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**Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day**

The fifth annual Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS) Day, was held on Saturday, September 27, 2014, celebrating the theme of Unity.

In honor of the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver, individuals worldwide took part in Unified Sports®, volunteering and educational activities to promote the vision of the Special Olympics founder.

To celebrate EKS Day, a group of SOSD athletes, family and friends joined the 125 other race participants in the 3rd Annual Augustana College Langskip 5K run. SOSD has been the charity of choice for this event from its inception. Thank you Augie for sharing your event with us!

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**A Welcomed Gift**

Sports Assistant John McHale and Elizabeth Effling, State Penitentiary Unit Coordinator, model winter hats made by inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. These items were donated to approximately 15 non-profits in the Sioux Falls area.

SOSD was fortunate to receive 100 hats which will be distributed to athletes during our State Basketball Tournament.

**Thank you inmates for your generous gift!**

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Over 570 athletes, representing 31 delegations attended this tournament in Aberdeen on November 7 - 9, 2014. Singles, doubles, and team events were rolled over this three day event.

In addition to some intense competition, athlete’s enjoyed the Opening Ceremony, karaoke, SOSD Outstanding Awards, banquet and dance. Another highlight was the naming of the 10th Annual Gert Lutz Memorial Spirit and Sportsmanship winner. For many years, Gert Lutz was an unheralded, behind the scenes supporter of the State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Gert spearheaded numerous fundraising efforts and volunteered countless hours supervising the lanes. With Gert’s passing in the spring of 2004, Special Olympics South Dakota lost a true friend. Heads of Delegations nominated one athlete from their team who consistently demonstrates courtesy, sportsmanship and love for the sport of bowling.

Congratulations to Keelee Rosales, Belle Fourche (pictured above right), our 2014 award winner!

Tournament Hosts
Village Bowl
Donna, Al & Staff

Organizing Committee
Kim Benning
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Thank You!
The State Unified Bowling Tournament was held at Eastway Bowl in Sioux Falls on November 22 and 23, 2014. Doubles were contested on Saturday and team events on Sunday. Participation in this event has grown steadily from 90 athletes and unified partners in 2005 to 298 this past November.

A huge thank you to Abbie Benz, Sadie Benz, Lisa Claus, Kendra Duetsch, Brandy Louwagie and the staff at Eastway Bowl for being amazing volunteers and host.

Our Sponsors

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May someone be as kind to you as you have been to us.

Thank You!
After three wonderful years of playing ball in Brookings, our 32nd annual State Softball Tournament moved to Rapid City. Twenty six teams gathered on September 20 and 21, 2014 to compete in slow pitch, T-ball, and unified softball.

To kick off this event, a number of athletes and unified partners enjoyed an exciting Bocce Ball Tournament.

SOSD is grateful for the contributions of the many volunteers who tirelessly worked to make this tournament a success.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Our Sponsors

...May someone be as kind to you as you have been to us.

Thank You Organizing Committee
Shiloh Day
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Thank You!

In Honor of Debby Slusser

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA
Thank You, Teegan!

From: Andrea Wange
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 12:56 PM
To: Melanie Frosch
Subject: RE: August 26

I have been meaning to share this with you and the state office... Kids with Autism you just never know how the connections are made. After our 1st year participating in Summer Games, we watched the olympics over and over. Then, for a wax museum project Teegan was Jesse Owens and ever since says "run as fast as Jesse". Often and throughout a variety of school projects, we are able to use Special Olympics as a topic. I have attached his latest writing, he always looks forward to the trip to BHSU. Special Olympics has had such a positive impact on our son; thank you!
Andrea

Special Olympics
By Teegan


Estate Planning

Are you aware of the many ways you can give the joy and pride of Special Olympics even when you are gone? Leave your legacy and consider Special Olympics in your estate planning.

Contact Darryl Nordquist, President/CEO for more information.

“I would love to help Special Olympics athletes for many years to come.”

New School Program Funds Available

Northwestern Mutual will help new school based start-up programs with donations to offset expenses.

Contact Darryl Nordquist, President/CEO for more information.

Modern Woodmen Night

The Modern Woodmen Of America, in partnership with the Sioux Falls Stampede, will be hosting their annual Matching Funds Project this spring. We are once again honored to be the recipient of these proceeds.

Please join us for an exciting night filled with great hockey, athlete participation and amazing financial support for SOSD!

