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Police to participate in "Tip-A-Cop" to benefit Special Olympics

Personnel and police cadets from the Springfield Police Department (SPD) will serve restaurant guests and accept donations, in the form of tips, which will support [Special Olympics Missouri's](#) sports training and athletic competition for more than 16,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities in Missouri.

Many agencies across the nation are joining together in honor of this cause. The "Tip-A-Cop" event benefitting Special Olympics Missouri will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at [Red Robin Gourmet Burgers®](#), 3720 S. Glenstone.

The SPD has teamed up with Red Robin specifically because the restaurant chain has been supporting Special Olympics programs across the country for eight years and has helped raise more than \$2.5 million.

Tip-A-Cop® is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) campaign. LETR, which includes an international series of relay runs and special events like Tip-A-Cop®, is presented by more than 144,000 law enforcement officers worldwide to help raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics. LETR is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics through which funds raised go directly to local programs in states or countries where the funds are generated. The SPD has participated and continues to support the LETR campaign nationwide.

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