



August 6, 2021

Guardians of the Flame,

I hope everyone is having a great summer and are staying safe. This year has provided many positive awareness platforms and fundraising efforts for the athletes, with more opportunities right around the corner. But before I go any further, let me thank everyone who participated in the Relays and Final Leg.

By running the torches across the state in the manner, we did, and with the number of officers who participated in both the Relays and the Final Leg, we were able to gain the attention of media outlets. Your assistance made this year's Relays and Final Leg very memorable and elevated the awareness of our mission. Thank you on behalf of the athletes, their families, and your NC Torch Run State Council!

If you haven't taken the time to look at the Final Leg pictures, I encourage you to take a few minutes to do so. You can find them on the Torch Run homepage. Look for "VIEW OUR PHOTO GALLERY" at the bottom of the page right below the list of Sponsors. We should be proud of what we were able to achieve and the momentum it has given us.

As of July, approximately \$715,000.00 has been raised towards meeting our goal of \$1.3 million. As you can see, the first half of the year was very successful with fundraising through the Publix Campaign, Dunkin Donut's Campaign, donations for t-shirts/hats, Triad Chill Polar Plunge, and the many other fundraising events hosted by agencies statewide. By continuing your support, it will be possible for us to meet or exceed our goal.

If you are looking for ways to continue assisting the athletes, I will share some upcoming opportunities with you. These are easy and fun ways for you to do fundraising without having to reinvent the wheel and takes little resources from your agency to do.

- **Plane Pull** – What a fun event. Create a five-person team and raise a minimum of \$800.00 (as a team) to see if your team can get the fastest time pulling a jet 25 feet. Who knows, your team may walk away with first place and bragging rights. Check out the different team categories.  
[www.ncplanepull.com](http://www.ncplanepull.com)
- **Over The Edge** – The age-old question...do you have what it takes? Well, if the answer is yes, join us on October 2, 2021, in downtown Raleigh to rappel 30 stories down the Wells Fargo Capitol Center. If this isn't your cup of tea, maybe you know others up to the challenge. If you recruit a team, your agency will get credit for the funds they raise.  
[www.overtheedgecnc.com](http://www.overtheedgecnc.com)
- **Truck Convoy** – On November 20, 2021, in Charlotte, local law enforcement will escort a convoy of trucks to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics NC. You can assist by recruiting truckers to participate. Do you have a relationship with a trucking company or a distribution center? Maybe they would like to be part of this convoy to help bring awareness for inclusion for all. Your agency will get credit for any company you recruit.  
[www.nctruckconvoy.com](http://www.nctruckconvoy.com)

- **WOD For Inclusion** – It isn't too late to participate. Do you have a relationship with a gym, ask them if they would host this event and recruit members to join and do the workout challenge for inclusion.  
[www.wodforinclusion.com](http://www.wodforinclusion.com)
- **Ticket Raffle** – Who doesn't know friends, family, or community members who wouldn't want to win a 2021 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 with accessories? All you have to do is request tickets and sell them in your community, and your agency will get credited for the tickets you sell. It just doesn't get any easier.  
<https://www.classy.org/event/2021-polaris-ranger-xp-1000-raffle/e350389>

If you would like additional information on any of the above events, don't hesitate to contact Leslie Moyar at [lmoyar@sonc.net](mailto:lmoyar@sonc.net) or me at [wadavis@ncsu.edu](mailto:wadavis@ncsu.edu).

Your kindness, passion, commitment, and dedication to bring inclusion for everyone are appreciated by your NC LETR State Council, Special Olympics North Carolina staff, and the athletes. Thank you for everything you do every day!

Respectfully,

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