A New Champion Emerges for Special Olympics

The Special Olympics of Broward County has a new type of champion thanks to University School student Meredith Adams. As the president and founder of the University School Special Olympics Club, Meredith mobilized students and raised nearly $2,500 in just six months. The resulting proceeds provided new uniforms to all Broward County Special Olympic athletes receive new uniforms.

While making a difference is a reward in-of-itself, Meredith and USchool’s newest service club has received special acknowledgement for the students’ efforts.

The Special Olympics of Broward Country recognized Meredith as the “Youth Volunteer of the Year Runner Up” and presented the University School Special Olympics Club with “Gold Sponsor” recognition and a trophy for its participation, dedication and contribution.

In addition, the Florida High School Athletic Association selected Meredith to represent the region at the state convention this fall, citing her academic, athletic and community service achievements, as well as fulfillment of her mission and a written presentation.

Adams’ special-needs brother Ross inspired her to start USchool’s Special Olympics club. Ross is legally blind and unable to move one arm.

“If you squint one eye, close the other and keep your hand in your pocket, that’s how my brother sees the world,” Adams explains.

Ross continues to inspire the club to devise new fundraising ideas. Recent creative efforts included an ipad raffle, bake sale, pizza sale, and participation in the US Key Club and NSU’s Run with Joe Jonas to Support Special Olympics.