Tip-A-Cop and Raise Money for Special Olympics

Holdren’s in Goleta Kicks-Off Fundraising Event Series

Goleta—The Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office will kick off the 2013 Tip-A-Cop season on Tuesday, March 19th at Holdren’s Steaks and Seafood located in the Camino Real Marketplace in Goleta. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the public is invited to order lunch and be served by volunteer waiters and waitresses from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office, University of California Santa Barbara Police Department and Santa Barbara County Probation Department. The tips earned by the volunteer servers will go directly to benefit the Santa Barbara County Special Olympics.

This is the fourth year that Holdren’s has participated in the fundraiser and the event is the first of fifteen Tip-A-Cop functions being held in Santa Barbara County this year. For each event, the Sheriff’s Office partners with various agencies at local restaurants to provide volunteer servers. The fundraisers are co-sponsored by the Sheriff’s Office, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s Office, the Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs’ Association and other area law enforcement agencies.

Every year, the Tip-A-Cop program grows with more involvement from restaurants and agencies and increased public participation. Last year, Tip-A-Cop functions in addition to the Law Enforcement Torch Run, raised almost one hundred thousand dollars for the Santa Barbara County Special Olympics. Sheriff Bill Brown said the fundraisers have become an important tradition for the Sheriff’s Office. “Law enforcement has a special relationship with the Special Olympics. Started in 1981, the Torch Run and events like Tip-A-Cop that support it are the largest grass-roots fundraising and educational efforts on behalf of Special Olympics. We are very proud to partner with this worthy cause that provides fun and meaningful experiences to people with physical and intellectual challenges,” said Sheriff Brown.

Lt. Butch Arnoldi has coordinated the Tip-A-Cop fundraisers for the Sheriff’s Office for more than 20 years and has been a server himself at more than 100 of the events. He said being involved is incredibly rewarding. “It is wonderful to see these Special Olympics athletes, who act as global messengers, converse with the public and tell them how Special Olympic has changed their lives,” said Lt. Arnoldi.
Specialty Edition “Santa Barbara County 2013 Tip-A-Cop” T-shirts and Special Olympics Southern California T-shirts will be on sale for a ten dollar donation. All proceeds and tips will directly benefit the Santa Barbara County Chapter Special Olympics.

- The next Tip-A-Cop will be hosted by the Sheriff’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office at Petrini’s Italian Restaurant on April 3rd from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
  5711 Calle Real in Goleta

Other scheduled dates include:
- Pastavino on April 9th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
  6290 Marketplace Drive in Goleta
- The Outback Steakhouse on April 24th from 11:00 to 2 p.m.  
  5690 Calle Real in Goleta
- Chili’s Grill and Bar on May 14th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
  6950 Marketplace Drive in Goleta

Additional dates and locations to be announced.

Reservations are recommended.

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