



## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS DELAWARE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Special Olympics Delaware Fall Sports Festival sponsored by Chase for 21st year**

MIDDLETOWN, Del. — More than 450 Special Olympics athletes and Unified partners (peers without a disability) are set to compete at the annual **Special Olympics Delaware Fall Sports Festival on Saturday, Nov. 10 at St. Andrew's School in Middletown.**

Competition begins early Saturday morning with round-robin tournaments in bocce, flag football, soccer and volleyball that will continue throughout the day. A 5k and 1-mile run is held on the cross-country path through the woods beginning at 8:30 a.m. More than 100 coaches have volunteered to train the athletes during the past two months.

Chase is the presenting sponsor of the Fall Festival for the 21st consecutive year. The company provides not only the financial resources for the event, but puts together an organizing committee made up of its employees. In addition, more than 300 Chase employees, along with their families and friends, fill various volunteer roles.

"Chase employees look forward every year to helping our local community and our involvement in the Special Olympics Delaware Fall Sports Festival is one of the highlights of our year," said event co-chair Scott Lammers, Chase vice president and operations leader. "The athletes inspire us and each and every one of us walks away knowing that we received far more out of being part of the event than we could ever give."

This year's event marks the fourth consecutive year St. Andrew's has hosted the Fall Festival, with many students, faculty and staff volunteering at the event.

"St. Andrew's School is honored to partner with Special Olympics Delaware for its Fall Festival," said St. Andrew's Head of School Tad Roach. "The athletes are the true heroes, and it has been a privilege for our students and School to be able to support this amazing organization."

"We are so fortunate to have Chase and St. Andrew's involved," said Gary Cimaglia, SODE senior director of sports. "The resources they provide are invaluable in allowing our athletes, coaches and families to experience a first-class event."

The Opening Ceremony is at 11 a.m. inside Sipprelle Field House. Admission to the ceremony and all sports events is free and open to the public. For more information, including individual sports schedules, visit [www.sode.org](http://www.sode.org).

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The mission of **Special Olympics Delaware** is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for 4,200 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. More information about Special Olympics Delaware is available at [www.sode.org](http://www.sode.org).

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