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Dear Colleagues:

This year, Special Olympics will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I invite you to join the Chicago Park District in celebrating this important milestone. As many of you know, Special Olympics was born in Chicago at Soldier Field in July 1968 and since has grown into a worldwide movement engaging millions of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Today, the Chicago Park District provides more than 53 Special Olympics Competitions annually, along with more than a dozen camps and leagues for the athletes to train. As the largest run Special Olympics program implemented by any public park district in the country, our impact on Special Olympics athletes has been possible thanks to the Park District's thousands of dedicated employees and volunteers. Many of you have been a part of this movement, and we hope you'll join us in celebrating this milestone anniversary.

There are many ways to get involved in this year's activities, including:

- Visiting <http://specialolympics50.org> to share your Special Olympics story and learn more about special events happening in July.
- Sign up to volunteer at the 50th Celebration at [www.specialolympics50.org](http://www.specialolympics50.org)
- Attend a Special Olympics event this spring – and bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors! A calendar of events can be found at <https://chicagoparkdistrict.com>
- Follow and engage with the Chicago Park District on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoParkDistrict>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/chicagoparks/>).

If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Henaghan at 312-745-1298 or [gerry.henaghan@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:gerry.henaghan@chicagoparkdistrict.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Kelly".

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