Modern Woodmen Night
March 27, 2015

First National Bank "#Hashtag Holdiday" Contest

Once again this year, the great folks at First National Bank in Sioux Falls held their “#Hashtag Holiday” contest. This contest used the spirit of the holidays and social media to award $2,500 to four local charities who received the most votes. Starting November 12 through December 12, individuals were asked to use Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to cast their vote for their charity of choice, along with their reason why and include

#FNBGiveFirst in their vote. Through the support of Special Olympics fans across the United States, Special Olympics South Dakota was one of the four charities to receive the most votes! Other winners included Sioux Empire Pit Rescue, JDRF and Sioux Falls Area Humane Society. Congrats to all of this year’s winners and thank you again for all of your votes and support!
Tanner is known to many athletes, parents and several coaches on opposing teams as a kind-hearted, friendly, and a social young man. He is a role model for all athletes, dishing out high 5’s and voicing encouragement during competition. He has a way of making everyone feel important…. Accomplished…. Special.

At the State Softball Tournament in 2012, Tanner fielded a ball, instead of running to home plate to make an out, he walked home and allowed a younger athlete from the opposing team to score. When asked later why he did this, Tanner replied, “That athlete never makes it home.” Tanner’s team lost that game by one point. At a subsequent event, his coach spoke to the younger athlete’s parents about this incident. They have never forgotten this moment. The mother shared how it brought tears to her husband’s eyes.

Tanner competes in softball, bowling, track and field, basketball and aquatics. He loves Special Olympics for the opportunity to compete in sports, the memories, and most of all for the friends he has made. We love Tanner for his kind heart and beautiful spirit.

Congratulations, Tanner.

NOMINEES:
- Melissa Heckel, Spearfish
- Randell Hills, Redfield
- Derek Nieland, Rapid City

Don Baker Award - Kip Eggebraaten, Sioux Falls

Kip has been the Special Olympics South Dakota merchandise lead for over 10 years. This may not seem like a big deal on the surface, but if you knew how often and how much “stuff” we need from Kip, the magnitude of his efforts becomes exceptionally impressive.

Kip isn’t just a number on a rolodex or an e-mail address in a computer. We see him in the office frequently while dropping off product or working with one of us on an order. He makes a point of chatting and sharing a few words with everyone. It’s not just business with Kip, we see him as our friend.

Kip is a true representation of an individual who gives outstanding support to Special Olympics South Dakota.

NOMINEES:
- ADVANCE, Brookings
- Belle Fourche Area Community Center, Belle Fourche
- Patrick Belling, Mitchell
- Myles Kennedy, Spearfish
- Mike & Cindy Markley, Aberdeen

Ron Stewart Award Coach of the Year - Jennifer Dobney, Vermillion

Jennifer has been instrumental in growing the Irene-Wakonda team, and has taken the lead to secure sponsorship monies. From their athlete’s stylish uniforms to the spirit wear sported by parents, it is evident the Hurricane supporters take great pride in their team. It takes a leader and someone with attention to detail to know the importance of these things. Jennifer has recruited students to be peer mentors to her athletes. Her vision in recognizing the importance of this platform for inclusion is outstanding. Jennifer’s teams are well coached, but just as importantly her athletes have fun.

NOMINEES:
- Lindsay Bruce, Redfield
- Sandra Chasing Hawk, Redfield
- Brenda Hendricks, Spearfish
- Missy Hill, Aberdeen
- Brian Jacobsen, Lake Norden
- Gwen Schwartz, Redfield
- John Tanner, Rapid City
Lyle Farrand Award Volunteer of the Year - Jody Grubb, Belle Fourche

Jody’s volunteer resume is very diverse and lengthy. His involvement with SOSD spans 23 years and includes all levels of competition (local, area and state).

Jody has been instrumental in the recruitment of student volunteers from Rapid City Central. He has been a chaperone, chauffer, score-keeper, goffer and announcer. He has provided and built training equipment for athletes, and has even given his own work out clothes and shoes to athletes who can not provide their own.

Jody donates his time and talents expecting nothing in return. His reward is in knowing the athletes are better off for his efforts.

You are an outstanding role model, Jody, and we are proud to call you one of our own.

NOMINEES:
- Wayne Steckline, Ft. Pierre
- Amber Stirling, Parkston
- Laura Young, Spearfish

Family Of The Year - The Bradwisch Family, Mitchell

For many years, Don and Leanne have spent countless hours traveling the state in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunges. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave these events. They are die hard volunteers, doing anything and everything we ask...and often more.

Don is also an active fundraiser for these events, and between his setup and teardown duties, he can be found jumping in many of the plunges himself.

While Don is splashing in the dumpster, you can find Leanne registering plungers, counting money and selling souvenirs.

These folks are volunteers extraordinaire!

