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NEWS RELEASE

**Kelly Foundation awards \$100,000 grant to
Special Olympics Northern California**

*2016 Major Gift will support new Sacramento School Partnership Program,
athlete health and coach training*

SACRAMENTO, CA — [The Kelly Foundation](#) awarded \$100,000 to Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) to support the launch of the first Sacramento Schools Partnership Program for K-12 student-athletes in the Sacramento region and other key initiatives. The Kelly Foundation Board selected SONC as the recipient of the 2016 Major Gift in order to support children and adults with intellectual disabilities through new programs, initiatives and expansion efforts.

“While we had many reputable charities to choose from and would enjoy awarding all of the applicants, we selected Special Olympics Northern California because they will make great use of the grant to launch Sacramento’s first Schools Partnership Program,” said Chairman of the Board of River City Bank and President of the Kelly Foundation Shawn Kelly Devlin. “We are excited to sponsor student athletes and the communities that surround them, while supporting a larger organization whose efforts reach far beyond the Sacramento region’s borders.”

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The new Sacramento Schools Partnership Program will unify students with and without disabilities through sports and whole-school involvement activities to provide them with the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote inclusion, acceptance and respect for all students. At present, SONC provides support to over 9,385 student athletes in these programs outside the greater Sacramento area and is expected to increase the student athlete total with the expansion of the new Sacramento Schools Partnership Program.

“We are excited to be awarded this grant from the Kelly Foundation which will help us expand our services to Special Olympics athletes and volunteer coaches in the greater Sacramento region,” said President and CEO of Special Olympics Northern California and Nevada David Solo. “As our organization moves beyond just sports, this grant will allow us to provide coaches with training and certification, bring health screenings to our athletes at competitions and start a Special Olympics

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program in the K-12 public schools. We thank the Kelly Foundation for being a champion of inclusion for the intellectually disabled.”

In conjunction with the grant, The Kelly Foundation will co-sponsor the Healthy Athletes initiative at the local level. The Healthy Athletes initiative provides health services and information to athletes and maintains the world’s largest database of health data for people with intellectual disabilities. Throughout its history, the initiative has trained more than 136,000 health care professionals who have provided indispensable care to millions worldwide.

Other measures the grant will support include the expansion of coach training and additional competition opportunities for athletes within the Greater Sacramento Area. These efforts will help provide adequate training for the athletes, allowing for an increase in Sacramento athletes at statewide events.

The Kelly Foundation supports health and human services, education, culture, environment and civic improvement through their funding. Each year, the Foundation provides approximately \$400,000 in grants to organizations that support the Sacramento region. Since merging with the RCB Foundation in 2009, the Kelly Foundation, of which [River City Bank](#) remains a major contributor, focuses on giving back to the greater Sacramento region through charitable donations.

For more information about the Kelly Foundation, please visit www.KellyFoundationSacramento.org. For more details on Special Olympics Northern California, and its initiatives, programs and plans, please visit www.SONC.org.

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ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Special Olympics Northern California is a free year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. There are 19,940 athletes who compete in 198 competitions throughout the region in 12 sports. Included in that figure are 9,385 special education student-athletes who have Special Olympics in the classroom through our Schools Partnership Program. Special Olympics requires the extraordinary support and time of 20,000 volunteers and volunteer coaches. Financial support comes almost exclusively from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations. For more information on Special Olympics Northern California, visit www.SONC.org or join us at www.Facebook.com/SONorCal and www.Twitter.com/SONorCal.

ABOUT THE KELLY FOUNDATION:

The Kelly Broadcasting Company's KCRA-TV (Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto, CA) went on the air on Sept. 5, 1955, and the owners of Kelly Broadcasting Company established the Kelly Foundation in December 1988 as a formal vehicle for structuring charitable contributions. The Kelly family sold KCRA-TV in 1999 and have continued the Kelly Foundation ever since. In 2009, the River City Bank Foundation merged with the Kelly Foundation, and some executives of the Bank currently serve on the Foundation's Board. Jon S. Kelly founded River City Bank and continues to support the Bank. His daughter, Shawn Kelly Devlin, currently serves as President and Chairman of the Board. The Kelly Foundation is an expression of the importance the Kelly family places on being a good neighbor and citizen in regions where they do business. For more information on the Kelly Foundation, please visit www.KellyFoundationSacramento.org or call (916) 978-4892.

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