



## An Invitation

Dear family members,

Every two years, Special Olympics holds its flagship event, the World Games, which demonstrates sports excellence, while promoting equality, respect and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities around the world.

Transcending the boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, culture and religion, the world will come together to celebrate inclusion around the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Graz, Schladming and Ramsau, Austria 14 March - 25 March 2017.

### Young Athletes – we invite you to join us!

As part of the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, there will be a fun and exciting Young Athletes Festival, celebrating the future stars of Special Olympics – children ages 2 to 7 years old. The festival will feature winter-themed sports stations that introduce children with and without intellectual disabilities to the world of Special Olympics through sport and play.

The Young Athletes Festival will take place:

**Dates:** Friday 17 March to Thursday 23 March 2017

**Location:** Olympic Town at the Stadthalle Graz (Foyer South)

**Times:** 09:00 and 16:00 each day

All children under 8 years old are invited to participate – so please stop by for fun activities and giveaways!

### About Special Olympics Young Athletes

Special Olympics Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 2 to 7 years old. Young Athletes introduces basic sport skills, like running, kicking and throwing. Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children.

