

## VERY IMPORTANT SPECIAL OLYMPIC NEWS

Last month I wrote about the changes for required forms for Special Olympics. I have received the first interim report from Supreme and it was not very encouraging. Let's quickly review the new 10784 form requirements for Special Olympics:

This calendar year (yes, January thru December) the amount of council participation will be collected through the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). The old and retired form (#4584) will not be accepted. If your information is submitted on the old form, it will not be recorded and it will not be returned to you!

To use the form 10784, you will find Special Olympics listed under the Life category. Simply record your hours worked, activity name and donations and submit the form online. This form is intended to be submitted multiple times throughout the year. You do not have to wait until the end of the year to record your activities. As a best practice, as you finish a program (any program), you should file a form 10784 to record your activity information.

Additionally, as a "Featured Program" councils that provide at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service hours earn 2 credits toward the Columbian Award.

Here is what the report shows so far:

- Only 8 Councils reported a contribution to Special Olympics from the March 2021 MI Drive.
- A total of \$20,800 in Special Olympics donations has been recorded.
- Only 164 volunteer hours have been recorded.

I know there are many councils that have donated money and hours to Special Olympics that have not been recorded. Please review your records and submit a 10784 form that will cover your Spring 2021 MI Drive and any other hours and donations that were not yet submitted.

Thank you for your continued support for Special Olympics and remember every Special Olympic event you attend is a potential recruiting opportunity and an opportunity to showcase our 'Leave No Neighbor Behind' programs.

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