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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire "Olympiad Family", it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Ninth Annual Exceptional People's Olympiad. The truism that each successive Olympiad surpasses its predecessor, either in whole or in part, stands firm for 1985. Of the many changes and improvements on tap, we take immense pride in announcing that our Ninth Anniversary will be marked by the addition of a team of athletes based in New York State; the E.P.O., thereby, going international. At the same time, we also welcome a new team from the Ottawa area.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the many people involved in the organization of this event. From the Area Co-ordinators, Centre Representatives, various volunteers, and internal organizers, to the growing list of financial supporters, each have played an important role in ensuring the successful outcome of this unique event. In striving to achieve the realization of the E.P.O.'s fullest potential, your trust, acceptance, and support have carried us to a hair's breadth of that goal.

The principal goal of the Olympiad is now and always has been to emphasize ability, rather than its lack, and to promote social interaction between the mentally disadvantaged and the general public. The E.P.O. provides these young people with the opportunity, not only to show what they can do, but also to get away from the limiting influences inherent in any institutional setting and mix with the outside world. Being a multi-purpose vehicle, the Olympiad also provides prisoners the opportunity to organize in a positive manner and interact with a broad cross-section of the community at large. Working with the developmentally handicapped enables prisoners to establish a sense of self-worth, along with a new perspective on life itself. We believe that with this togetherness, prisoners and participants will greatly assist each in discovering some form of liberation and worth in their respective situations.

Over the many years of our existence, this organization and the event it utilizes as its main vehicle, have served as a constant reminder that the "labelled" members of our world can and to transcend the limitations implied by the parameters of their specific "handicap". Be it physical, mental, internal, or external, we bear witness that each can and have been overcome through sheer determination and the courage that comes with the support of those around us.

Witness this for yourself over the weekend of July 27th and 28th. The Olympiad weekend is truly a special occasion and we'd like to share it with you.

Sincerely

Steve LaPlante  
Chairman: E.P.O.  
Olympiad Committee

OLYMPIAD OBJECTIVES

1. To expose the plight of the Developmentally Handicapped and assist them in their struggle to be heard & recognized as citizens of this nation, and to be allowed to function within society as contributing members.
2. To allow these Exceptional People to share their sense of worth through participation in our Olympic style games.
3. To provide a constructive experience in human relations for the men here at Collins Bay.
4. To provide an opportunity for prisoners to be socially useful, appreciated, and to show the immense potential so often wasted behind prison walls.
5. To provide the various outside communities with insight into both the "Exceptional People" and the prisoners.
6. To develop meaningful relationships with the athletes and the community at large.
7. To reduce animosities and misunderstandings that may exist between the prison community and the community at large.
8. To offer prisoners an opportunity for self-evaluation in terms of their relations with others.
9. To provide the site for these unique games.

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"ADOPT AN EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE"

Help provide a funpacked weekend of entertainment and competitive sports at the Exceptional People's Olympiad. Our event is designed for the Developmentally Handicapped, in particular, those who, for reasons of their specific handicap, cannot participate in other such events.

The Olympiad welcomes any and all donations, but for those of you who would like to become more personally involved in our project, we have a special plan which may be of interest. For a \$100.00 donation, you, your group, or your company may "Adopt An Exceptional Athlete".

If you exercise this option, you will receive a Certificate of Participation, an Official Receipt (for tax purposes), a photo of your adopted athlete, a brief resume detailing the events, scores, and medals won by your adoptee. You will also receive an invitation to attend the Olympiad and witness firsthand the joy your gift has wrought.

Your single gift of \$100.00 provides everything - shoes, transportation, food, and lodging; and it's truly a wonderful way to share your good fortune with another much less fortunate.

WE ARE A REGISTERED, TAX-EXEMPT CHARITY

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

VICE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's that time of the year again!!

So many of us look forward to sharing the responsibilities of nursing yet another Olympiad into maturity. In answer to the great number of requests about E.P.O. positions, everyone is welcome to join in and help. Already, the sense of unity and the feeling of "Olympiad Fever" are beginning to spread.

Our hats are off to those men on the front line, for without Godbrother, game officials, food & refreshment stand workers, etc., our two-day event would hold little for our special friends.

To insure continuity and smooth running, we wish to thank and announce the following list of men as having committed themselves to organizing this year's E.P.O.:

Godbrother Co-ordinator	Jimmy King
Sports Co-ordinator	Randy Judd
Yard Crew	Jamie Hawks
Crowd Control	Fred Sweet
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Contingency Planner	Gary Comeau
Electricians	Gary Comeau Howard Berry Tom Ramier
Refreshments	Rick Bastarache
Entertainment	Stan Singh
Sports Clinic	Warren Verge
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These men will be responsible for co-ordinating close to 400 jobs within the prison. Every year for the past nine years, the population has rallied behind the various co-ordinators and collectively shared the joys, pride, and sense of schievement of a successful Olympiad.

