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**Former Cubs Pitcher Ryan Dempster to Host Live Show Benefitting Special Olympics Illinois**

**CHICAGO, IL.** – Join Anthony Rizzo, Jeremy Roenick, Moises Alou, Jeff Garlin and more athletes and celebrities at *Off the Mound with Ryan Dempster* to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The show is on Saturday July 20, 2019 at the Park West theater (322 W Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL) and will begin at 7:30pm.

*Off the Mound with Ryan Dempster* is a live, late-night style talk show hosted by former Chicago Cubs Pitcher Ryan Dempster featuring stories and laughs with MLB stars, past and present, and other great personalities from the sports and entertainment world! The show will also include appearances from Special Olympics Illinois athletes, fun games, and pre/post-show VIP opportunities.

Tickets go on sale on May 13, 2019 at 10:00am.

Visit [www.offthemound.com](http://www.offthemound.com) to purchase tickets and learn more about the show!

Interview opportunities are available. Please contact Alexandra McMillin via [amcmillin@soill.org](mailto:amcmillin@soill.org) or by phone: 312-502-7954.

**Special Olympics Illinois** is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and over 17,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org). Follow Special Olympics Illinois on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

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