



Celebrating its 29th anniversary in 2010, the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. In 2009, the Torch Run raised over \$34 million for Special Olympics programs around the world. More than 85,000 law enforcement officers carried the Flame of Hope across 35 nations, raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics.

Each year, Manitoba law enforcement personnel from across the Province take to the city streets and rural highways to participate in the Torch Run. The Run does much more than just raise funds for Special Olympics Manitoba. It also raises awareness about the accomplishments of individuals living with an intellectual disability. The ultimate goal of the LETR is to ensure that all residents living with an intellectual disability are provided with the opportunity to share in the benefits of participating in sports and related physical activities.

Over the past 20 years the Manitoba LETR has consistently achieved their goal, raising in excess of 1.75 million dollars, due in large part to the generous support of runner pledges and Manitoba LETR variety of activities such as the Media Scene "Light the Hearts and Dreams" campaign, Wal-Mart Toonies for Torches and the annual Truck Convoy. One hundred percent of all monies raised through LETR fund raising campaigns such as these go directly to Special Olympics Manitoba.

Fundraising campaigns like this allow SOM to continue our mandate; ***enriching the lives of Manitobans with an intellectual disability through active participation in sport.*** Special Olympics Manitoba is a not-for-profit organization that provides sport training and competition opportunities to over 2,000 athletes in 18 sports. More than 1,200 volunteer coaches and program volunteers are currently involved with SOM programs and events. Special Olympics Manitoba programs are in all seven regions of the province.