

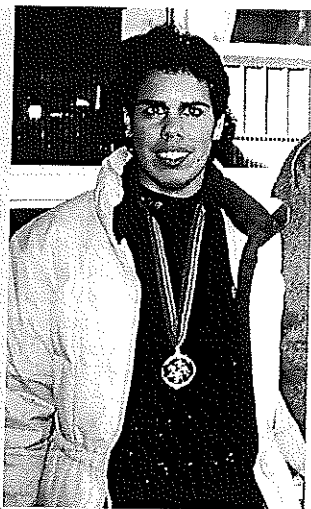
*"Let me win,
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt."*

Athlete Profile: Maria Kimball

Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete, Maria Kimball, has been involved in Special Olympics through Greater Marlboro Programs Inc. (GMPI) since 1992. Special Olympics Massachusetts and GMPI have given Maria a wonderfully fulfilling life that she thoroughly enjoys, according to her coaches.

Maria has overcome many obstacles in her life starting when she was a baby. Joan Kimball was a nurse at Boston City Hospital and met Maria when she was just 15 months old. Joan fell in love with Maria and brought her home to Westborough where Maria has lived ever since. Maria graduated from Westborough Public Schools and now works at Papa Gino's in Westborough. She is part of a large, loving family including her parents, three sisters, one brother, a grandmother, seven nieces and three nephews.

Before work each day, Maria baby-sits for her younger nieces and nephews who are not yet in school. Most evenings Maria can be found on the GMPI van going someplace "wonderful." She has a positive attitude about life, has become much more independent through Special Olympics and enjoys many friendships she has made by getting involved in Special Olympics and GMPI.



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Dear Special Olympics Massachusetts Supporters:

On behalf of the Worcester Sharks Professional Hockey Club, and our arena, the DCU Center, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome to the 2007 Special Olympics Massachusetts Winter Games athletes, their families and friends, staff and volunteers, and the fans who will come out to support this great group of athletes.

Special Olympics holds an important place in our organization's heart. Many of the Sharks personnel have been involved with Special Olympics most of their lives. Special Olympics Massachusetts is the next chapter in our franchise's support for a group that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in many well-coached Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities.

The skill, drive, passion and emotion of the athletes that will compete during the events is amazing. Sports have always been a great way to bring people together and can be used as a springboard for other successes.

The Sharks, along with the City of Worcester and the DCU Center, are proud to host the Opening Ceremony of the 2007 Winter Games. We feel privileged to be the first to welcome these tremendous athletes to Worcester and congratulate them on their success.

We offer good luck and best wishes to all the athletes and our thanks to our new partner, Special Olympics Massachusetts, for a tremendous job.

Best Regards,

Michael J. Lehr,
President and CEO