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### **POLICE OFFICERS TEAM UP WITH TEXAS ROADHOUSE TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**

The Annual Texas Roadhouse Tip a Cop 10% Night for Special Olympics Illinois, presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run, will take place on **Friday, July 26 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

During this fundraiser, participating Texas Roadhouse locations in Illinois will open their doors for dinner during their regular hours. Local law enforcement will work alongside Texas Roadhouse staff to serve customers their dinner.

10% of every meal will be donated to benefit the more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and over 17,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 of Special Olympics Illinois. Customers can leave an additional donation for local law enforcement, 100% of which goes directly to the athletes.

Since its inception in 2011, the event has raised more than \$574,000. This year's goal is \$95,000.

#### **Friday, July 26**

- Participating restaurants:
  - Champaign, IL
  - Decatur, IL
  - Shiloh, IL
  - Quincy, IL
  - Bradley, IL
  - Springfield, IL
  - Edwardsville, IL **\*\*tentative\*\***

During the event, diners can enter for a chance to win one of three free dinners for two at Texas Roadhouse by posting a photo from their location on social media using the hashtag #iGotServed.

This is part of a statewide initiative with Texas Roadhouse. On the same day, Texas Roadhouse locations throughout northern Illinois will be open during the early afternoon for a special lunch service event that will also benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

**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](#).

**The Law Enforcement Torch Run®** is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised more than \$51 million over 33 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Texas Roadhouse opened its doors in 1993 and has more than 525 locations in 49 states and six countries. The family-friendly restaurant is famous for hand-cut steaks, made-from-scratch sides, fresh-baked bread, and a lively atmosphere. Texas Roadhouse was consecutively voted #1 Steak by Nation's Restaurant News Consumer Picks Survey in 2015 and 2016. Restaurant Business named Texas Roadhouse the #1 Full-Service Chain in Sales and Satisfaction in 2016 and most recently, the company was recognized as one of America's Best Large Employers by Forbes. For more information, visit [www.texasroadhouse.com](http://www.texasroadhouse.com).

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