NOMINEES:
- Bolyard Family, Rapid City
- Foote Family, Spearfish

D. J. Mertens Award “Champion” of the Year - Sammons Financial Group, Sioux Falls

Sammons Financial Group (SFG) has been a champion for Special Olympics South Dakota (SOSD) for the past seven years. In the summer of 2008, SFG made a $100,000 donation to the SOSD 40th Anniversary Challenge Match Campaign. SFG remains one of SOSD’s biggest financial contributors, having donated over half a million dollars to date.

As amazing as the Sammons Financial Group’s monetary support has been, the army of volunteers they supply for our competitions is equally impressive and important. Eight hundred and fifteen employees have volunteered an estimated 3,000 hours to SOSD.

Thank you Sammons Financial Group for your outstanding support of Special Olympics South Dakota!

NOMINEES:
- Spearfish Middle School

Categories include:
- Athlete Of The Year Award
- Don Baker Award (the highest honor presented by SOSD)
- Family Of The Year
- Outstanding Coach (Ron Stewart Award)
- Volunteer Of The Year (Lyle Farrand Award)
- Champion Award (D.J. Mertens Award)

Congratulations!
2014 Pigskin Madness!

2014 was once again another successful year for the Pigskin Madness Raffle! 2,335 tickets were sold and over $46,700 was raised for Special Olympics South Dakota! While the 2014 professional football season is winding down, we are excited to announce that we will be selling Pigskin Madness tickets again in 2015, with larger prizes to be offered!

Pigskin Madness Raffle tickets can be purchased beginning in April and will be sold through the end of August. Tickets can be purchased for $20. Each ticket is randomly assigned four teams for each week of the regular professional football season. The final score for each week is determined by adding the point totals of the assigned four teams from that week.

The six highest point totals and the lowest point total are awarded prizes each week.

Prizes for 2014 included:
- Highest Team Total - $200
- 2nd Highest - $100
- 3rd Highest - $80
- 4th Highest - $60
- 5th Highest - $40
- 6th Highest - $20
- Lowest - $20

Polar Plunge season is back and will be sweeping across South Dakota with an icy boom! 2015 will be busy year, with 14 Polar Plunges being hosted across the state by the Law Enforcement Torch Run!

In 2014, Polar Plunges raised over $472,000 for Special Olympics South Dakota and had over 1,720 brave participants take the Plunge into the icy waters. We want 2015 to be our biggest and best year ever – and we need your help to do just that!

For information on all of 2015’s Polar Plunges across the state, please visit our website at www.plungesd.org. This website has the information, materials and resources you will need in order to start you on your fundraising journey. This site also links you to the registration and fundraising pages and gives tips and tricks to help you have a great time while you are “Freezin’ for a Reason!”

2014 International LETR Conference

In November, five law enforcement officers and two SOSD staff traveled to New Orleans to attend the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference. The South Dakota Law Enforcement Torch Run program raised $584,325 in 2013 and was awarded at the International Conference with the Emerald Level of Excellence, as well as the Fourth Highest Per Capita Fundraising Program throughout the world for 2013!

Our biggest surprise from the conference was being receiving the 2nd Annual Guardian Award! This award goes to one program, worldwide, that is recognized for their outstanding effort and support for Special Olympics.
There was a record 127 registered truckers paying a minimum of $100 to participate in the 15 mile trek through the heart of Sioux Falls, helping raise over $52,000 for Special Olympics South Dakota. This was our largest convoy to date in South Dakota.

The 1st Annual Rapid City Convoy was held at the Central States Fairgrounds and was a huge success! Twenty-one registered drivers helped raise over $5,200 for Special Olympics South Dakota. The route for the Rapid City Convoy drove right past the State Softball Tournament, so the drivers made sure they made plenty of noise for all the athletes! We know everyone had a great time and can’t wait to make next year’s event even bigger, better and louder!

Thank you to all of the participants and their families, sponsors, Law Enforcement Torch Run officers, athletes and their families, and wonderful volunteers who helped make the 2014 World’s Largest Truck Convoys a huge success.

For those interested in purchasing a World’s Largest Truck Convoy calendar or T-shirt, please contact the Special Olympics South Dakota State Office at 800-585-2114. The calendars are in and can be purchased for $20 each. Get them while they last!

For more information about the Truck Convoy, please log on the www.sosd.org website or www.sdconvoy.org website. The dates for both of next year’s “World’s Largest Truck Convoys” are as follows:

Rapid City Convoy – September 18-19, 2015
Sioux Falls Convoy – September 25-26, 2015

See you all next year!

