

Your support of Special Olympics can do wonders

ALBANY — CSEA President William L. McGowan this week reiterated his appeal to union members to help "Sponsor an Athlete" in the New York Special Olympics set for June 14 at Elmira College.

"Special Olympics isn't just a game," McGowan said. "The program contributes to the physical, social and psychological development of the mentally retarded. Through positive, successful experiences in sports, individuals who have been told 'you can't do it' gain self-confidence to prove they can do it. Special Olympics help begin building a self-image associated with success rather than with failure. Special Olympics success often carries over into the classroom, the home and the workshop."

McGowan said, "Special Olympics needs the support and involvement of people-oriented organizations such as CSEA to carry out its ongoing programs for mentally retarded people, and to reach even more individuals who could benefit from such participation."

Complete information on how you can "Sponsor an Athlete" can be found in the full-page Special Olympics ad on page 11 of this issue.



THE JOY IS EVIDENT in this happy scene at the Staten Island Developmental Center during local Special Olympics competition there on May 2, 3 and 4. And the joy will be multiplied many times over when hundreds of competitors gather for the New York Special Olympics June 14 in Elmira. Among those who worked hard on the local level and share in the happiness of the competitors are Staten Island Developmental Center CSEA Local 429 President Felton King, right, and Developmental Center Director Elin Howe, third from left.

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