

*“Let me win. But If I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt.”*

## Law Enforcement Torch Run at Publix

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest awareness and fund raising event amongst Special Olympics Florida and law enforcement agencies. Statewide, the participating chiefs, officers, sheriffs, deputies, agents and cadets from virtually every branch of federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement, represent a total of over 300 different agencies that serve as “Guardians of the Flame.”

The Torch Run began its existence as the S.O.M.E. (Special Olympics Mileage Event) Run, when a handful of officers ran the “Flame of Hope” throughout the state in an exhausting, non-stop run. Soon, law enforcement agencies throughout Florida became involved and the S.O.M.E. Run would go on to become the “Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run.”

Publix Super Markets serves as the Premier Sponsor of the Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run.

To learn more about Special Olympics Florida and the Torch Run, visit [www.specialolympicsflorida.org](http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org)



Special Olympics Flagler County kicked off the Torch Run fundraiser along with our LETR Sgt. Jerry Ditola, Deputy Smith and Deputy Fuller from the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office. It was a busy weekend and a great success overall for our efforts to make this year’s annual Law Enforcement Torch Run a successful and memorable one.

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## Law Enforcement Torch Run at Publix cont....

We would like to thank all our families and volunteers for stepping up this weekend and helping us sell our torches, t-shirts and hats. A special thanks to our Publix Store Managers and staff for the beautiful table presentations at each store and the beautiful torch. A lot of effort was put in to each of your tables and it shows!!!

Thank you all so very MUCH!!!

We will be back again at our local Publix—Belle Terre, Palm Harbor, Town Center and the Hammock on January 17 & 18.

If you would like to volunteer 2 hours and help us sell our torches, please contact Barbara Quadara at (386) 986-4711 to sign up for a slot.



## FYI— Things You Should Know

The Grottoes of North America Humanitarian Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization to help bring "Special Smiles" to children with special needs by providing much-needed dental care for them. The program helps cover the costs of dental treatment, including hospital and anesthesia costs when needed, for children with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy (and related neuromuscular disorders), Organ Transplant recipients or those with Mental Retardation. By virtue of their special needs, many children cannot receive traditional dental services. Dentists with specialized training are needed to care for these children. Parents should contact your child's pediatrician for recommendations on dental care providers, who can address the unique requirements necessary for a child with complex medical needs. The Dental Care for Children with Special Needs (DCCSN) program is a unique partnership with qualified dentists throughout the United States and Canada. So far the Humanitarian Foundation has helped thousands of children get the dental help that they desperately needed. For more information about our programs visit our website at [www.hfgrotto.org](http://www.hfgrotto.org)

The Dental Care for Children with Special Needs Program has local Grotto representatives that are known as our "Dr of Smiles". These representatives are the liaison with the parents, dental offices and hospital and anesthesia offices when necessary, to see that all paperwork is provided and properly completed. They also file the application with the Humanitarian Foundation office where all cases are processed and he maintains contact with the parent and dentist.



Below is your local representative's contact information. Tom Anderson is retiring and Mr. Torlucci is taking his place.



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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
January 8–9, 2011	Publix Torch Run–Fundraiser	Publix–Belle Terre, Palm Harbor, Town Center & Hammock	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
January 10, 2011	ALPs Meeting	Matanzas High School	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
January 13, 2011	Summer Sports Sign up Night	Indian Trails Middle School Gym	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
January 15, 2011	Area Basketball Competition	Interlachen High School & CH Prince Middle School–Putnam	8:00 am to 3:00 pm
January 17–18, 2011	Publix Torch Run–Fundraiser	Publix– Belle Terre, Palm Harbor, Town Center & Hammock	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
January 17, 2011	Management Team Meeting	Pinto Residence 49 Brewster Lane–Palm Coast	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
January 22, 2011	Polar Plunge Fundraiser	Sea World’s Aquatica–Orlando	All Day Event
February 4-5, 2011	State Basketball Competition	Patrick’s Air Force Base–Cocoa Beach	All Weekend Event
February 7, 2011	ALP’s Meeting	Matanzas High School	7:00 am to 8:30 pm
February 19, 2011	Special Olympics Florida Gala	Orlando	All Weekend Event
February 28, 2011	Management Team Meeting	Pinto Residence 49 Brewster Lane–Palm Coast	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## Summer Sports Sign Up

IT’S SUMMER SPORTS SEASON AGAIN!!!



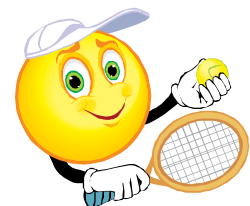
We will be offering Bocce, Cycling, Soccer, Tennis and Track N Field. Whatever your skill level may be, we will work with you.

Come join the coaches and get all the information for these specific sports programs. We will be having sign-ups on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Indian Trails Middle School Gym from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Everyone ages 8 & up are welcome to attend and sign up. If you miss out on sign up night, athletes will be able to sign-up for these sports until February 18, 2011. All Athletes MUST have a current physical in order to participate.



If you are interested in participating or even coaching any of these sports, WE NEED YOU! WE NEED EQUIPMENT too!

Contact Christina Pinto, for further information about these sports or if you are interested in coaching or donating equipment.



## Bocce Ball Party

WHEN: SUNDAY - JANUARY 23, 2011  
TIME: 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM  
WHERE: LINEAR PARK ON COLBERT LANE  
BETWEEN THE TWO PALM COAST PARKWAYS  
BEHIND THE GRAND OAKS NURSING HOME



HOT DOGS (FIRE BAN PERMITTING) & SODAS  
GREAT FAMILY SPORT - COME OUT AND LEARN THE SPORT  
SIGN UP OUR ATHLETE FOR THE TEAM & HAVE LOTS OF FUN "GUARANTEED"  
RSVP—COACH PAUL AT (386)-986-1478

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## Special Olympics History Corner

### January 1997

Healthy Athletes becomes an official Special Olympics initiative, providing health-care services to Special Olympics athletes worldwide. The program includes free vision, hearing and dental screening, injury prevention clinics and nutrition education.



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