In our efforts to provide the best, we welcome your support and suggestions. Our approach is to examine and broaden our programmes so as to involve the greatest number possible. You have much more to offer than you may realize; but this isn't an issue of just "giving". The rewards and personal benefit you'll realize as a team member are those feelings we seldom sense as prisoners. Self accomplishment, pride, satisfaction, and fulfillment are high on the list. We need your involvement; you won't regret helping those less fortunate than yourself. Think about it! Many of our developmentally handicapped participants look forward to getting out of their institutions just once each year: to come to this event. It's their only two-day pass of the year, and we try to provide as much joy and entertainment as is within our power to do.

Join us this year and share in an Olympiad that you helped to make the best ever.

Ronnie Lauzon  
Vice Chairman: Director of Internal Operations  
Olympiad Committee

KINGSTON AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

I'm pleased to report that, as of this time, things are coming along very well due to the efforts of a very dedicated external committee. The participating centres have all been contacted and given a tentative schedule of the weekend's activities outside the Bay.

Frontenac Institution has once again agreed to host Saturday's breakfast for the athletes. Following the day's activities, we will be having a B.B.Q. and a dance to wind up. Sunday morning's breakfast will be held at McDonald's again this year.

Along with our volunteers and co-ordinators, the women from the Elizabeth Fry half-way house will be assisting in Sunday's dinner for the remaining athletes.

To date donation solicitation has been coming along remarkably well. As well as those businesses who have supported our cause over the years, we have many new contributors.

Plans for the Torch Run are more or less finalized, and it looks as if we will have Jeff McLeod participating in the run again with the athletes.

We are very satisfied with the way everything has been coming together for this Olympiad. Our "success" is due to the selfless efforts of our volunteers and we would take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks and welcome The Telephone Pioneers to the ranks of The Exceptional People's Olympiad. We all look forward to another successful weekend of fun, sun, and good memories.

Karen Howe  
Kingston Area Co-ordinator

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AN APOLOGY

As many of you experienced "Olympiad Hands" will note, this Newsletter is a little late this year, and for this inconvenience, we offer our sincere apologies.

Like most organizations, The Olympiad has, over the years, developed a "system" of doing things; and while this system has proven more than adequate in years gone by, it was, frankly, not up to coping with the extra demands occasioned by this year's unparalleled generosity. In addition, there was also the extra paper-work necessary to bring our two new centres into the Olympiad Family.

This is, of course, the kind of "extra work" we like to do best. But at the same time, it was necessary to establish certain priorities and, rightly or wrongly, it was felt that The Newsletter could be put off for a couple of weeks to accomodate this vital work. Simply put: a case of "first things first!!

In any event, things are well in hand and we are all looking forward to seeing you at the Olympiad.

THE OLYMPIAD COMMITTEE

SECRETARY'S & TREASURER'S UPDATE

As has been so often stressed (and indeed, cannot be overstressed), the real strength of the Olympiad lies in the faithful support of the prisoners of Collins Bay - particularly those who volunteer to act as Godbrothers. In many cases, this decision to give of oneself is one made at great emotional and physical expense, and those who serve, deserve our unqualified praise for a task well and truly done.

But, like any other such organization, there is another side to the Olympiad. We wouldn't be "The E.P.O." without our Godbrothers, but at the same time, there wouldn't even be an Olympiad without the generous support of hundreds of individuals & organizations who also give of themselves - but in another way.

It seems that each year brings fresh surprises. After the 1984 Olympiad, the Executive felt that some sort of bench-mark had been reached. Support had so far outstripped anything that had gone before, we felt that subsequent years would be, more or less, anti-climactic. Shows what we knew! If last year was fantastic, this year is nothing short of miraculous. Donations are up some 30%; money is still coming in - both from Canadians and our many friends in the U.S.; and we have welcomed many new supporters to the Olympiad family. On behalf of our special friends, let us, too, add our thanks for your support. Incidentally at this writing, that "support" translates into a very healthy \$17,540.00!

A reminder: the Olympiad is a fully registered, tax exempt charity, solely supported through free-will donations. We solicit funds once yearly via a mail campaign commencing sometime in late February. All cash donations are tax deductible and an official receipt is issued promptly. The Olympiad receives NO government funding, nor is it affiliated with any other "special olympics" type organizations. In its fund raising campaign, it utilizes no agents to solicit and does not collect cash donations, nor is there any follow-up should you decline to contribute. In the same vein, there is no direct solicitation over the Olympiad weekend itself, although Olympiad lapel pins are offered for sale at a cost of \$2.50 each (\$3.00 by mail).

As is the case with any charity, the Olympiad is strictly accountable to the Charities Branch of Revenue Canada. In addition to internal safeguards with respect to proper accounting practices, Olympiad accounts are independantly audited once yearly and the appropriate forms submitted to Revenue Canada.

