



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Special Olympics Oklahoma Athlete and Volunteer Run the Half Marathon**

*Oklahoma City.* Chris Paynter, Special Olympics Oklahoma athlete and Julie Moore, Special Olympics volunteer will run in the Half Marathon in Oklahoma City on Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Chris Paynter has been competing in Special Olympics Oklahoma events since he was eight years old. He is also a Global Messenger and gives speeches about his experiences as a Special Olympics athlete.

Chris Paynter will be attending Special Olympics Oklahoma Summer Games in Stillwater, Oklahoma May 11-13, 2011. Chris will run with the Law Enforcement Torch Run to the State Capitol on May 11 in the morning and will be in Stillwater to compete in Powerlifting at Gallagher Iba Arena at 11:00 a.m.. He will also compete on Thursday and Friday in Bocce at the Boone Pickens Stadium.

Julie Moore is a volunteer with Special Olympics Oklahoma and is the Director for the Young Athletes *Stars of the Future* program for new athletes ages 4 through 7.

Julie Moore will be at the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies and lead the Young Athletes *Stars of the Future* in the Parade of Athletes at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. She will then be directing the *Stars of the Future* event on Thursday, May 12 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Soccer Practice Field at Oklahoma State University.

#### Media

For interviews or to learn more about Chris and Julie please call:

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