Hi! My name is Mollie Yates and I am a Special Olympics Illinois athlete. I am very excited about the 2023 Polar Plunge as I will be serving as your 2023 Polar Plunge Ambassador! I am a state champion in my division in Special Olympics Unified Sports Bowling and state champion in my division in Special Olympics soccer and golf. I was also a regional gold medalist and state qualifier in the 50-meter dash, softball throw and softball skills competition. So as you can see, Special Olympics is very important to me and all the other athletes that are supported with the funds raised at events like the Polar Plunge.

My love of sports is just one of the many reasons I love Special Olympics and Unified Sports. I also have had leadership opportunities, learned how to be more independent and gave speeches in front of hundreds of people. Without fundraisers like the Polar Plunge, trivia nights and the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics could not help thousands of athletes like me.

The Polar Plunge is the most important fundraiser of the year. It is a fun event that helps support thousands of Special Olympic athletes like me from across the state. I cannot express how much Special Olympics has changed my life and the lives of thousands of others. That’s why I am counting on you to take the Polar Plunge or donate this year!