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Cop on a Rooftop to Benefit Special Olympics Illinois

For the 15th year in a row, Illinois police officers will stake out Dunkin' Donuts rooftops around the state to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. On Friday, May 19, hundreds of police officers will cover more than 270 Dunkin' Donuts rooftops to heighten awareness and raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. This event has been a huge success over the years; in fact, nearly \$2.3 million has been raised during this great partnership! In honor of the Special Olympics athletes and police officers participating in the rooftop event, Dunkin' Donuts will donate \$15,000 to the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Everyone who visits a Cop on a Rooftop store and makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a free donut. Individuals who donate at least \$10 will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for a free medium coffee. Other items, such as Torch Run T-shirts and hats, will be sold for various donation amounts, and other activities will vary by Dunkin' Donuts location.

Dunkin' Donuts has created a special glazed red and white donut ring depicting Special Olympics Illinois colors. The donut, called "The Champion," will be available at Dunkin' Donuts locations in Chicago and suburbs May 19.

Gurnee Officers, Explorers and civilian employees will be collecting donations at both locations in town; 5414 Grand Avenue and 350 N. Hunt Club Road, beginning at 5:00 a.m.

For a list of all participating locations, go to <u>www.soill.org</u>. To learn more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at <u>www.soill.org</u>.