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CN POLICE RINGING IN SPRING WITH SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BURNABY, BC—It's one of the most inspiring signs of springtime in Surrey: local law enforcement personnel gathering at the **Guildford Town Centre Walmart** to raise funds and have lots of fun in support of **Special Olympics BC**.

For more than a decade, **CN Police** have been hosting an annual fundraising event at this local Walmart to support Special Olympics BC's inspiring athletes and life-changing programs. This **Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)** event began as a "roof sit," where participants camped out atop the Walmart roof for days to earn donations through their dedication.

Now the participants – including CN Police, community supporters and Special Olympics BC athletes – are having fun at ground level, engaging and inspiring everyone who will visit the Guildford Town Centre Walmart between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on **Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9**. The two fun-filled days will include tasty barbecuing by the **North Surrey Lions Club**, and the **Guildford Lions Club** will also be on hand to show their support. Last year's event raised \$10,000 – this year, the CN Police team is going for even more!

Now is the perfect time for the community to show their support for Special Olympics. Many local athletes recently gave amazing performances in the 2011 Special Olympics BC Winter Sport Championships, and the Special Olympics BC – Surrey soccer team will soon be carrying their community pride overseas as they compete in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, in June and July.

About the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

The BC LETR is part of a successful international fundraising movement powered by law enforcement personnel who are passionate about supporting Special Olympics. Since 1990, the BC LETR members have raised more than \$3 million to help change the lives of Special Olympics BC athletes around the province.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to providing individuals with intellectual disabilities opportunities to enrich their lives and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 3,800 athletes of all ages and abilities, thanks to the dedication of over 2,600 volunteers. For more information, please visit specialolympics.bc.ca.

Event: BC Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser for Special Olympics
Date: April 8 & 9, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Walmart, 1000 Guildford Town Centre, Surrey

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