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**Mauldin Police Department Hosting Gold Medal Gala May 14 to benefit
Special Olympics South Carolina**

MAULDIN, S.C. — The Mauldin Police Department will host the Gold Medal Gala presented by Sauer Brands on Thursday, May 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Grand Holland Estate in Simpsonville. The evening of elegance, impact and community will support more than 30,000 Special Olympics athletes across South Carolina through the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Tickets for the event are \$100 for a single ticket or \$175 for two tickets, available [here](#).

“The Gold Medal Gala is about more than a single night of celebration — it’s about recognizing the determination, joy and perseverance of Special Olympics athletes and ensuring they continue to have opportunities to thrive,” said Sgt. Harley Sefcik, who organized the event. “At the Mauldin Police Department, we believe in serving *all* members of our community, and supporting Special Olympics aligns directly with our mission of inclusion, respect, and compassion. These athletes inspire us through their resilience and sense of unity, and we’re proud to stand alongside them and help advance a cause that builds confidence, creates connections and changes lives.”

The gala brings together law enforcement, local business leaders and Special Olympics athletes to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run’s mission of acceptance and inclusion. Every dollar raised will benefit Special Olympics South Carolina, supporting the organization’s year-round programs that provide athletic training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The event will include fine dining, dancing, curated live and silent auctions, and the opportunity to sponsor a Special Olympics athlete by covering their training and competition costs. Attire is Black and White Tie.

The program is as follows:

6:00 pm | Welcome and Check-In, Open Bar and Hors D'oeuvres

6:00-7:30 pm | Silent Auction

7:30 pm | Silent Auction Ends and Dinner Begins

8:30 pm | Sponsor an Athlete and Live Auction

9:00-10:00 pm | Dancing and Entertainment by Super Joe LaStringer

The gala is supported by a \$20,000 donation from Sauer Brands, based in Mauldin.

“The Special Olympics embodies inclusion, empowerment, and opportunity – values that resonate deeply with our team,” Sauer Brands HR Manager Demetria McGee said. “Supporting athletes of all abilities isn’t just charitable giving for us; it’s a commitment to strengthening the communities where our employees and customers live and work. Seeing how these programs transform lives made it clear that this is an organization we want to stand behind.”

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the [Facebook event here](#).

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