



Dear [Insert Name]:

I am writing to ask for your help. I have committed to participating in the 2026 Curry Automotive Westchester Polar Plunge. I know – you’re probably thinking, why would I participate in the Plunge? I have committed to jumping in cold water to help support the local Athletes of Special Olympics New York. The positive impact this event will have on the lives of thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities will last a lifetime.

Some say I may be a little wacky by jumping into freezing water, but I’m doing it for the more than 48,000 athletes and Unified Partners of Special Olympics New York, so they can continue to train and compete year-round, free of charge, in more than 5,000 competitive events throughout the state in 22 sports. I personally have seen the positive impact that Special Olympics has had on the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities and hope that you will support me in my mission to support them.

I have set a personal fundraising goal. Please help me meet this goal with your tax-deductible donation. Your donation will be put directly into growing programs to serve these individuals with intellectual disabilities and to help them find success in life through success in the field of sport.

To support my team and me, please make your check payable to “Special Olympics New York” and return it directly to Special Olympics New York, 211 E 43rd Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10017. Please put my name on the check so the staff at Special Olympics New York will know to apply the donation to my Polar Plunge account.

Or, if you prefer online donations, visit [polarplungeny.org](http://polarplungeny.org), click the 2026 Westchester Polar Plunge, click “Find a Participant,” type in my name, which will take you to my personal fundraising page, and give you the option of donating online via credit or debit card. If you want to learn more about this wacky winter event, visit [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org) to find out all the details. I will do my best to make my supporters proud!

Spectators are welcome at the event, so make sure you mark your calendar and come support me on Saturday, November 14th!

Thank you!!!

[Your Name]

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