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FORSYTH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
RECOGNIZED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS INVOLVEMENT

Department honored for ongoing support of Special Olympics

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department has received the Special Olympics Georgia Training for Life Award in recognition of its ongoing involvement with and support of Special Olympics. The department’s receipt of the award was announced during the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association conference held in Athens in November. Susan Darlington, local coordinator for Special Olympics Forsyth County, presented the award at the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Special Olympics Forsyth nominated the Parks and Recreation Department for the award, noting the support, facilities and staff made available to Special Olympics over the years.

“We cannot say enough about our Parks and Recreation,” Darlington said. “They have proven time and again that they are committed to supporting Special Olympics Forsyth and strive to include many of our athletes in their everyday activities.”

The Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department provides Special Olympics Forsyth with facilities for its annual local games, which serve more than 350 athletes. Department staff members lead events and support volunteers at the games, and also support the annual Special Olympics Battle of the Bats Softball Invitational.

Darlington noted that the involvement of the Parks and Recreation Department has contributed to the availability of a multitude of leisure and sports activities for Special Olympics athletes in Forsyth County. “With their support,” she said, “we are able to continue to strive to meet many of the social and healthy living needs of our citizens with developmental disabilities.”

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