

## **TEAMSTERS SUPPORT OHIO'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Westlake resident Tim Patton and his wife Kathy recently sponsored a fund raiser with the help of Cleveland's own Iron Chef Michael Symon. The purpose of the event was to help raise funds for Medina resident Eric Safarz and his quest to pay for expenses to participate in the Special Olympics National Games being held in Lincoln Nebraska.

Joint Council President Gary M. Tiboni and International Vice President at Large Al Mixon were in attendance for this special event along with approximately thirty additional couples.

The Teamsters are asking all who would like to support Eric and help him reach his goal, to please forward donations to the address listed below in his biography. If more money is collected than Eric needs for his expenses, the excess funds will be used towards expenses for other Special Olympians from Ohio who otherwise would not be able to compete in the National Games.

Thank you for your consideration for this bright young man.

### **ERIC SAFARZ** **OHIO'S SPECIAL GOLFER**

Eric resides in Medina County Ohio and works two part time jobs. He holds a receptionist position at the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. There he greets guests and answers the phone. He also works for Bob Evans for the past 12 years.

Over 12 years ago he decided to participate in Special Olympics. He tried many sports such as Basketball, Tennis, Softball, Swimming and Golf. He finally found the sports he loves. Six years ago began competing as an individual golfer. For the second year in a row he won the Gold Medal for Golf at the State Games.

Soon after the 2009 State Games he found out the he was chosen to participate in the Special Olympics National Games being held this coming July 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is a great honor, as there are a number of golfers in the State of Ohio competing for this spot.

Thanks to Special Olympics, his life has been enriched. Eric has already started practicing putting and will continue to work hard to improve his game. His dream is to one day win the Title at the National Games and to represent the USA/Ohio in the Special Olympics International Games being held in Europe.

If anyone would like to donate to this worthy cause they can make their checks payable to: Medina County Special Olympics. In the Memo section please write in Eric Safarz.

The checks can be mailed to:  
**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**c/o KATHY MILLER/ SPECIAL OLYMPICS COORDINATOR**  
**4691 WINDFALL ROAD**  
**MEDINA, OHIO 44256**



*With Thanks*

Thank You  
For Making  
My Dream.

Come True

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