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FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ONTARIO

*Special
Olympics*
Ontario



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Torch Runners,

Wow, I cannot believe its been over 2 years since we last met in-person at the 2020 Kick-Off Conference in Kingston. To say the world has changed is the understatement of a lifetime! Through all the challenges, I am SO PROUD of our amazing Special Olympics athletes for their courage and resiliency during the pandemic.

Special Olympics programs shuttering for the better part of 2 years meant more than just 'not playing sports' as it totally eliminated social circles and the opportunity to continually develop and flourish in their day-to-day lives. I cannot stress enough how integral the LETR was in bridging this gap for our beloved athletes. From simple messages checking-in on social media, to Zoom fitness classes and social hour engagements – YOU, the Torch Runners have shown once again what it means to be a Guardian of the Flame and ALWAYS support the athletes in time of need.

During the past 2 years I have been blown away by the creativity and enthusiasm of Torch Runners across the Province. From shifting events and fundraisers to 'virtual' and then carefully and methodically bringing events back to in-person, your contributions are not only appreciated, but integral to the sustainability of Special Olympics Ontario. Simply put, Special Olympics can not and will not operate if it wasn't for the generous and selfless efforts of the Torch Run in Ontario. Thank you.

Please enjoy the 2022 Kick-Off Conference, we have an action packed day with so many inspiring athletes, families, Torch Runners and partners and I CANNOT wait to see what you all have in store for the upcoming year as we re-build the program back to pre-pandemic levels!

As we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Torch Run in Ontario, lets RE-IGNITE the passion and keep it going in the name of Special Olympics for 35 more years to come!

Thank you!

Karen Richards

Provincial Director

LETR for Special Olympics Ontario



A 2021 DIG study showed that the public believes that **individuals with intellectual disabilities** have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The LETR has played a tremendous role in levelling the playing field for our athletes. **THANK YOU** for all you do, Torch Runners!

