

# CHAMPIONS



## WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

From all of us here at Special Olympics Georgia, we want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all you do for SOGA!



## GET SOCIAL WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA!



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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021  
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# THANK TO ALL SPONSORS FOR BEING A PART OF THIS AWESOME DAY BENEFITTING OUR ATHLETES.



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# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

## JAMIE MCCURRY | CATOOSA COUNTY

Meet Jamie McCurry. Jamie is an athlete for Catoosa Special Olympics. Jamie started participating in local games when she was in elementary school and continues to participate today at age 24. Over the years, Jamie has participated locally in track and field, bowling, equestrian, basketball, aquatics and dance.

Jamie is involved at both the state level Winter Games with a unified basketball team and Summer Games in the aquatics program. Jamie has also participated in the Southeast Alpine

Skiing event. She is a great team player and leader on both teams. In her free time Jamie likes to ride her bike and she loves animals. Jamie is employed part-time locally at North Georgia Pediatric Therapies where she makes and files charts and does laundry. Jamie encourages her teammates and enjoys all Special Olympic events. When Jamie was asked what she likes about the

Special Olympics she said "I love Special Olympics and love being with my friends and socialize and meeting new people."

"Loves to go to State games and stay in motels and eating!"



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## MELISSA TURNER | POLK COUNTY



This is Melissa Turner from Polk County Special Olympics. She has been serving on the committee as treasurer for almost fifteen years. Melissa is a tremendous asset to the athletes of Polk County. She is always looking for ways to get the athletes involved and overall get the community behind the athletes. The program runs successfully year to year due to the volunteer efforts she puts forth. Melissa is also an elementary special education teacher and a grandmother to two cute little boys!

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# HONDA

The Power of Dreams

American Honda Motor Company prides itself on being an organization that sees the world not as it is, but as it could be. They dream of a better future not only in the realm of the automotive world, but for society as a whole. Through a broad range of community initiatives, charitable giving, foundation grants, and volunteerism, Honda seeks to create value for society and bring joy to people's lives.

Living by the motto, "The Power of Dreams," American Honda Motor Company has been helping to power the dreams of our Special Olympians for 29 years. Beginning with their first contribution in 1991, the relationship has quickly grown into one that is substantial, appreciated, and most of all, irreplaceable.

The SOGA athletes who attend the Summer Games at Emory University recognize American Honda Motor Company and their volunteers from Olympic Town. A dedicated group, the Honda volunteers truly go above and beyond in their commitment to making Olympic Town a fun and memorable experience for all of the athletes that pass through. In addition to their financial support, the Honda team works diligently in the months leading up to Summer Games planning and purchasing supplies for their famous t-shirt painting booth.

SOGA is very proud and grateful to be part of American Honda Motor Company's vision for the future. We are thankful for their belief in our dream of bringing people with intellectual disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected, and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens. Thank you to all of our friends and "dreamers" at American Honda Motor Company!

# STAYING FIT AT HOME...



Hawks at Home offers opportunities to learn basketball skills and drills so you can stay on top of your game while staying home. Not so sure about basketball? Hawks at Home also includes instructional dance videos, STEM activities and coloring pages.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## FREE INCLUSIVE WORKOUTS

Did you know we have a partnership with Anytime Fitness? Through our partnership, you can access weekly inclusive workouts airing live every Wednesday at 1 p.m. ET on [Anytime Fitness's Facebook Page](#). Make sure to stay connected with our social media to learn more about Anytime Fitness and their inclusive workouts that you can access from home.



# GET INVOLVED WITH SOGA



**Interested in joining the SOGA community? Here are all the ways you can get involved:**

## **Interested in becoming a SOGA Coach?**

Visit the SOGA website for general quizzes & resources on Coaching Special Olympics Athletes, Principles in Coaching, & Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Visit our Learning Portal to get educated and certified in Unified Sports & Concussion Training  
Coach's Code of Conduct  
Online Recertifications

For Information on Coaches Clinics & Initial Sport Certification contact Liz Smith

## **Interested in becoming a SOGA volunteer?**

Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile Form  
Click here to learn about SOGA's volunteer screening policy.  
Protective Behaviors Quiz  
Background Screen

**Sign up online for all Volunteer Opportunities**



**If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Courtney Payne or Hannah Creasey.**



# **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Volunteers Needed!*

**JANUARY 29&30, 2021**

## **INDOOR WINTER GAMES**

☆Marietta, GA☆

☆Multiple Locations☆

☆Numerous Shifts Available!☆

### **Sports:**

**Basketball**

**Floor Hockey**

**Bowling**

**Powerlifting**

**Artistic Gymnastics**

Applications can be found at:  
<http://sogeorgia.vsyshost.com/>

**Special Olympics**  
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