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May Newsletter

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Joe Bobinski's Passing

Last Thursday we lost a great supporter and friend of Special Olympics. It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Joe Bobinski who succumbed to prostate cancer after a 10 year battle. Joe has played a huge role in our organization over the past 12 years as the athletics coordinator, athletics coach, alpine ski coach, unified ski partner with his son Joey, and someone we could always count on when called upon.



Joe's wake and viewing will be from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday at Donaldson Funeral Home in Laurel. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday at St Mary of the Mills Church in Laurel. A reception will follow the funeral at Savage Mill ballroom in Savage at noon.

Donations can be made to 1) the Joseph Paul Bobinski, Jr. Supplemental Needs Trust, dated April 28, 2014 and sent to Kim Bobinski, 8344 Sweet Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20723. Or 2) Special Olympics Howard County, 8970 Rt. 108, Suite A1, Columbia, MD 21045

Tino's Fundraiser for National Games

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Sprout Film Festival

The Sprout Film Festival was founded in 2003 and is programmed and supported by Sprout, a NYC-based non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing innovative programming to people with developmental disabilities. In 2006 the

On Monday, May 19th, Tino's Italian Bistro will donate 10% of all proceeds for the day to Special Olympics Howard County National Games team!! Come out to Tino's at 8775 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045 anytime between 11:30 am to 10:00 pm. No flier is needed. Eat-in, carry-out or delivery count toward the proceeds for SOHO. Let's give mom a break and make this a no cook Monday!

Fall Sports Registration Opens

Online sports registration is now open for our fall sports. Register for Cycling, Distance Running, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Tennis or Volleyball. [Click here](#) to go to the online registration.

Outstanding Student Volunteers Announced

The 2014 Outstanding Student Volunteer Scholarships were announced at this year's Inspiration Walk. Long Reach High School senior, **Swinita Shah**, was selected as this year's **Jackie Burke Memorial Scholarship recipient** and received a \$1,500.00 scholarship. **Maddie Luoma** received the \$500.00 **Kathy Lindner Memorial Scholarship**. The **Allan Homes Scholarships** awarded three aquatics student volunteers. The winner of the \$1,000.00 scholarship was Centennial High School senior **Alissa Ling**. Runners-up receiving scholarships of \$500.00 each were **Meghan Lanehart** (also from Centennial High School) and **Kali Taylor**, a senior at Marriotts Ridge High School.

Congratulations to these outstanding student volunteers and thank you to all our student volunteers!

13th Annual Inspiration Walk A Success

Mother nature cooperated and we had a beautiful day for our 13th Annual Inspiration Walk. We are about 85% of the way to our goal of \$110,000. Thank you all for making this event such a great success. Thanks to Stan Ber for his article in the Flier/Times on the event which you can read by [clicking here](#). Special thanks to Marilyn Miceli who once again led the IW planning team and to

Sprout Touring Film Festival was founded, enabling organizations throughout the US and Canada to screen the films and you can screen this year's films on Monday, June 23 at Montebaro Hall, The Horowitz Center at the Howard Community College. For tickets, [click here](#).

Support Our National Team

SOHO is sending 30 athletes and 6 coaches/ Volunteers to the [Special Olympics National Games](#) in New Jersey from June 14-21. If you'd like to support any of these athletes in their fundraising for the trip, [click here](#).

Celebrating the Power of Sport

Sports transform. As Special Olympics athletes train, play and compete they are discovering the strength of their abilities, and using that power to make the world a more accepting place. That is why we have been excited to join in celebrating the International Day of Sport

Stellamarie Kosman for all the extra time and effort she put into this year's walk planning.

It's not too late to donate if you haven't done so already. We rely on family and volunteer financial support to keep our program running. You can donate by:

- 1) Starting a personalized pledge page to solicit pledges online by [clicking here](#) and then click on the JOIN NOW button on the web page, or
- 2) Making a general donation online by [clicking here](#), or
- 3) Send cash and check donations to our office (8970 Route 108 Suite A1, Columbia, MD 21045)

Summer Games Almost Here

The 2014 Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games are just 26 days away and over 1,500 SOMD athletes are preparing hard to be ready to compete. To pump up the energy and promote the games, Adam Hayes, athlete and SOMD Office Communication Assistant, created a short 30 second piece for the Summer Games. [Click here to watch.](#) Hope to see you at Towson University June 6-8th helping to reveal the champion in all the athletes.

National Games Preparations in Full Gear

Special Olympics Maryland will be sending a record delegation to the 2014 [National games in Princeton](#), New Jersey this June with 221 athletes, coaches and other delegates. Howard County has the largest county representation with 36 delegates!! Check out our basketball team's preparations by [clicking here](#).

If you'd like to support the fundraising efforts of our 36 delegates, [click here](#).



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Daniel Larrimore Receives Award

The Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS) held their annual Achievement Awards on Tuesday, April 29 at the BWI Marriott and we extend congratulations to SOHO athlete Daniel Larrimore on his MACS Achievement Award!!

Refinance and Raise Funds for SOHO

[Corridor Mortgage Group](#), who sponsors the fall golf fundraiser for Special Olympics Howard County is offering our organization \$250 for anyone who refinances their mortgage or borrows for a new mortgage through Corridor. Mention that you heard of the offer through the SOHO newsletter. For more details, call Chris Sittig at 443.539.1596 or email at csittig@corridormtg.com

Coaches Resources

Special Olympics Howard County encourages all of our coaches to stay abreast of the latest training. SOHO will

Volunteer Opportunities & Orientation Dates

If interested in volunteering for spring sports (softball, track and field, cheerleading, bocce) or if you are interested in helping with the annual Softball Invitational on May 18th, please email info@somdhc.org.

A volunteer orientation will be held on May 20th at 7:00 in the SOHO office. Anyone interested in volunteering must attend a volunteer orientation, complete a volunteer application and an on-line Protective Behaviors Course. Parents are highly encouraged to attend an orientation. Pre-registration is required by sending an email to our volunteer coordinator, Janet Larrimore, at JanetandWalter@comcast.net or info@somdhc.org or calling the office at 410-740-0500.



Thanks for your support!!



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