



**MEDIA INVITATION:  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS FESTIVAL  
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010 AT 6 P.M.**

**Montreal, May 25, 2010** – The media is invited to the Palais des congrès de Montréal on Thursday, May 27, to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Special Olympics Festival, an event that brings together Québec special athletes and members of the sports and business world to support more than 4,000 Special Olympics athletes living with an intellectual disability.

Organized under the honorary presidency of Mr. Normand Blouin, Senior Vice-President of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, this prestigious event will be attended by 800 guests from the Montreal business community and 36 athletes from the world of amateur and professional sports, such as olympians **Alexandre Bilodeau, Jennifer Heil, Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau, Tania Vicent, Nathalie Lambert**, some members of the **Canadiens Alumni** such as Réjean Houle and Mario Tremblay, **Alouettes Alumni**, players from the **Montréal Impact** and 16 Special Olympics athletes who will be joining **Annie Pelletier**, patron of the SOQ movement for 13 years.

During the evening, a live auction will be held. A total of 13 extraordinary packages will be offered as well as a unique chance to attend the 2011 GRAMMY Awards in Los Angeles, VIP seating to experience the Grand Prix du Canada and the NASCAR 2010, an exceptional Tour of France's or Italy's great wine estates and a package including regular season tickets for the Canadiens, the Alouettes and Montreal Impact.

**Annie Pelletier as well as other sports celebrities, will be available for live interviews during the cocktail from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

<b>WHO :</b>	<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS FESTIVAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual fundraising evening to benefit nearly 4,000 special athletes, members of Special Olympics Québec</li><li>• 800 guests</li><li>• 36 sports celebrities</li></ul>
<b>WHEN :</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010 – 6 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cocktail from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - interviews with sport celebrities</li><li>• Dinner-show, silent and live auctions 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.</li><li>• Announcement of the results at 10 p.m.</li></ul>
<b>WHERE :</b>	<b>PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL</b> 517 ABC Hall Viger (entrance 201 Viger)

**About Special Olympics Québec**

Over 90% of its funding comes from generous corporate and private citizens. Thanks to their support, Special Olympics Québec provides more than 4,000 special athletes, aged 7 and over, with 17 training programs designed to increase their well-being, physical fitness, self-sufficiency, self-esteem and social integration.

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