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**Boston Moving Company Sponsors Special Olympics World Games Athlete**

*Olympia Moving & Storage, a premier Boston moving company, sponsors local athlete Amanda Church and her trip to Special Olympics World Games.*

WATERTOWN, Mass. - Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete Amanda Church is one of only seven athletes representing Massachusetts and the United States at the Special Olympics World Games this year. World Games will be the largest sporting event in 2015, featuring over 7,000 athletes from 177 countries. The Games begin July 25<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles.

Amanda has been competing with Special Olympics since 1998. She has won numerous gold medals and was inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame in 2012.

Olympia Moving & Storage will be sponsoring Amanda and her trip to the 2015 World Games. Amanda will be representing team USA in both breaststroke and freestyle aquatics events. According to Amanda, "This is a dream come true for me as I've wanted to compete in World Games for a long time. With the help of my coaches I know I will be ready to swim for the gold this summer. I am very excited for the opportunities that attending World Games and representing my country will give me."

Outside of her athletic achievements, Amanda is a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Massachusetts, representing the organization at fund-raising events and in the media. She has worked for several years, both as an intern for Special Olympics Massachusetts and as a receptionist for a law firm in Quincy, MA. Amanda lives independently with the LIFE program.

Olympia Moving & Storage has been the official logistics sponsor for Special Olympics Massachusetts since 2013. The professional moving company, located in Watertown, MA, has partnered with Special Olympics to donate services and financial contributions. In 2014 the company's total financial commitment to the organization exceeded fifty thousand dollars.

"Through our work with Special Olympics Massachusetts, our team has seen firsthand what focus and dedication can accomplish," says Michael Gilmartin, President of Olympia Moving & Storage. "Amanda exemplifies the strength of character that we try and instill in our employees. On a personal level I am inspired by her journey and achievements."

"Special Olympics Massachusetts is honored to have sponsors like Olympia," says Amanda. "Without their help my fellow athletes and I would not be able to do what we love to do best."

Olympia's \$5,000 sponsorship will help to cover training and travel expenses for Amanda. The moving company will be cheering on Amanda and her teammates as they prepare to represent the United States in the World Games. Olympia will also report on Amanda's training on their website and social media.



### **About Olympia Moving & Storage**

Olympia Moving & Storage is a full-service moving company in Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, DC. Since its inception in 1993, Olympia has built an unparalleled reputation for delivering exceptional local moving, interstate moving and international moving services. In addition to residential moves, Olympia offers specialized services for companies preparing for an office move. Olympia Moving is the preferred mover for numerous universities, law firms and real estate organizations. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in our 96% customer satisfaction rate and our numerous awards. For more information, visit <http://www.olympiamoving.com> or call 800-222-4744.

### **About Special Olympics**

Through year-round sports training and athletic competition and other related programming for more than 3.2 million children and adults with intellectual disabilities in more than 150 countries to include over 11,000 Massachusetts athletes, Special Olympics has created a model community that celebrates people's diverse gifts. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship. There is no cost to participate in Special Olympics. Visit Special Olympics Massachusetts at <http://www.specialolympicsma.org>.