



**Special Olympics**  
*New Jersey*

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## **Special Olympics New Jersey Announces 2009 Award Honorees** *Athletes and volunteers honored at annual awards dinner in Princeton.*

LAWRENCEVILLE – Special Olympics New Jersey honored individuals and groups for their dedication and commitment to the mission of Special Olympics at their annual Awards Dinner at the Westin Princeton, November 20.

The honorees included:

**Hall of Fame**

Lindsay Fulop of Lavalette  
Della Porter of Hamilton

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Alex MacDonald of Harrison

**Law Enforcement Torch Run Wall of Recognition Induction**

William Zika of Hillsdale

**Bessie Perlman Achievement**

Susan Borrelli of Flemington

**S. Michael Higgins Special Olympics Scholarship**

Christopher Gaimari of Hammonton

**Outstanding Athlete in Fall Sports**

Yoav Nessim of Milltown

**Outstanding Athlete in Winter Sports**

Michael Hughes of Hillsborough

**Outstanding Athlete in Spring Sports**

Frank Williams of Lincroft

**Outstanding Athlete in Summer Sports**

Brian Cannavina of Morris Plains

**Outstanding Local Training Program**

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**Volunteer of the Year – Chapter Level**

Ellen Bombolis of Sunset Beach, NC

**Volunteer of the Year – Area Level**

John Fletcher of Plainsboro

**Outstanding Volunteer Group**

NJ Natural Gas

**Outstanding Coach – Chapter Level**

Cherie Daddis of Bloomfield

**Outstanding Coach – Area Level**

Lauren Kisiel of Ocean City

**Family of the Year**

The Licata Family of East Brunswick

*For more information on the honorees, or photos from the evening, please contact Doreen Pustizzi, Senior Director of Communication, at (609) 896-8000, ext 274, or DLP@sonj.org.*

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***Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, 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.***