Strikes for Special Olympics

Village Bowl in Mitchell and Eastway Bowl in Sioux Falls hosted Strikes for Special Olympics events this past November. Participants were asked to pay or raise a minimum of $35 per person and in return received food and drink, a t-shirt, three games of bowling and shoe rental. The event also included door prizes, music, fun and prizes to the top scoring bowlers!

We are looking forward to bringing even more Strikes for Special Olympics events to various bowling alleys across the state of South Dakota in 2015 and hope that everyone can join us for a bowlin’ good time!

2015 Torch Run T-shirts

The 2015 Torch Run T-shirts will be ready for sale in January 2015. The shirts are cotton, white, short-sleeved and will be $15 a shirt. Please contact Kelsey or Todd at the State Office at 605-331-4117 to order your shirt today!

Social Media

Like us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with all the latest information and happenings with the South Dakota Law Enforcement Torch Run!

Twitter - https://twitter.com/SDLETR

We were very excited to host two World’s Largest Truck Convoys this year in South Dakota! Both events were held on September 19 & 20 in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. These annual events unite Law Enforcement personnel and truck drivers in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics athletes.

Sioux Falls had another record year with the event being held at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. Along with the actual convoy, multiple activities were held during this two day celebration, including a Texas Hold’em tournament, lead truck bidding, truck show, live auction, raffles and award presentations.

In 2014, the LETR hosted several Tip a Cop fundraisers across South Dakota.

Applebee’s in Spearfish held an event January 22 and raised over $850 throughout the one night event.

On November 5-6, Texas Roadhouse in Sioux Falls held a two night event and raised over $3,000.

On November 18th, the Brookings Police Department hosted its 2nd annual “Cops Gone Wild” event at Buffalo Wild Wings along with hosting a “No Shave November” event in their department. The evening started off a little hairy (no pun intended) but finished off strong, raising $2,675 to support Special Olympics South Dakota.

Tip-A-Cop

JOIN US NEXT YEAR!
September 18 & 19, Rapid City
September 25 & 26, Sioux Falls

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**2015 Torch Run Contacts**

Dave Stratton (Retired Rapid City Police Depart- ed) has been elected as the new Director for the South Dakota LETR program for 2015-2016.

Please feel free to contact any of the individu- als below for anything LETR related.

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  Rapid City Police Department (Retired)
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- Jon Cole-Assistant Director
  Vermillion Police Department
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- Todd Bradwisch-Torch Run Liaison
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- Kelsey Messerschmidt-Asst Torch Run Liaison
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**Scarf Project 2015**

Folks from all around the country have been hard at work crocheting and knitting scarves for SOSD athletes, coaches, and supporters. We have a long way to go to meet our goal.

**Colors:** Dark Red/Dark Gray. We are not overly concerned with “exact” colors. Anything close to these are perfectly fine.

**Deadline to Receive Scarves:** February 20, 2015

**Shipping Address:** SOSD *
800 E. I-90 Lane * Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Scarf Distribution Information:** SOSD State Basketball Tournament to be held in Pierre on March 13 & 14, 2015

**Scarf Goal:** 800

For much more information either visit our website at www.sosd.org or follow the project on facebook at “knit and crochet for a cause”

**KEEP ‘EM COMING!**

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**Healthy Athletes**

The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® program was developed in 1996. This program is designed to help Special Olympics athletes improve their health and fitness, leading to enhanced sports experience and improved well-being.

We currently offer screenings in the following disciplines: Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physical therapy), Special Smiles (dentistry) and Healthy Hearing (audiology).

We are actively seeking qualified clinicians for the following disciplines. Please contact us if interested.

**Health Promotion:** Health Promotion venues empower and motivate athletes to make healthy lifestyle choices that will improve their long-term health by using interactive educational games and literature. Athletes are offered guides for healthy eating, sun safety, smoking cessation, lifestyle choices and fun ways to increase physical fitness.

Clinician Requirements: Dietician, Physician, Nurse, PT, Health Educator

**MedFest:** Standard sports physical examination for current and prospective Special Olympics athletes are completed.

Clinician Requirements: Medical Doctor, Physician

**Opening Eyes:** Under this program, extensive vision screenings are conducted. Athletes are then provided with free prescription eye glasses, sport wear glasses and sunglasses as warranted.

Clinician Requirements: Vision Care Professional, Licensed Optometrist or Ophthalmologist.

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**For More Information Regarding Clinician Training:**

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**KEEP ‘EM COMING!**
Robert Catherman III  
Athlete • 33 • Rapid City, SD • Athletics

What does being a member of Special Olympics Team USA mean to you? 
I think it is an amazing accomplishment and I am really looking forward to next year!