2021 REACH REPORT



95,000

Law Enforcement Torch Run Members
Volunteering for Special Olympics

7,500

Annual runners
representing
Ontario



\$920

MILLION

total amount raised since inception



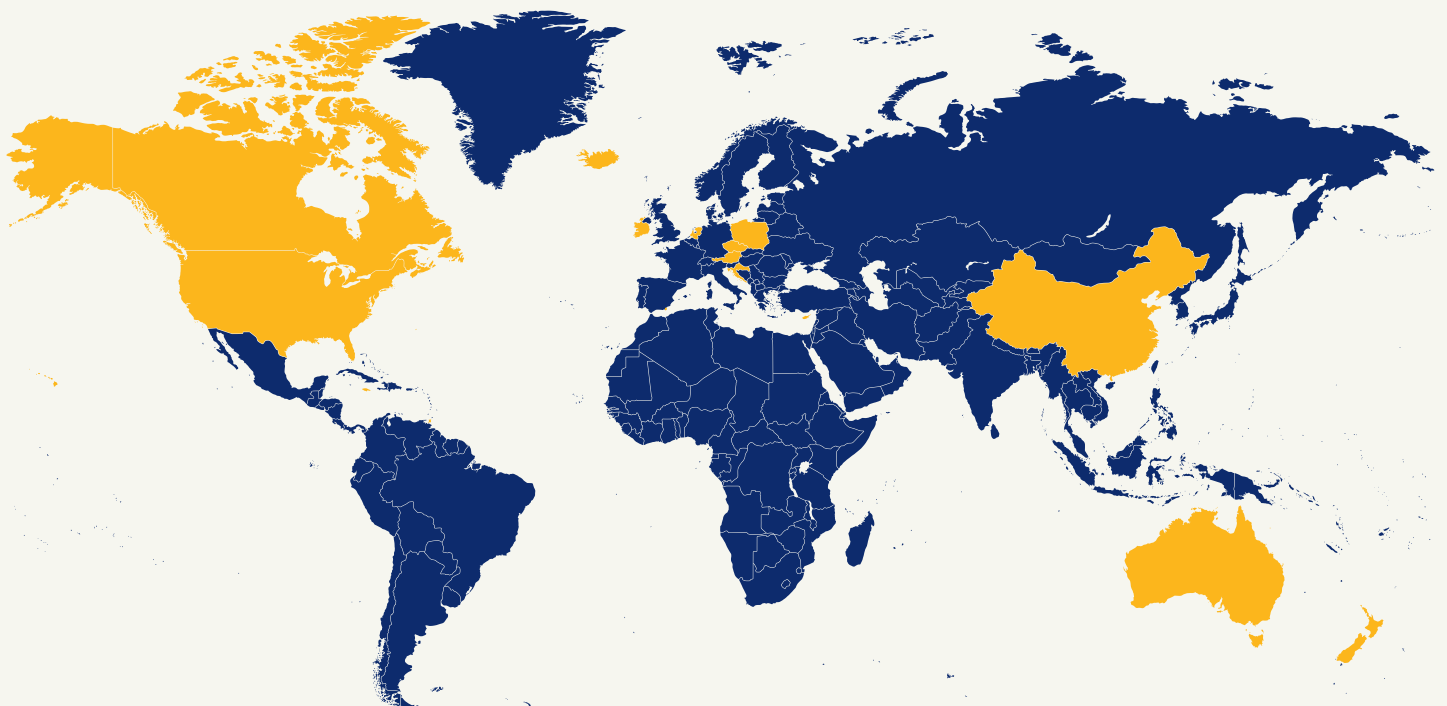
TORCH RUN ONTARIO

CHARITY OF CHOICE FOR THE
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION
OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

IN 2020

OVER \$900,000 RAISED

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



= areas where LETR is present

EVERYONE LOVES A COMEBACK STORY.

COMPETITIONS ARE BACK!



INTRODUCING



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO
HOMETOWN GAMES

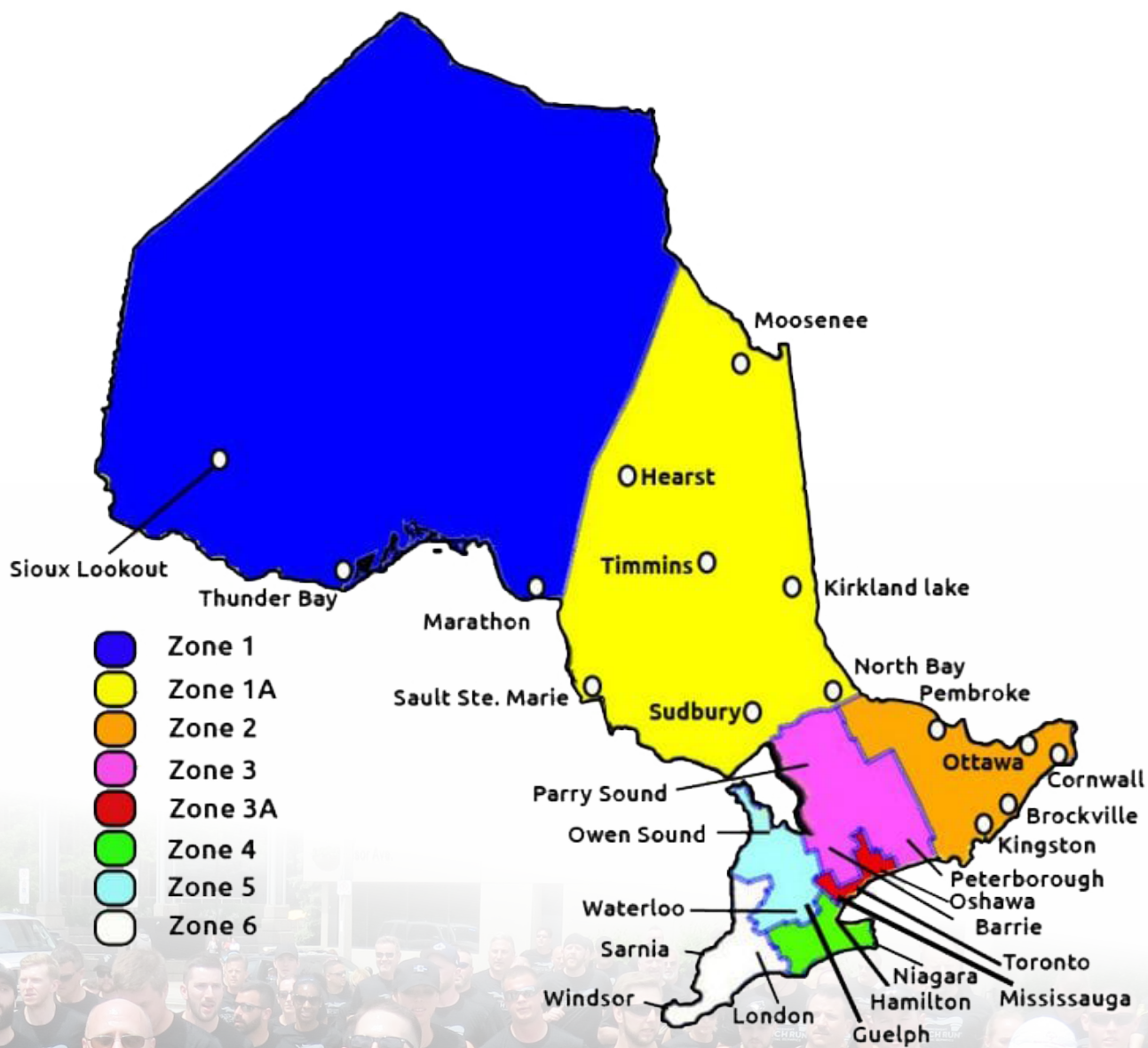


COME WATCH YOUR LOCAL ATHLETES SHINE.

