

Announcements

Stage Set for Special Olympics Excitement

A Message from Shaun Kelly and Dana Foote

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We're very excited that next week, about 200 KPMG volunteers will be in Lincoln, Neb. to enjoy and support the golf tournament of the Special Olympics USA National Games. KPMG is the title sponsor of the tournament, and our volunteers are looking forward to helping ensure a great event. Our sponsorship, which is being led by the Disabilities Network, will also provide numerous opportunities for our firm in the areas of marketing, relationship building, and educational forums. Perhaps best of all, we'll have the opportunity to witness so many inspiring athletes as they demonstrate their skills, focus, and sportsmanship.



It has been especially gratifying to see the enthusiastic firmwide support for Special Olympics during the months leading up to the national games, and we'd like to thank all of you who helped make that happen. Eleven KPMG offices held Be a Fan tour events, raising close to **\$23,000** for their local Special Olympics organizations, and others had jeans days that raised additional funds. A number of offices hosted athletes and/or officials from Special Olympics, which allowed our people to get to know some of the individuals who exemplify what the organization is all about. And with the putting contests, silent auctions, and raffles everyone had a great deal of fun, which is an important part of the Special Olympics experience.



Many of our people also had opportunities to volunteer at local Special Olympics Games. KPMG people from Cypress, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego stepped onto the athletic fields to help organize, work with athletes, cheer them on, and participate in the awards ceremonies.

Cynthia Carranza, who leads KPMG's Southern California Chapter of the Disabilities Network, was among the many who will not soon forget the experience. "This is the first time our office has participated in an event like this and the turnout has been amazing," she said. "Seeing the athletes' faces was truly worth it."

We think that Cynthia has it exactly right. Special Olympics is all about giving people opportunities to compete, have fun, make friends, and enjoy the many other benefits of

KPMG volunteers from Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego at a Special Olympics event.

participation. When you see the magical expressions on participants' faces, you understand what the experience means to them—and you can't help but feel a tremendous amount of pride in KPMG for being a part of it.

Thanks again for all your support for Special Olympics, and everything you do for our communities every day.

Watch the Opening Ceremonies Online
Don't miss the Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, which will be available via webcast this Sunday at 4 p.m. ET. Just go to www.2010specialolympics.org to watch.

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