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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Addison Park Board Recognizes Special Athletes**

**Addison, Illinois. August 5, 2008**— Six Addison residents with disabilities were honored by the Addison Board of Park Commissioners at its July 28 public board meeting. The Board unanimously passed Resolution 08-R-07 recognizing the achievements of ‘Addison Recreation Athletes and Special Olympians’.

Five athletes qualified for, and medaled in, the **Special Olympics State Summer Games**, June 13-15, 2008 at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, by placing 1<sup>st</sup> in area competitions in their respective sports. The athletes are regular participants in Special Olympics programs offered by the **Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA)** and the **Addison Park District**. A sixth athlete, **Katrina Daly**, was recognized by the Board for throwing out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch at the July 23 Schaumburg Flyers game. Katrina is also a long-time athlete in NEDSRA athletic programs for the disabled and a veteran of the NEDSRA Cheerleading Squad

#### **Special Olympians**

**Jeremy Aversing** – Bocce Traditional Singles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Michael Klufetos** – Bocce Traditional Singles, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Bocce Traditional Doubles, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Guadalupe Garcia** – Womens Gymnastics, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, All Around; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Vaulting; 4<sup>th</sup> place Balance Beam; and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Uneven Bars.

**Patti Downs** – Track & Field, Athletic Softball Throw, 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The Addison Park District Board of Commissioners has been working with the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) for over 30 years and is committed to serving its residents with disabilities.

NEDSRA currently offers Special Olympics, Adaptive and Unified programs in 14 sports including bocce, cheerleading, bowling, swim, gymnastics, track and field, power lifting, soccer, tennis, volleyball, golf, softball, basketball, and floor hockey. NEDSRA’s athletes have participated in Special Olympics programs for more than 30 years, and they continue to excel and be recognized in local, state, and national Special Olympics competitions.

In addition to working with the Addison Park District, NEDSRA also serves children and adults with disabilities in conjunction with Bensenville Park District, Butterfield Park District, Village of Glendale Heights, Itasca Park District, Lombard Park District, Medinah Park District, Oakbrook Terrace Park District, Village of Schiller Park, Village of Villa Park, and Wood Dale Park District. For more information about NEDSRA programs for people with disabilities, visit our website at [www.nedsra.org](http://www.nedsra.org) or call 630-620-4500.

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**Photo Caption:** Katrina Daly (center), pictured here with Addison Park District Director Mark McKinnon (left), unidentified Schaumburg Flyer, and Carrie Henry, NEDSRA Program Manager (right).

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