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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA HONORS CHESTER COUNTY ATHLETE FOR UNIFIED ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

(Norristown, PA, September 22, 2020) – Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) recently honored Kristine Stout, a Chester County Local Program athlete, during its Virtual Leadership Awards on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Each year, this award is presented to the Unified Athlete who in the previous program year demonstrated outstanding commitment to the principles of Special Olympics sports training and competition. The nominee contributes to his/her unified team by making a commitment to the team, knowing and playing by the rules of the sport, doing their best without dominating the game and being a good teammate and team player.

Stout currently participates in three SOPA sports, including alpine skiing, athletics and Unified soccer. She strives to be the best teammate that she can be by encouraging her fellow athletes and engaging with her unified partners. She is also the first to welcome new teammates and Unified partners with open arms.

While this year has been challenging for Stout, she has been able to channel her focus into the Unified Soccer team and consistently work to get better. She always volunteers to lead drills and hold herself accountable for completing all the workouts and staying in shape.

In the words of one of her fellow teammates, “She consistently works very hard to improve her skills, always has a positive attitude, and is tenacious when it comes to playing soccer! Kristine never quits, and has been a wonderful member of our team for the past three years.”

About The SOPA Leadership Awards

SOPA Leadership Award recipients were chosen by a statewide panel of business and community leaders representing both the private and nonprofit sectors. Nominations come from local Special Olympics programs throughout Pennsylvania. The event is part of a yearly Leadership Conference designed to provide ongoing training and recognition for Special Olympics athletes and volunteers.

About Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round training and competition to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in a variety of Olympic-type sports, 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. For more information

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