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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Just in case you needed an extra caffeine boost! 2021 marks the 18th Anniversary of the Dunkin' partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. This event has been a huge success over the years. In fact, more than \$5.75 million has been raised in Illinois through this partnership. This year's goal is to raise more than \$870,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

Coffee for Champions

Friday, August 20, 2021 from 5am to 12pm

Law enforcement officers will be at more than 300 Dunkin' locations across the state to rally the communities in support of their local Special Olympics athletes.

Make a donation to the Torch Run - get a coupon for a free donut

OR

donate \$10 or more - get a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for a free medium hot coffee

Details at Dunkincoffeeforchampions.com.

SENSORY GARDEN PLAYGROUND MATCH

\$50,000 Matching Grant Challenge - See your donation double!

As an important part of the Sensory Garden Playground family, we wanted to share exciting playground news. A generous donor has issued a challenge to raise \$50,000 for a new 5-12-year-old playground - and they will double all donations! The proposed 5-12-year-old playground features accessible play options like: Climbers, Slides, Horse Race Track with Timer, Bouncer, Bridges and Ramps. The accessible, inclusive playground has been carefully designed and built to meet the needs of parkgoers with autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing disorders and physical disabilities.

Coming soon... gravity rail where kids can soar through the air and a net climber with an accessible slide attached.

Make your donation at playforall.kindful.com and be sure you see the sensory garden playground page.

NAME THAT BUS: We Need Your Suggestions

We have a new bus arriving soon. This is your chance to name it!

We want your suggestions on what to name the newest vehicle in our fleet. Simply post your suggestion on our Facebook page before 8/25. We will then narrow suggestions down to 5 and voting (also on Facebook) will take place 8/26 thru 9/1. The newly named bus will join the WDSRA fleet already including: Bolt, Buster, Hank, Junior, Roxy and Stanley.

Give your suggestions at [Facebook](#).

WELCOMING: Kevin Beck to the WDSRA Foundation Board!

Kevin, a VP Investment Consultant with Calamos Investments in Naperville, understands the benefit of relationships. As a Trustee, Kevin is bringing his energy, excitement and expertise to the role by introducing WDSRA to new audiences and building new relationships.

Seeing the struggle some were experiencing as COVID19 took hold, Kevin made a conscious decision to get more involved with his community. Joining the WDSRA Foundation as a Trustee is just one way Kevin is living that commitment.

His name may be familiar to WDSRA families. Kevin is the son of WDSRA's long time office manager Mary Beck. Needless to say, Kevin has been aware of WDSRA for a long time.

Kevin, a Wheaton resident, is the proud father of his 8-year-old son Doug. He spends his free time coaching Doug's football, baseball and soccer teams in addition to spending time with family and friends.

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Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) provides engaging, community-based recreational programs and inclusion services for children, teens, and adults with special needs. WDSRA offers Special Olympics, adapted sports, dance and art programs, camps, trips, special events, and more. WDSRA's mission, the development of individuals through recreation, makes it possible for individuals to grow personally, connect with their community and discover their potential.

WDSRA is an award winning organization and a cooperative extension of nine park districts serving the communities of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield.

WDSRA Mission: The development of individuals through recreation.

WDSRA Vision: Opening a world of untapped potential and a lifetime of possibilities.