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Hello PDA Players, Families and Coaches!

I want to thank you for your continued support of Special Olympics New Jersey! Year after year, the Players Development Academy family has rallied around the annual soccer marathon that has benefitted us and our mission, which is...

*To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.*



The two athletes pictured are just two of the more than 26,000 New Jersey athletes who benefit from the hard work and generosity put forward by the PDA. Because of your support and other PDA families, we are able to keep our **programs FREE to our athletes.**

Every person and every dollar make an impact! I welcome you to visit our website ([www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org)) to learn how you can volunteer. Come out and see where your fundraising efforts go. We have over 300 events annually that are either athlete driven or fundraising special events. There is a volunteer position for everyone.

Thank you again for your efforts and continued support of helping us celebrate the abilities of our athletes, not their disabilities.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather B. Andersen".

Heather Andersen  
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