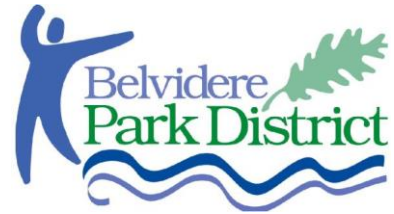


November 15, 2022

Dear Business Owner,



The current pandemic that we are in has created and continues to create disruption to activities that provide natural stress relief and relaxation to us all, including sporting activities. Belvidere Park District Special Recreation has been aggressive in providing this opportunity whenever feasible to its athletes and is currently the most active program in the region. In a time when chaos is standard, we have strived to provide normalcy as safely as we possibly can and we need your help to continue to provide quality programming.

This year marks the 10th year of the Belvidere Park District Special Recreation Annual “Hug an Athlete” 5K Run/Walk/Roll. This event is used to raise funds and awareness about the Belvidere Park District Special Recreation Special Olympics Program (Special Olympics, itself, does not charge fees to participate in athletic competitions). All proceeds from the event will be directly applied towards scholarships for athletes in need, sports equipment, uniforms, and other program related needs. We have had an outpouring of contributions over the years from support from businesses such as yours over the years to make our event a success and we need it this year as well. On behalf of Belvidere Park District Special Recreation, I would like to ask for your assistance with this event.

Belvidere Park District Special Recreation’s “Hug an Athlete” 5k will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2022 at Doty Park Pavilion in Belvidere, IL at 1:00pm. Runners, walkers, and rollers (individuals who utilize a wheelchair) will receive a “swag bag” for participation. The swag bags will include t-shirts, promotional materials, and goodies from our sponsors. Participants will also receive post-race refreshments to rehydrate and refuel at the completion of the race. Belvidere Park District Special Recreation is seeking your assistance in helping with these race amenities as well as monetary contributions. Please review the sponsorship levels on the next page and consider helping in any way possible.

Event planners are also seeking volunteers! Please contact me, if you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering their time towards a great cause. We also have our volunteer application available on our website www.huganathlete5k.org

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Sean Cramer
Special Recreation Supervisor
Belvidere Park District Special Recreation

Please detach and return to Sean Cramer no later than Feb. 3, 2023 by mail: 6581 Revlon Dr., Belvidere, IL 61008, email: seanc@belviderepark.org, or fax: 815-544-4648. Call with questions, 815-547-5711 x 23.

Company Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____
Sponsorship Level: Gold Silver Bronze Participant/In-Kind
(Please Circle)
Donation Amount Enclosed: Yes, \$_____ No, Will Receive By: _____

*We are happy to pick-up donations. Please let us know a time that works best and a pick-up location.
Please make checks payable to: Belvidere Park District*