



Cyprus, St. Lucia Special Olympics Athletes to Arrive in Palmdale Tomorrow

*Host Town Palmdale Invites Public to attend Kickball Game, Western Line Dancing,
Cultural Q&A, and to TNOTS Appearance*

PALMDALE – Special Olympics delegations of athletes and coaches from Cyprus and St. Lucia as part of the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 will arrive in Palmdale on Tuesday, July 21 for three days of training and activities.

“We’re all looking forward to what will be a very special time for our residents as well as our visiting athletes, coaches and visitors,” said Mayor of Palmdale Jim Ledford. “Our Special Olympics Committee put together a fun-filled and memorable visit, and we’re inviting all our residents to be part of this special celebration.”

Upon arrival in Palmdale on Tuesday, July 21, the delegations will settle in to their accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn before embarking on a full schedule of activities that includes training at Marie Kerr Recreation Center and events for the public to attend.

The free public events include a kickball game at Best of the West Softball Complex on Wednesday, July 22 from 7 to 9 pm. Residents are encourage to come and sit in the stands and root on the athletes. On Thursday, July 23, the events include Western line dancing at Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center from 1 to 3 pm; a cultural question/answer session at Legacy Commons at 6:30 pm, and a visit to Thursday Night on the Square on Thursday, July 23 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

“Please join us at one or all of these free activities and help welcome our guests to Palmdale,” said Palmdale’s Communication Manager John Mlynar. “If you’d like to make a



donation help defray the costs of the food, lodging and entertainment, please the City is 'like' the Host Town Palmdale Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HostTownPalmdale and you can make a donation directly to the Host Town Palmdale program through the official Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 web portal."

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The Host Town program has been an important element of Special Olympics World Games since 1995, and the experience has left a lasting impression on the local communities in Ireland, Japan, China, Greece, South Korea and the United States, all of which have previously organized Host Town programs as part of the Special Olympics World Games.

For more information about Palmdale's Host Town program, please visit www.la2015.org/host-town/palmdale and www.facebook.com/HostTownPalmdale.

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About the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015

With 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and an anticipated 500,000 spectators, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games - being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015 - will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015, and the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. The 2015 Special Olympics World Games, with the unparalleled spirit, enthusiasm, teamwork, joy and displays of courage and skill that are



hallmarks of all Special Olympics events, will feature 25 Olympic-style sports in venues throughout the Los Angeles region. The Opening Ceremony, to be held July 25, 2015 in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games, is expected to attract 80,000 spectators. On April 30, 2014, LA2015 and ESPN announced a global programming deal that will see ESPN bring coverage of World Games to millions of fans around the world. Honorary Chairs of the Games are President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and California Governor Jerry Brown serving as Honorary Hosts. LA2015, the Games Organizing Committee, is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information on the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.LA2015.org and on social with #ReachUpLA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).