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## *Special Olympics Missouri and Texas Roadhouse Raise Over \$20,000 During Statewide Tip-A-Cop Event*

Jefferson City, Mo - Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) is thrilled to announce the incredible success of the Statewide Tip-A-Cop event held at Texas Roadhouse locations across the state on August 20, 2024. Thanks to the dedication of our law enforcement partners and the generosity of our communities, this event raised over \$20,000 to support athletes with intellectual disabilities.

The Tip-A-Cop event, a longstanding tradition, brought together law enforcement officers and Texas Roadhouse staff to serve meals and interact with diners, all while collecting donations for SOMO. Officers from various agencies volunteered their time to work alongside Texas Roadhouse employees, engaging with customers and raising awareness for the mission of Special Olympics Missouri.

"We are deeply grateful to our law enforcement partners who selflessly give their time to support our athletes," said Crystal Schuster, Senior Director of Community Development at Special Olympics Missouri. "The outpouring of support from the community and the commitment of Texas Roadhouse have made this event a tremendous success. The funds raised will go a long way in providing opportunities for our athletes to train, compete, and achieve their personal best."

Special Olympics Missouri extends a heartfelt thank you to every diner, volunteer, and Texas Roadhouse location that contributed to this event's success. Your generosity ensures that SOMO can continue offering life-changing experiences to athletes across the state.

For more information about Special Olympics Missouri and upcoming events, please visit [somo.org](https://www.somo.org).

### **Special Olympics Missouri**

Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Thousands of athletes participate in 13 Olympic-type sports throughout the state. SOMO provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy as they participate in the sharing of gifts and friendship with their fellow athletes, their family and friends, and communities across Missouri.

SOMO is proud of our financial health, returning 82% of every dollar back to program services. We are privileged to be recognized with these honors: Better Business Bureau A+ Charity Accreditation, Guidestar Gold Level and Charity Navigator 4-star rating. Special Olympics was also recently named Morning Consult's No. 4 most trusted nonprofit.

Thank you for trusting us with your donations, volunteer time and your goodwill.

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