



Special Olympics
Michigan
Area 19

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Dear Dr. Payne:

The spirit of Area 19 Jackson County rests in part within the hearts of those who give their time, talents and gifts to ensure a quality program for Special Olympics athletes. Thank you for your donation of the PIII 500 WIN 2000 computer and monitor. Special Olympics Michigan is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. The computer and monitor will be used by a management team member to keep track of athlete health appraisals and communicate with other management team members and the area e-group.

Because of your in-kind donation and the work of many coaches and volunteers, we are able to continue our mission which began over 30 years ago—to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities. Presently, athletes participate in more than 400 events statewide. These activities are provided through private contributions without federal, state or local government financing or United Way funds. Special Olympics Area 19 does not charge a fee to athletes or their families in order to participate.

Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of some of Michigan's finest and most determined athletes with your continued support. Take pride in knowing you are contributing to an organization that makes dreams come true. If you have questions or need additional information, I encourage you to contact me at (517) 563-8279.

Best Regards,

Sherry Bissell
Area Director

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