



## TIP-A-COP

*The TIP-A-COP program began with a small police department in Connecticut. It has proven to be a very successful program raising not only funds for Special Olympics Maine, but it has also proven to be a very successful public awareness tool for Law Enforcement, Special Olympics, and the sponsoring restaurant.*

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- \* TIP-A-COP becomes a great promotional special event for your restaurant
- \* Special Olympics Maine will provide all materials necessary to hold event (table tents, banners, envelopes, and information sheets)
- \* Your restaurant and local Torch Run members will choose a date and time that is best for you
- \* Your Torch Run contact person will be sure to have an adequate number of officers available for the event.
- \* During the event your regular wait staff will take orders and receive tips from customers as usual
- \* The TIP-A-COP volunteers may deliver the orders to the customers or you may choose to have the volunteer involved in only serving water, coffee, bussing tables etc...this is entirely your decision
- \* Volunteers will not be allowed to deliver any alcoholic beverages
- \* Customers will/should tip the wait staff as usual
- \* Customers may then choose to leave an additional tip for the law enforcement officers
- \* 100% of all tips received by a TIP-A-COP volunteer goes directly to Special Olympics Maine

### TIP-A-COP IS JUST GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN!!

There is a special atmosphere on TIP-A-COP day. Your upbeat Torch Run volunteers in Special Olympics Torch Run shirts add focus and color to your restaurant without disrupting normal operations. Customers have responded with good-natured kidding and often additional spending. Even the wait staff has caught the spirit of fun and volunteerism, knowing that any tips to the cops are **additional** to their normal gratuities.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO YOU  
AND YOUR WAIT STAFF  
FOR CONSIDERING THIS PROJECT