Georgia's Champions
March 2022
Bring out the Champion in everyone.

You could get lucky at the Duck Pluck...

ADOPT YOUR DUCK TODAY!

When you adopt a duck, you support an athlete!

St. Patrick's Day
VIRTUAL BINGO
THURSDAY MARCH 17
AT 1PM ON ZOOM

EMAIL HANNAH.CREASEY@SPECIALOLYMPICSGA.ORG FOR THE LINK TO REGISTER!

March 2022
March is the Month of Giving

- 3/1-3/7 ($2 off Regular or Giant)
- 3/8-3/14 (Buy a regular sub get the second for $3.99)
- 3/15-3/21 (10% off your order)
- 3/22-3/28 ($2 off Regular or Giant)
When you visit Logan's Roadhouse, J. Alexander's, Redland's Grille, Stoney River, & Old Chicago between now and March 31, you can help support Special Olympics with a donation and receive a free appetizer, entrée or dessert with your next order, thanks to our national partner SBP Hospitality! #InclusionRevolution

Email Catherine Justice at Catherine.Justice@SpecialOlympicsGA.org for more information.
Thank you to our amazing Polar Plungers, Law Enforcement Torch Run, and Sponsors for making the 2022 Polar Plunge a success! Special Olympics Georgia is proud to announce we surpassed our goal of 200,000 thanks to everyone’s continued dedication!
Founded in 2006, Inwood Holdings is a real estate operator focusing on properties 5-15 years old in the state of Georgia. Inwood Holdings’ property management company Woodward Management Partners, currently manages 30 properties across metro Atlanta. Both Inwood Holdings and Woodward Management Partners have been a valuable partner of Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) since they started sponsoring and volunteering at the State Games starting in 2013. You may recognize the Woodward Management name from seeing their hard-working volunteers at the State Games as they bring large groups to serve the athletes at the State Summer and Winter Games. SOGA athletes routinely recognize their friends from Woodward and Inwood as they have become such a familiarity at events throughout the year.

Thank you so much to our friends at Inwood Holdings for your continued support!
Athlete of the Month

Steven has been a multisport athlete for the past 8 years with Special K’s and North Fulton United. He excels in cycling, soccer, long distance running, and basketball. In addition to being recognized as an amazing athlete locally, Steven was also named the 2020 Olympics Athlete of the Year by USA Today. Steven was also selected to be Special Olympics Georgia’s U.S. Youth Ambassador. Under this title, Steven has participated in SONA UCS Unified Talks where he has broken down facts about IDD and educated viewers about the importance of gratitude.

Volunteer of the Month

Ava is an active volunteer for Special Olympics Georgia. She is currently a student at Johns Creek High School where she serves as the President of her school’s Special Olympics Unified Club. At school, she has hosted several Respect Campaigns in order to spread the message of inclusion and she has received funding from multiple community impact grants. Using these funds, she has been able to grow the participation in her school’s club and volunteer at Special Olympics Georgia events around the state.
SAVE THE DATES

**27th Annual Bob Busse Memorial Classic**

November 7th, 2022
Atlanta Country Club
500 Atlanta Country Club Drive
Marietta, GA 30067

For more information about participation or sponsorship, contact Robert Tolar at robert.tolar@specialolympicsga.org or (770) 414-9390 ext. 1104

**Special Olympics Georgia**
**Med Fest 2022**

JULY 15, 2022
9:00AM - 2:00PM
6045 FINANCIAL DRIVE
NORCROSS, GA 30071

Health & Fit Feet Screenings, Crafts & Lunch!
Athletes- Come join us for FREE MedFest 2022.

Contact Erin Turner at erin.turner@specialolympicsga.org for info
770-414-9300 ext. 1100

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**HEALTHY ATHLETES**

**OPENING EYES & SPECIAL SMILES AT SUMMER GAMES**

**FIT FEET AT HORSE SHOW**

**MAY 28TH, 2022**
9:00-3:00 PM

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT EITHER OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT SKYLAR LUNSFORD AT SKYLAR.LUNSFORD@SPECIALOLYMPICSGA.ORG**

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March 2022
2022 Special Olympics USA Games

Team Georgia

Please join Special Olympics Georgia in congratulating all selected delegates, representing Team Georgia at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, taking place in Orlando, Florida on June 4-11! You can show your support by donating to your delegate of choice, by following the link below! Once on the donation page, you can select the drop down under “Which Delegate would you like to support?”.

https://www.classy.org/give/347388/#I/donation/checkout

2022 Team Georgia Delegation:

Athletics – J. Sigler, M. Westbrook, S. Porter, (Coach) D. Shelton
Swimming – J. Evans, C. Goering, M. Green, Y. Shields, (Coach) T. Brooks
Artistic Gymnastics – K. Greer, D. Misitano, K. Davis, (Coach) R. Garcia
Powerlifting – A. McGhee, D. Thomas, D. Hall, W. Ellison, (Coach) L. Brown
Unified Bocce (Male) – C. Supulski, G. Smith, D. Way, G. Stoll, (Coach) K. Enright
Unified Bocce (Female) – K. Way, C. Isbell, A. Way, J. Amrhein, (Coach) P. Barclay
Unified Bowling (Male) – J. Freeman, A. Jackson, E. Jackson, L. Freeman, (Coach) T. Freeman
Unified Bowling (Female) – K. Callahan, C. Simmons, R. DeVall, A.G. Brock, (Coach) L. Gault
Unified Tennis – M. Knowles, T. Knowles, A. Ferrer, M. Hirshberg, (Coach) V. Madej
The 5th Annual Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Awards took place on the evening of Thursday, February 24th at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta, Georgia. Several local nonprofits were nominated for this award but only three finalists were chosen. Meredith-Elizabeth Crum and Stephanie Bailey attended this wonderful evening and accepted the award on SOGA’s behalf.

Not only did we receive Nonprofit of the Year, but we also received a check for $1,500 from CJB Industries for Fall Games 2022.
**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®** Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at Kroger Community Awards, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code SH080) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself! Enroll now for Kroger Community Awards (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact Thomas Ritch, 770-414-9390 ext. 1121

**Thinking of selling or trading in that old car, boat or RV? Donate it instead!** SOGA has partnered with CARS to turn your old vehicle, whether it's running or not, into much needed funds for our programs. CARS accepts most cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RV's, motorcycles, off road vehicles, heavy equipment, and most other motorized vehicles. CARS will make all the arrangements at no cost to you. They handle the title transfer requirements and will provide you with a written acknowledgement of your donation and tax deduction information. Click here for more information or to donate your vehicle. A helpful representative will contact you within 24 hours to schedule a pickup, or call CARS seven days a week at 1-844-404-SOGA (7642) to speak with a representative.

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