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DENVER NUGGETS TEAM UP WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLORADO FOR ANNUAL ALL-TEAM BASKETBALL CLINIC AT THE PEPSI CENTER

OVER 100 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN A BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS CLINIC SPONSORED BY COMFORT DENTAL

[Denver, Colorado] – On Wednesday, February 20, 2008, the Denver Nuggets players and coaching staff is scheduled to welcome over 100 Special Olympics Colorado athletes to the Pepsi Center in Denver for the fifth annual basketball fundamentals clinic. Special Olympics athletes will receive coaching assistance through rotation stations including skills development in shooting, rebounding & defense and passing. Each Special Olympics athlete will have the opportunity to interact with each Nuggets player and coach.

WHAT: Denver Nuggets / Special Olympics Colorado 5th Annual All-Team Basketball Clinic sponsored by Comfort Dental

WHO: Over 100 Special Olympics athletes and the team and coaching staff of the Denver Nuggets

WHEN and Pepsi Center

WHERE: Wednesday, February 20 /1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Skills Development

- Shooting
- Rebound & Defense
- Passing

WHY: Mindy Watrous, President & CEO – Special Olympics Colorado, “This is a fantastic opportunity for our athletes to meet some of their favorite professional basketball players and interact with them in a way that leaves a lasting impression. Year after year, our athletes have the time of their lives during this clinic. We are extremely grateful to the Denver Nuggets for this opportunity and to Comfort Dental for their sponsorship of the event!”

About Special Olympics Colorado:

Since 1969, Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO) has been strengthening families, athletes and the very soul of our community through sports training and athletic competitions. Special Olympics Colorado provides year-round training and sponsors over **80 competitions** at the area and state level in **20 sports** for over **8,500 athletes** statewide. With a base of more than **6,000 volunteers**, hundreds of hours are donated allowing SOCO to support athletes of all ages and abilities, allowing them to build athletic, learning and social skills. Participation with other athletes, non-disabled peers (Unified Sports® partners), coaches, sponsors and volunteers builds confidence and creates opportunities to participate as productive and respected members of society by increasing public awareness of the athletes' *capabilities*.

There is no cost to participate in Special Olympics. For more information visit www.specialolympicsco.org.

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