COMING SOON TO A COMMUNITY
NEAR YOU

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OUR LEADERSHIP



OACP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sponsor and promoter of the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run (OLETR) for Special Olympics Ontario (SOO). Responsible for the guidance of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Torch Run Committee.

MEMBERS:

Chief Andrew Fletcher - South Simcoe Police Service & Chair, OACP Torch Run Committee

Jeff McGuire - Executive Director, OACP

Chief Paul Pedersen, Greater Sudbury Police Service

Daryl Pitfield - Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Super. Mike McDonnell - Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Richard Onley – SOO Board Representative

Glenn MacDonell (ex-officio) – Executive Secretary, OACP Torch Run Committee

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The OLETR Operations Committee reports directly to the OACP Torch Run Executive Committee. They are knowledgeable of the Torch Run program and as such oversee activities and some of the general operational initiatives and events for and on behalf of OLETR.

MEMBERS:

Karen Richards - York Regional Police, Director – OLETR

Sgt. Mark McGugan - London Police Service, Past Director – OLETR

Stephen Graham - Special Olympics Orillia, Athlete Representative

Lisa O'Brien - Director, Institutional Services, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Cst. James Chauvin - Ontario Provincial Police

Cst. Shaun Beaulieu - Sault Ste. Marie Police Service

Cst. Bryan McMillan - Kingston Police

Sgt. Michael Puterbaugh - Toronto Police Service

ZONE COORDINATORS

Responsible for the overall management and communication of their respective zone. The Zone Coordinator is in constant communication with the Torch Run Director and Manager and other duties include: financial management of the Zone, advise Operations Committee on activities within the Zone, promote Torch Run at OACP Zone Meetings etc.

Zone 1: Tara Bottan (CBSA) & Niaomi Fillier (Thunder Bay Police Services)

Zone 1a: Jeffrey Del Guidice (OPP) & Paula McKnight (SOLGEN)

Zone 2: Tina Hunt (OPP) & Ryan Johnston (SOLGEN)

Zone 3: Cst. Sarah Bamford (Barrie Police Service) & Albert Chan (Georgina By-Law)

Zone 3a: Det. Jay Bouwkamp (Peel Regional Police) & Sarah Dereski (SOLGEN)

Zone 4: Allen Schultz (Hamilton Police) & Aaron Gross (Niagara Regional Police Service)

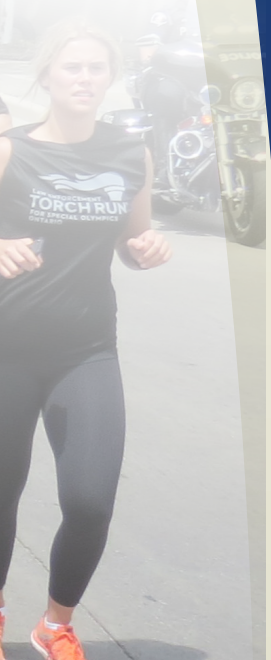
Zone 5: Cst. Jeffrey McLean (OPP) & Catharine Conoboy (Waterloo Regional Police Service)

Zone 6: Jason Herder (Chatham-Kent Police Service) & Melanie Kish-Lewis (Windsor Police Service)

Provincial Corrections Coordinator: Tijana Lakovic (SOLGEN)

Ontario Provincial Police: Jonathan Bueckert (OPP Brant County)

RCMP: Heidi Jugandi ("O" Division RCMP)





CHALLENGE CREATES OPPORTUNITY

The past two years have presented unprecedented challenges for Special Olympics and the Torch Run. Together, we have overcome the odds to provide progressive and trailblazing engagement opportunities for our athletes. Without Torch Run funding, none of this would be possible!

