

# Special Olympics Gaston County



## Local Games Announcement December 10, 2020

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### **A note from local coordinator Ashley Anderson regarding local games for spring 2021:**

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. I wanted to touch base and send everyone an email regarding Special Olympics Gaston County and where we stand with sports opportunities for athletes. This has definitely been a crazy year and continues to bring us new surprises each week.

In 2020 we were not able to host our annual spring games event, nor our local fall bowling games or Young Athletes Day events.

It was our hope that we could get back to a normal operating procedure by 2021, but that does not look like that will be the case at this time. **Due to health and safety concerns with large crowds and gatherings we will not be offering our Unified Champion Schools basketball event in the winter, nor spring games in April 2021.**

However.....

We do look forward to continuing to offer a program that was first started this fall and was very successful. Partner Up Power Up. This program is a virtual-based fitness program that you can do with your athletes and students each week. It runs for approximately 10 weeks and will begin this March. We would LOVE for everyone to be involved in this program. This is what will replace our typical spring games experience so that way everyone can stay healthy and active from now until summer. More information will come out about this program in January, including registration. There are lots of great opportunities with this program, including some awesome swag that you get and opportunities to see other athletes on workouts.

Special Olympics Gaston County is also continuing to offer multiple opportunities for athletes throughout the year in a variety of ways. We have smaller fundraisers continuing to occur (including a drive-thru paint party on December 18th!). We also have a holiday athlete party (virtual-style) coming up on December 17th. This winter we will be continuing with our virtual fitness classes and offering continued in-person sports and fitness opportunities (with guidelines for safety in place). Please check our facebook page (Special Olympics Gaston County) and make sure that you receive our email newsletters in order to receive information about the opportunities we have outside of what would be our typical local games.

THANK YOU all for what you do! We could not continue to support the athletes and the community without you! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ashley Anderson  
Special Olympics Gaston County Local Coordinator