better. We plan to show up for our athletes, as they show up to teach us that the Special Olympics Athlete Oath stretches beyond the playing field into life.

With your support, we can continue to be brave in the attempt.

I hope you will join us.

*Lindsay Bartsch*

Lindsay Bartsch  
SOHC Program Director



***Let me win.***

***But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.***

# Be Brave AND Active While Staying Home

## What is it?

A virtual fitness challenge created by Special Olympics Ohio to motivate you to stay healthy and active during this challenging time.

## What do I have to do?

### Athletes:

- Exercise 20-30 minutes daily
- Drink 5 bottles of water daily
- Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily
- Write all of this information down on the tracker provided (see top right for picture of tracker)
- Turn your tracker in once a month to your Team Captain

**Team Captains:** Check-in with your athletes as often as the athlete desires, collect your athletes trackers once a month and mail/e-mail them to our office

## How do I sign up?

Email or call the SOHC office! For more info please visit our website!

**Biz.goslee@specialolympics-hc.org**

513-271-2606

<https://www.specialolympics-hc.org>

## Weekly Exercise, Nutrition and Hydration Tracking

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

|  | SUNDAY                              | MONDAY                              | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY                           | THURSDAY                            | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY                            |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Exercise</b><br>Check box if you exercised today!<br>Write in the number of minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Minutes |
| <b>Nutrition</b><br>How many total fruits and vegetables?                              | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               |
| <b>Water</b><br>How many bottles (16oz) of water did you drink?                        | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               | ○○○○○                               |

Fill in the star if you reached your Fit 5 goal this week:

Exercise ★ Nutrition ★ Water ★





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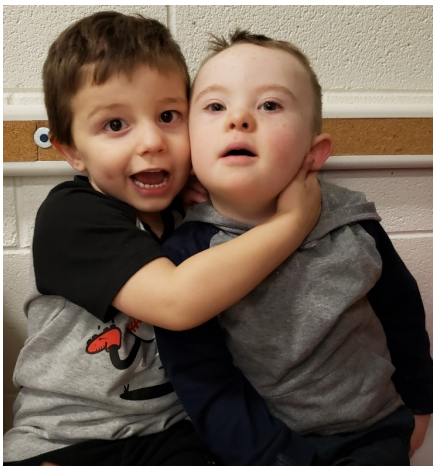
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