What are some of your favorite hobbies? 
Collecting Pokemon Cards and PlayStation 3 video games.

How has Special Olympics changed your life? 
Special Olympics has given me a sense of belonging and I really enjoy the competition... It's a blast! It has taught me how to be more open and talkative. And to not be so shy. I also get to go to new places.

Ashley Clark  
Athlete • 27 • Canton, SD • Bowling

What does being a member of Special Olympics Team USA mean to you? 
It has given me the chance to display my athletic ability. I've wanted to go to World Games for the past 8 years. It's a dream come true!

What are some of your favorite hobbies? 
Playing piano, scrapbooking, talking on the phone and playing on the computer.

How has Special Olympics changed your life? 
I have met lots of new people and made some great friends!

John McHale  
Athlete • 24 • Sioux Falls, SD • Aquatics

What does being a member of Special Olympics Team USA mean to you? 
I'm excited to meet people from other countries! To continue Aquatics/ Swimming for my lifetime

What are some of your favorite hobbies? 
Current events, learning about World Wars and history. Collecting and watching Oscar winning movies.

How has Special Olympics changed your life? 
Special Olympics has given me more confidence, I have built more strength and coordination and I always have fun!

Brian Jacobsen  
Coach • 56 • South Dakota • Bocce

What does being a member of Special Olympics Team USA mean to you? 
I have learned to appreciate sport for what it is supposed to be. It's about participation and competition, not about winning and losing.

What are some of your favorite hobbies? 
Fishing, card playing, cheering the Green Bay Packers.

Joel Lubovich  
Management Team • 46 • South Dakota • Powerlifting

What does being a member of Special Olympics Team USA mean to you? 
Special Olympics is something everyone should experience. I feel I've had the chance to touch some special lives, but in turn the impact it has had on me has been even greater. The feeling you get is one of joy and gratitude.

What are some of your favorite hobbies? 
Hiking, lifting, church, family.
Your generosity is humbling, appreciated, and we thank you!

## Gold $1,000 and above

- A & A Express Inc.
- AO Express, LLC
- Arndt, Tracy L.
- Ashem, Dan & Carol
- Avera Health Foundation
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative
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- Bimbo Bakeries USA Inc.
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- Climate Systems
- CoBank
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- SDN Poker Run
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- South Dakota Police Chief's Association
- South Dakota Rural Electric Association
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- The Fruit Club
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- Valley Queen Cheese Factory Inc.
- Vance Thompson Vision
- Velma L Vincent Trust
- Walmart Foundation
- Wellmark Foundation
- Wells Fargo Foundation
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## Silver $500 - $999

- Aberdeen Convention & Visitors Bureau
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- Bell, Maria
- Benevolence Community Impact Fund
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- Bosma, Calvin
- Bourne, Todd & Tisha
- Brookings Optimist Club
- Cliff Viessman, Inc.
- Cody Transportation LTD
- Concrete Materials
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- Evenson, Glade A
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- Xcel Energy NSP

## Bronze $250 - $499

- Arndt, Ronald C.
- Augustana College
- Beds By Design
- Bel Brands USA
- Bob Willey Trucking
- Brooks Construction Services Inc.
- Brouwer, Vince & April
- CarrierNet Group Financial
- CompQuest Technology LLC
- Cottonwood Corral
- Coyle Construction
- Dakota Beverage Co. Inc.
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- First Interstate Bank
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- Friessen Construction Co. Inc.
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- Orion Foods Systems, LLC
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## Dedications

- In Honor of Ashley Clark
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- In Honor of Cole Fraser
  - Fraser Living Trust
  - Mark J. Fraser
- In Honor of Debby Slusser
  - Kahlper Property Management
- In Honor of Wendy Norgaard Ford
  - Gary & Debra Norgaard
- In Honor of Chastidy Pletten
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  - Robert & Mary Jane Foster
  - Wendy & Brian Hanson
  - Jeff Miller
  - Mark O. Potthast
- In Memory of Teddy Singpiel
  - Kevin & Sally Blethying
  - Kroger Convenience
  - Kwik Shop
- In Memory of Cole Fraser
  - Fraser Living Trust
  - Mark J. Fraser
- In Memory of Carol Ann Larsen
  - Judy & Gene Francis
  - Larry & Janet Johnson
  - Showplace Wood Products
- In Memory of Daneen Ann
  - Evan & Daneen Lamb
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**State Winter Games**

On February 3 and 4, 2015, Terry Peak Ski Area will again host this event. Approximately 50 athletes are expected to compete in Glide, Super Glide, Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G events.

For more information contact the state office.

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