As a result of its unique composition, The Olympiad is able to make at least 85 cents of every dollar available for direct charitable expenditure. It is a point of pride that the maximum benefit is derived from each dollar expended, that the faith and support of our many donors has not been misplaced.

THANK YOU for helping us to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

Guy Lount  
Executive Secretary E.P.O.

Teddy Bennett  
Treasurer E.P.O.

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The continued generosity of our many contributors never ceases to amaze and delight us. On behalf of the entire Olympiad organization, as well as our special friends, our sincere thanks.

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25 June, 1985



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As in past years, the Olympiad Committee guarantees an exciting and eventful weekend that will be enjoyed by all. The list of our scheduled events and functions taking place over the Olympiad Weekend is outline below.

DAY 1: Friday Evening, 26 July, 1985

1. Arrive Jean Royce Hall, Queen's University
2. Athletic Clothing Issued to all Athletes

DAY 2: Saturday, 27 July, 1985

1. Breakfast: Frontenac Institution
2. Torch Run & Arrive at Collins Bay Institution
3. Parade
4. National Anthem
5. The Lighting of the Olympic Flame
6. Opening Ceremonies
7. Prayer and Blessing of the Games
8. Recite the Olympiad Oath
9. Declare the Games Officially Open
10. Turn the Games over to the Games' Master
11. Presentation of Medals of Participation by Hon. Flora MacDonald
12. Games Begin: Track Preliminaries & Field Events
13. Lunch: Meal, Skydivers, & Bands
14. Games Recommence: Afternoon Session
15. Depart C.B.I. (Approximately 3:30 PM)
16. Evening: Dance & B.B.Q. at Jean Royce Hall Hosted by the Telephone Pioneers and the Kingston Area Committee

DAY 3: Sunday, 28 July, 1985

1. Breakfast: Courtesy of "McDonalds" and Rick Hession
2. Arrive at C.B.I.
3. Games Recommence: Track Finals & Field Events
4. Lunch: Meal, Skydivers, & Bands
5. Games Recommence: All Events that Remain to be Completed
6. "Fun Events"
7. Awards Ceremonies: Medals, Trophies, and E.P.O. Awards of Merit
8. Declare Games Closed Until Next Year
9. Depart C.B.I. (Approximately 3:30 PM)
10. Arrive Jean Royce Hall or Departure of those Centres not Staying over until Monday
11. Meal for those Centres Staying until Monday

DAY 4: Monday, 29 July, 1985

1. Breakfast
2. Depart

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OLYMPIAD OATH

LET ME WIN!!

IF I CANNOT WIN,

LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT!!

PARTING SHOT

Although there MAY be moments when Collins Bay doesn't seem like a prison - especially when the Olympiad is in full flight, the fact remains that it is a prison and would be remiss not to acknowledge the ongoing support & co-operation of Warden Ken Payne and the entire Administration of C,B,I,. We would also offer a word of thanks to Mr. A. Trono, Deputy Commissioner, and the staff at Regional Headquarters: Ontario for their help and concern over the nine year history of the Olympiad

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We're pleased to report that the "Olympiad movement" is growing all over the country. At last count, no less than 3 other Federal Institutions (Dorchester, Edmonton Max. and Matsqui) were either looking at the possibility of staging an event as pioneered at C.B.I. or had in fact staged one. In addition, the Quinte Detention Centre (Napinee) is holding a one day event in July of this year. The C.B.I. Olympiad Committee extends a warm welcome to these fellow Olympiads and urges all of you to offer your support wherever possible.

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Sometime between 9:00 - 9:30 AM on the morning of Saturday, 27 July, 1985, 300-400 guests, 140 athletes, 40-50 chaperones, 140 Godbrothers, and 300 prisoners will recite the "Olympiad Oath". If you can't be with us in person, why not take a few moments from your Saturday, recite the Oath and join us in spirit.

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In 1983 we emphasized "family participation", and this direction was continued during the 1984 event with an overall theme of "interaction first, competition second". We will be continuing this thrust in 1985. The Olympiad is a family event where ability, rather than its lack, is recognized and applauded. Join us; see your gift in action.

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Although the Olympiad depends heavily on cash donations, it may be well understood that these contributions - regardless of generosity - cannot and do not provide for all our needs. In addition, to accomodation, meals and other amenities, and the games themselves, our programme also involves providing the athletes with a "Departure Bag". These extra gifts help to ease the pain of separation at the close of the Olympiad. It would be difficult to over-state the bond that develops between the athlete and his or her Godbrother and these "Bags" help to ease the transition. If you or your company might be able to contribute appropriate items, please contact us and we will make the necessary arrangements for shipping

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A reminder: donations as listed on Page #7 cover contributions up to and including 25 June, 1985. A full recapitulation will be provided in our Post-Olympiad Newsletter due out sometime in late August or early September.

THANK YOU ALL!!