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Good Afternoon!

I am writing on behalf of Special Olympics Alberta as the Vice President, Sport. If you have received this email you have indicated interest in, been recommended for, or may fit the criteria of a Municipality, Community, and/or group we would like to work with to host the 2027 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games!

The Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games are hosted every four years and are the pinnacle of competitive sporting opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities in Alberta. Over 1000 athletes, coaches and mission staff will travel from around the province to compete in the Games. For many of our athletes and families, this will be a once in a lifetime experience and is the highest level of competition that they will ever be part of.

The Winter Games involve competition in 8 official Special Olympics sports: 5-pin bowling, Alpine Skiing, Curling, Cross Country Ski, Figure Skating, Floorball, Speed Skating, and Snowshoeing. These games will run over a winter weekend anytime between late January and late February and will utilize existing facilities and infrastructure within your community.

Special Olympics Alberta is a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Albertans with an intellectual disability through sport. Special Olympics Alberta provides sporting opportunities to 150 communities around the province through 25 Affiliates, each with its own volunteer Management Committee and volunteer coaches. There may be a Special Olympics Affiliate or program in your community! There are over 1500 volunteers working with over 3500 athletes in 18 official sports in year-round programs. For more information visit <https://www.specialolympics.ab.ca/>.

By hosting the Games, communities or groups will be rewarded with numerous community and economic benefits such as a strengthened social and volunteer base, provincial media attention, and increased local business activity. You will also gain recognition through hosting a Special Olympics Games whose brand has provincial, national and international notoriety.

For more information, to see if this event is a good event for your community or organization, and for details on what to include in your bid, see the 2027 Winter Games Bid Package attached. The deadline to submit a bid to Special Olympics Alberta is December 1st, 2024. Bids can be submitted by email or mail to: Jill Moore at jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca.

We can't wait to see where our Games are headed to next! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thanks,

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Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. As an organization that operates on the traditional homelands of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, we all have a responsibility to commit to ongoing reconciliation. To better understand how we can action truth and reconciliation at work, in our programs, and in our everyday lives, visit our website!



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