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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your recent gift on May 5, 2022. Your generosity will make such a wonderful difference for us in New York, and for athletes like Mackenzie.

Mackenzie's journey with Special Olympics began with soccer, but it evolved into something bigger when her coach saw something special in her: natural-born leadership skills. Coach Aspen had Mackenzie lead practices. Then she gave her greater responsibilities on the field. And when Mackenzie saw how her peers looked to her as a leader, she truly started to thrive.

In fact, today Mackenzie is on the Board of Directors of her state Special Olympics, and has become the first person with intellectual disabilities to serve as a co-chair on any Special Olympics Board. "I thought sports were my outlet, but they're not," Mackenzie says. "It's being a leader in our community. It's being able to be a voice for other athletes."

Special Olympics athletes remind us every day of the importance of our mission. And your ongoing support helps us provide sports training and competitions that inspire health, joy and confidence.

Thank you for caring and being part of our family.

Sincerely,

Stacey B. Hengsterman
President & CEO
Special Olympics New York

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