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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PROGRAM MANAGER HONORED BY SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
PENNSYLVANIA AS MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

**(Norristown, PA, September 22, 2020)** – Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) recently honored Amanda Sechrist, a Northampton County Local Program volunteer, during its Virtual Leadership Awards on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Each year, this award is presented to a Manager who in the previous program year demonstrated outstanding commitment to the goals, mission, and philosophy of Special Olympics. The manager’s accomplishments in the areas of team management, recruitment, program development, volunteer motivation, supervision, skills and delegation of responsibilities demonstrate the cooperative spirit of Special Olympics and ensure the continued growth of the program.

Sechrist is a champion who is continually working to expose Special Olympics to the greater community. She is known for her patience, generosity, supportive nature, and works tirelessly to recruit new coaches, athletes and volunteers into the movement. Since becoming manager two years ago, she has been dedicated to the success of her program’s athletes and families by constantly staying in touch with them and promptly responding to any questions or concerns they may have. She has been praised by her program for her commitment to making sure everyone is aware of practice and competition schedules and are apprised of practice venues well in advance of their sports seasons.

In addition, Sechrist has secured financial and in-kind donations through her relentless pursuit of grants and gifts. She continually works to introduce Special Olympics to the greater community by coordinating speaking engagements for athletes at various community events where the athletes learn the importance of public speaking, community involvement, and are integral to garnering public support. She leads her program with incredible organization and leadership skills.

“Most recently, Amanda served as the Head of Delegation for the state tournament at Penn State University. She was incredibly supportive, organized, and above all was there when and if we needed her,” said her fellow management team member.

**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 in 22 Olympic-type sports to more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. For more information on how the movement inspires greatness, visit our Web site at

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