

## MEMORANDUM

January 29, 2014

TO: Members of MVSEC Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Carla Cumblad, Executive Director

RE: Special Olympics, Young Athletes Grant

As announced at an earlier Board meeting, Mid-Valley's Early Childhood New Pathways Program was awarded a Young Athletes Award from Special Olympics, Illinois. This award has provided materials and lesson plans to help our young athletes acquire important fundamental movement and play skills. Their culminating event will be held on May 8 at Fox Ridge Elementary School. We hope you will all be able to drop in to share their success this year!

We are grateful to Paulette Ollie, who has a lifetime commitment to Special Olympics and has been instrumental in bringing this program to life.

We are also grateful to Ann Van Zandt, the principal at Fox Ridge for her leadership and commitment to diversity and the Special Olympics. Because of the culture of sharing, Paulette was able to obtain a further grant of \$500 to purchase more materials for the students in other District 303 Early Childhood classes at Fox Ridge and into the New Pathways Program at Munhall Elementary School.