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Eunice Kennedy Shriver Legacy Honored by Special Olympics Oklahoma on September 24th

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sept. 23, 2011. Special Olympics Oklahoma is proud to announce and celebrate Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day (**EKS Day**), **September 24, 2011**. More than two years have passed since Special Olympics lost its founder and lifelong advocate for people with intellectual disabilities, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Her unrelenting indomitable spirit proved that one person could make a difference and change the world. Still her vision and legacy lives on as Special Olympics Oklahoma now proudly serves more than 9,500 athletes throughout the state.

EKS Day is an annual celebration of her life and a global call challenging everyone to *"Play Unified to Live Unified"* because Mrs. Shriver taught us that on the playing field, we forget about our differences and recognize our mutual humanity. This day has been created to inspire new fans to experience her legacy and embrace the movement she founded in her backyard. What started as an inclusive sports camp in the early 1960s has blossomed into a worldwide movement transforming lives in more than 170 countries.

Governor Mary Fallin has signed a proclamation naming September 24, 2011 as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in Oklahoma.

Visit www.eksdays.org to learn more about Eunice Kennedy Shriver.



Governor Mary Fallin presenting EKS Day proclamation to Cathi Morris, Program Services Manager, Special Olympics Oklahoma; Chris Paynter, Special Olympics Oklahoma athlete; Governor Mary Fallin; Heather Hancock, Special Olympics Oklahoma athlete and 2011 Athlete of the Year; and Curtis Boyer, Special Olympics Oklahoma Bocce and Horseshoes Sports Director and Boomer Sooner Area Director.
