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**COMMUNITY CENTER AT LAKE CHELAN  
ADDS A MAJOR NON-POFIT GROUP**

*Special Olympics Washington  
Becomes Latest Partner*

**CHELAN, Washington** (November 13, 2020) - The Seven Acres Foundation says it has signed a formal agreement with Special Olympics Washington to become its newest partner at the Community Center at Lake Chelan (CCLC). In making the recent announcement, Raye Evans, Executive Director of Seven Acres, said “the name of this organization pretty much says it all. We are extremely proud to add such a wonderful non-profit group to our growing list of partners for the Community Center.”

Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred athletes to over 5.7 million participants and more than one million volunteers in 200 countries in all regions of the world, providing year-round sports training, athletic competition and other related programs. Special Olympics empowers athletes with intellectual disabilities to be leaders in society by providing them opportunities to learn skills that transcend the playing field. Special Olympics Washington serves more than 19,500 participants, offering 26 sports to a wide range of age groups.

Luke Wall, Senior Manager of Area Services for Special Olympics Washington, says providing a new central location is of prime importance for volunteers and athletes in North Central Washington. “We currently have awesome programming in Wenatchee through their Parks and Recreation Department, and we are now working to grow programming north of Wenatchee to include Chelan, Manson, Methow Valley, Omak, Okanogan and other localities. The partnership with the Community Center at Lake Chelan will be an instrumental piece in doing just that. This agreement represents a very big step forward and will allow us to serve even more individuals with intellectual disabilities.”

More information on Special Olympics Washington may be obtained from their website at [www.specialolympicswashington.org](http://www.specialolympicswashington.org). To learn more about or donate directly to the Community Center at Lake Chelan, please go to [www.ccatlakechelan.org](http://www.ccatlakechelan.org) or contact Raye Evans, Executive Director of the Seven Acres Foundation at [raye@sevenacresfoundation.org](mailto:raye@sevenacresfoundation.org).

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