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Mr. Tim O'Malley 400 North Welles Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Tim;

On behalf of Special Olympics Chicago and Special Children's Charities, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform you that you have been chosen as the worthy recipient of the 2012 Anne McGlone Burke Award. This prestigious award is presented to an individual or organization that has contributed to the enrichment of the Special Olympics Chicago Program. Special Olympics Chicago seeks to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship and love of participation. Your dedication and selflessness has taught many of us lessons, not only in work, but in life.

Your commitment towards our program is so genuine and incomparable. Through the years, your dedication has only increased. Your energy and enthusiasm is contagious & admirable.

We are so fortunate to have you on our team as a Special Children's Charities board member. Your commitment to our athletes since first starting as an Associate Board member so many years ago has made such a difference to our program. Because of you and your friends at "One for the Kids", your generosity has enabled us to expand our offerings, improve our athletic equipment and provide our athletes with life changing experiences. Additionally, the support we have received from Concierge Preferred with regard to marketing our many other year round events has enabled us to create valuable awareness for our mission, and for that we are also grateful

Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement which, through quality sports training and competition, improves the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and, in turn, the lives of everyone they touch. We hope you realize the lives that you have touched, and the lives you have improved throughout your years of supporting Special Olympic Chicago.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Games Opening Ceremonies will be held May 8, 2012 at Soldier Field, beginning at 8:45am ("VIP reception"), and 10:00am ("Parade of Athletes"). We would like you to be on stage, where you will be presented with this inspiring award.

On behalf of the Special Olympics athletes, coaches, family members and support staff, congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Gerry Henaghan

Ms. Gerry Henaghan, Special Recreation Manager Chicago Park District

Cc: Justice Anne Burke

