



September 10, 2013

Dear Worthy Grand Knight:

As summer is drawing to a close and autumn is quickly approaching, I realize that it is time again for the Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive. We wish you much success with this year's effort and are hopeful that you will consider donating a portion of the proceeds from this monumental event to your local Special Olympics Illinois Area program.

Today, more than 21,300 athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 12,900 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities in Illinois participate in the life changing programs of Special Olympics. Over 3.7 million more are served in more than 170 countries throughout the world. Our program helps athletes enhance their physical fitness and motor skills, build self-confidence, establish friendships and enhance social skills. Athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job and in the community.

This year, Special Olympics Illinois will host over 175 local competitions in 19 different sports. To deliver this year round training and competition program, the organization invests more than \$300 per athlete per year. We are committed to maintaining our mission of "no cost for participation" and need your help to do that.

On a final note, please know we are always on the lookout for key volunteers and would welcome calls from any of your council members. I can be reached by phone at 630-942-5610 or via e-mail to acarroll@soill.org. Again, on behalf of the athletes, coaches, volunteers and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annie Carroll".

Annie Carroll
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Vice President of Area Management