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Statewide Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser to Benefit Special Olympics Washington

Red Robin teams up with law enforcement officers to support Special Olympics athletes

SEATTLE, Sept. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- On Saturday, Sept. 29 from 12 to 8 p.m., local law enforcement officers will trade in their handcuffs and badges for serving aprons and burgers at Red Robin(R) restaurants in Washington for a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. During the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser, law enforcement personnel will collect tips from restaurant guests to benefit Special Olympics Washington (SOWA).

Tip-A-Cop is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign (LETR). LETR, which includes an international series of relay runs and special events like Tip-A-Cop, is presented by more than 85,000 law enforcement officers worldwide to raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics. LETR is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics where funds raised go directly to local programs in states or countries where the funds are generated.

"On behalf of Special Olympics Washington, we would like to thank local law enforcement and Red Robin for their incredible support," said Don Pierce, executive director, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, and SOWA Board member. "Efforts like these make it possible for us to continue to provide high-quality sports training programs and competitions free of charge to all Special Olympics athletes."

"We are honored to be a part of this program and to support Special Olympics Washington," said Kim McBee, vice president of marketing for Red Robin Gourmet Burgers. "We encourage the community to join us on this special day to support Special Olympics athletes and local law enforcement in Washington."

Red Robin has 32 restaurants in Washington including three in Seattle and Spokane, two in Bellevue, Vancouver and Redmond and one each in Lynnwood, Auburn, Bellingham, Des Moines, Everett, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kennewick, Kent, Marysville, Monroe, Olympia, Puyallup, Silverdale, Burlington, Tukwila, Tacoma, Wenatchee, Woodinville and Yakima. To find the Red Robin location nearest you, please visit <http://www.redrobin.com>.

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. By participating in sports, physical fitness and healthcare education programs, Special Olympics Washington athletes increase self-confidence and social skills, improve physical and motor skills, and have better

success in leading more productive and independent lives. Today, there are more than 7,000 active Special Olympics Washington athletes who participate in sports, including skiing, swimming, track and field, cycling, softball, golf and bowling. For more information about Special Olympics Washington please visit <http://www.sowa.org>.

About Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (Nasdaq: RRGB)

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (<http://www.redrobin.com>), a casual dining restaurant chain founded in 1969, serves up wholesome, fun, feel-good experiences in a family-friendly environment. Red Robin(R) restaurants are famous for serving more than 22 high-quality gourmet burgers in a variety of recipes with Bottomless Steak Fries(R), as well as salads, soups, appetizers, entrees, desserts, and signature Mad Mixology(R) Beverages. There are more than 375 Red Robin(R) restaurants located across the United States and Canada, including corporate-owned locations and those operating under franchise agreements.

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