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## Sheriff's deputies "gearing-up" to wait tables

**Silverdale, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies will be gearing-up in their duty uniforms to assume slightly different "roles," next weekend, as they don aprons, take meal orders and carry serving trays as part of a statewide law enforcement fund raising effort to generate money specifically for Special Olympics Washington.

Entitled "**Tip-a-Cop**," this yearly fundraising event has deputies serving as volunteer waiters at the Red Robin Restaurant, 10455 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, on Saturday, Sept. 29, from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Money earned by the waiters, in the form of tips or gratuities, is donated to Special Olympics Washington and directly benefits Kitsap County Special Olympics athletes.

The deputies donate their services during off-duty hours. The program is supported by the Sheriff's Office and the Kitsap County Deputy Sheriff's Guild.

The "**Tip-a-Cop**" program is but one part of the overall, year-long, Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign (LETR), celebrating its 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, which supports Special Olympics Washington.

In addition to the "**Tip-a-Cop**" fundraising effort, the LETR includes an international series of relay runs and other special events, conducted by more than 60,000 law enforcement officers worldwide to raise funds and public awareness for Special Olympics.

This portion of the LETR Campaign will occur simultaneously at 32 Red Robin restaurants in Washington, with various law enforcement agencies providing the volunteer celebrity waiters.

Last year, Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies collected more than \$6,000 in tips for Special Olympics Washington... the highest amount of customer donations received by any Washington State Red Robin Restaurant during the "**Tip-a-Cop**" fund raising effort.

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The vision of Special Olympics is to help bring all persons with mental retardation or closely related development disability into larger society under conditions where they are accepted, respected and given a chance to become useful and productive citizens.

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sporting events for children and adult athletes. It provides them with continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community.

More than 8,000 athletes compete in Special Olympics Washington; some one million athletes compete in Special Olympics programs in more than 165 countries.

The oath of the Special Olympics athletes says it all: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

For further information about Special Olympics Washington: <http://www.sowa.org>

Additional information about Red Robin Restaurants can be found at:

<http://www.redrobin.com>.

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# Red Robin Restaurants participating in the statewide Tip-A-Cop Promotion

Auburn  
Bellevue Square  
Bellingham  
Burlington  
Des Moines  
Everett  
Factoria Mall  
Federal Way  
Issaquah  
Kennewick  
Kent  
Lynnwood  
Marysville  
Monroe  
Northgate  
Olympia  
Puyallup  
Redmond Overlake  
Redmond Town Center  
Seattle, Pier 55  
Seattle, University District  
Silverdale  
Spokane Valley Mall  
Spokane (downtown)  
Spokane (Newport Highway)  
Tacoma  
Tukwila  
Vancouver Mall  
Vancouver (Mill Plain)  
Wenatchee  
Woodinville  
Yakima