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**Oakland Raiders Golf Tournament Raises \$170,000
for Special Olympics Northern California**

PLEASANTON, May 30, 2008 — The Oakland Raiders raised more than \$170,000 for Special Olympics Northern California as part of the 3rd Annual Raiders Golf Classic May 29 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

More than 200 golfers were paired with Oakland Raiders players, legends and coaches to play a round of golf and celebrate the achievements of local Special Olympics athletes. Proceeds from this year's event will help underwrite costs associated with the upcoming Special Olympics Summer Games held June 6-8 at University of California, Berkeley.

"We are so fortunate the Raiders were able to help us once again this year," said Jill Osur, Senior Vice President of Special Olympics Northern California. "Our programs are free for our athletes and their families. This money will help us reach more of the 74,000 individuals who are developmentally disabled in Northern California, many of whom would benefit from participation in our Special Olympics programs."

This year's event was packed with giveaways and contests on almost every hole, such as longest drive, hole-in-one, accuracy drive and longest putt. While making their way through the 18-hole course, golfers enjoyed food and beverages, received Raiders-signed memorabilia, and were encouraged by the Raiderettes. More than 40 Raider legends, including Ben Davidson, Willie Brown, Ted Hendricks, Jim Plunkett, Eric Allen and Tom Flores were out on the course as celebrity captains on the foursomes, as were current players and coaches Lane Kiffin, Ronald Curry, Darren McFadden and Sabastain Janikowski to name a few.

Raiders' legend Tom Flores, who has been involved with Special Olympics for over 28 years, was back again for the third year to raise money for Special Olympics athletes.

"Special Olympics gives developmentally disabled kids and adults opportunities that they typically would not have." Flores said. "I know how important training and competition can be in a person's life, so I'm not surprised how Special Olympics can positively affect the lives of so many people. Raising money at this tournament helps ensure that good work will continue and I'm proud to be a part of this great event."



Following a successful Raiders Golf Tournament, Special Olympics turns its attention to its largest single athletic event in Northern California – the 2008 Summer Games. More than 900 Special Olympics athletes from throughout Northern California will be descending on the Cal Campus to compete for gold in aquatics, track & field, bocce, tennis and volleyball.

Preceding the two-day competition there will be Opening Ceremonies, presented by AT&T, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, and hosted by Wolf, 95.7. **The Opening Ceremonies will feature live performances from Country Vocalist Collin Raye and world-renowned performance artist David Garibaldi.** To find out more information about this free event, visit www.sonc.org/summergames

Special Olympics Northern California is a free year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with developmental disabilities. More than 13,000 athletes compete in over 170 competitions throughout the region in 19 sports. Programs are free to all eligible athletes. Financial support comes almost exclusively from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations. Find out how you can be a fan and visit www.SONC.org.

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