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CHRIS BURT HIRED AS METRO AND SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mission, KS – Special Olympics Kansas has announced that Chris Burt has been hired as the Metro and Southeast Regional Director. He replaces Terri Price, who has assumed the role of VP of Health and Education.

The position will manage all phases of the Special Olympics Kansas program for athletes, coaches, volunteers, family members, sponsors and media in 13 counties of the Metro Region, and 12 counties in the Southeast Region. In addition to the KC Metro area on the Kansas side, some of the cities include Lawrence, Pittsburg, Iola, Chanute, Leavenworth, and Paola. Currently there are 958 Special Olympics athletes in the SE region and 1,415 in Metro, which are included in the 5,165 participants state-wide.

Burt stated, “I have a passion for Special Olympics instilled in me by my dad who was involved in special needs education for many years. I look forward to putting my skills and experience towards enhancing programs for this amazing organization.” Burt has served on the SOKS Games Management Team for the Metro Region the past few years. He started his position on February 2.

Tim Rehder, Sr. VP of Programs stated, “With Chris’ mix of Special Olympics volunteering, event management and coaching experience, he will be a valuable addition to the organization. We look forward to working with him and share his excitement for the future of the Special Olympics athletes.”

Burt graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.A. with Sports Management Concentration. He received his masters from UMKC in Marketing. He has nearly 10 years of experience in sport and event management. He previously worked with the National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America as Chief Marketing Officer and is a member of the Roeland Park Parks and Trees Committee. He and his wife Rhae live in Roeland Park with their rescue dog, Jem. Rhae is a Client Executive for Cerner. Their hobbies include traveling, movies and Kansas City sports events.

ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS:

Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete...and more...through acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs and leadership development.

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