

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEED OUR HELP FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**



For over 40 years, the Knights of Columbus has been actively involved with Special Olympics. It has raised and donated over \$400 million to support their programs and activities. Moreover, Councils have provided thousands of volunteer hours for local Special Olympics events.

In the Sarasota area, local Knights of Columbus Councils have supported the Sarasota County Special Olympics (SCSO) with financial and volunteer support for many years. During the past nine years, Incarnation Council 15332 has been involved with the Sarasota County Special Olympics. Each year, the Council has donated a portion of the net proceeds from the Council's "Annual Tootsie Roll Drive" to SCSO. In addition, we have provided volunteers for various sporting events and their "Annual Sharks Tooth Festival" fundraiser.

As we did last year, our Council will be taking an active role this year. Here are the upcoming Sarasota County Special Olympics sporting events that need volunteers:

- County Aquatics Competition – Saturday, August 1, 2020, 8:00 am, Evalyn Sadler Jones YMCA, 8301 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota.
- County Bowling Competition – Saturday, August 29, 2020, 4:30 pm, Sarasota AMF Lanes, 7221 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please call Nancy Raney at the Sarasota County Special Olympics Office at 941-412-0402 or email her at [sosarasota@verizon.net](mailto:sosarasota@verizon.net).

In October, our Council will be helping the Manatee County Special Olympics operate their "Children's Games" during the "Annual Hunsader Farm Pumpkin Festival." More information will be available shortly from Former District Deputy Chris Treston, who runs the booth.

Working a Special Olympics event is a fun and rewarding experience. It is also a great opportunity to get your wife involved in a Council activity. If you have any questions, please contact Council Special Olympics Chair, Charlie Culkin, at [cinandchas@verizon.net](mailto:cinandchas@verizon.net) or 922-8726 (Home) or 504-5490 (Cell).