2020 TORCH RUN HIGHLIGHTS



CATCH THE ACE

Fundraiser sustained as part of the Virtual School Championships
hosted by Kingston Police Service
Gross Sales = \$81,640 | Proceeds = \$40,820

HARLEY RAFFLE

\$97,250 Raised | 5,555 Tickets Sold
\$48,980 raised in-person (pre-March 13)
\$48,300 raised online (post-March 13)



GLOBAL VIRTUAL TORCH RUN

\$35,000+ Raised in Runs | 292 Runners (Ontario)
7,300+ T-Shirts Sold
\$100,000+ raised in t-shirt sales

VIRTUAL TRUCK CONVOY

\$19,000+ Raised
September 19 - Celebration of the Trucking Industry and SO
150 Participated Live (1,000+ rewatched); included athletes and truckers



GUARDIANS HALF MARATHON

\$42,000+ Raised | 551 Runners
OPP Commissioner led Draft an Athlete challenge
103 athletes drafted | \$29,000 raised through Draft an Athlete

2021 HIGHLIGHTS



VIRTUAL KICK-OFF AND AWARDS NIGHT

75 Celebration Boxes distributed across the province
Celebrated Award of Honour, Distinguished Service and Rob Plunkett LETR Award Winners
Virtual reception and social

VIRTUAL POLAR PLUNGE

487 plungers across the province
\$361,000 raised
\$35,000 went directly to the communities of those Special Olympics athlete participants



ONTARIO VIRTUAL TORCH RUN

Run/Walk/Ride 34km to celebrate 34 years of LETR
368 participants across the province
\$93,000+ raised

TRUCK CONVOY

Return to in-person Truck Convoy in Paris, Ontario
24 truckers
\$37,500 raised



GUARDIANS RUN

Hybrid virtual AND in-person event
635 participants
\$90,000 raised

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTH IN THE OHL

Return to in-person games
Ceremonial puck drop with LETR/SO athlete engagement



DIAMOND AWARD

Presented with the International Diamond Award
for over \$1,000,000 raised



HEALTHY @ HOME

Weekly and Monthly Wellness Calendars and Challenges
Cooking Classes
Zoom Fitness and Workouts



WALK THE WORLD WITH ME

Virtually walked coast-to-coast, then across the globe
Led by Ontario, involved athletes from all over the world
Over 180,000km walked total (May to December 2020)

VIRTUAL SPRING GAMES

Hosted by Waterloo Regional Police Service
6 sports events
192 athletes competed from home in 18 different challenges



VIRTUAL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Kingston Police
8 sports events
316 teams and 3,142 athletes competed from home

REVEAL YOUR CHAMPION

8 week programs for fitness, social and personal growth
312 virtual workouts completed
2 social sessions every week throughout 2021 and 2022

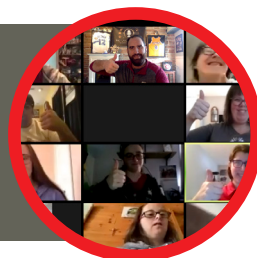


CHEF ANTHONY COOKING CLASSES

Led by Chef Anthony Go, chef with an intellectual disability
10-part cooking series geared towards athletes' nutrition

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

38 workshops completed
309 athletes fully trained



THANK YOU FOR
**FREEZIN' FOR
A REASON!**



**POLAR
PLUNGE**



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ONTARIO



**\$350,500
RAISED!**

A HYBRID SUCCESS STORY!

540 Participants | 473 Teams

Provincial Virtual Plunge

329 Participants

277 Teams

\$228,000 Raised

IN-PERSON PLUNGES

Peel Plunge

102 Participants

96 Teams

\$72,000 Raised

York Plunge

61 Participants

58 Teams

\$27,500 Raised

Norfolk Plunge

48 Participants

42 Teams

\$23,000 Raised



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Group Fitness Fundraiser

Saturday, May 21st
11:00 AM ET
via Zoom

Register at **ontorch.run/abotti**
All funds support Special Olympics Ontario athletes!

FUN LOW IMPACT CARDIO WORKOUT
EVERYONE WELCOME!



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TORCH RUN
UPDATES IN THE
PALM OF YOUR
HAND!



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today to stay connected with
Torch Run news and events
near you!



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\$20

2022 Torch Run T-Shirts **AVAILABLE NOW!**

Available in unisex sizes
XS - 3XL

Contact your
agency/service rep
to order yours today!





THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

12:00PM - 2:00PM and
5:00PM - 9:00PM

Members of your local law enforcement agency will be serving tables to raise money and awareness of Special Olympics Ontario! 100% of the money raised will go to support sport programs reaching over 26,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities across the province. **Note:** this event takes place at select locations only.

LONE STAR
TEXAS GRILL



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torchrunontario.com

WIN A HARLEY

1 Ticket for \$20
3 Tickets for \$50

GET YOUR TICKETS AT:
HarleyRaffle.ca
OR SCAN:



GRAND PRIZE

2021 Harley Davidson Touring Street Glide

Grand Prize Draw: August 3rd, 2022



PLUS **ONE FINAL** EARLY BIRD PRIZE:

\$500 Harley Davidson Gift Card

July 4, 2022



100% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES

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LOTTERY LICENSE: #M823953



- Guardians Gala -

5k and 10k options

**All events will take place in Orillia
Participate, volunteer, celebrate!**



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