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## **MEDIA ADVISORY -- PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

### **Second Annual Polar Plunge Benefiting Special Olympics Colorado Slated for this Saturday at Chatfield Reservoir**

**WHAT:** The second-annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics in the Denver Metro area. The Plunge invites participants (under 18 requires parent or guardian signature) to take a dip in the “cool” waters of Chatfield Reservoir. All plungers are asked to raise a minimum of \$85 in pledges to receive an official 2009 “Freezin’ for a Reason” Polar Plunge t-shirt. Participants can earn additional prizes as their pledges increase. If individuals are too chicken to make the splash, they can still be part of the festivities, raise money for the organization and stay dry by registering in the “chicken coop.” *The event is open to the public, and all spectators are welcome free of charge.*



Come out to join in the fun and support the plungers -- including athletes, families, SOCO board members, law enforcement officials, friends and fans -- as they physically and mentally prepare themselves for winter by putting on swimsuits (wet suits are prohibited) or costumes and take a dip in Chatfield. Thanks to this week’s chilly forecast, expect a **PLUNGE** in temperatures and the waters of Chatfield to be *Freezin’* for sure.



**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Chatfield Reservoir at Chatfield State Park in Littleton.

**WHO:** Special Olympics Colorado and Colorado’s Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The 2009 Polar Plunge event sponsors include 103.5 The Fox, Comfort Dental, U.S. Foodservice and the Hyatt Regency Denver.



**WHY:** Polar Plunges have raised millions of dollars across the country for Special Olympics. The events are co-hosted by state chapters of Special Olympics along with their Law Enforcement Torch Run officials. The Denver Area Polar Plunge will benefit the nearly 10,000 Special Olympics athletes across the state of Colorado, who are currently participating in training and competition all free of charge.



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*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 nearly 10,000 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.*

**Support. Volunteer. Compete. Special Olympics Colorado. Be a fan.**