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Becoming Independent and Santa Rosa Junior College partner to bring Olympics to Santa Rosa

Educational stalwarts share mission of inclusion

Santa Rosa, CA – July 24, 2017 – Becoming Independent (BI), the region’s largest nonprofit serving people with disabilities, will host the BI Olympics at Santa Rosa Junior College’s (SRJC’s) Bailey Field on Friday, August 11. Sixty athletes will compete in eight events that will include both individual and team sports. Opening ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m., with an Award Ceremony commencing at 1:00.

BI and SRJC have a long-standing partnership as two of the region’s top educators. For over two decades, BI and SRJC have enjoyed a strong relationship that currently enables 370 adults to receive specialized instruction in courses designed to provide learning opportunities in vocational and independent living skills. In addition, most instructors at BI are SRJC qualified.

“We’re delighted to once again be hosting the BI Olympics at the Santa Rosa Junior College’s Baily Field,” says Luana Vaetoe, CEO of Becoming Independent. “The SRJC is one of BI’s strongest partners, and I can’t image a more perfect venue for the BI Olympics. It’s partnerships like ours that allow BI to continue realizing its purpose: elevating human abilities for the mutual benefit of our community. Let the games begin!”

“SRJC is happy to support Becoming Independent through the BI Olympics. Both organizations are dedicated to helping our community members work toward achieving their dreams,” said Dr. Frank Chong, SRJC Superintendent and President.

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