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Mr. Charles Murray  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

In this season of giving thanks, Monty and I are writing to thank you for your generosity. Your support of individuals with intellectual disabilities through Special Olympics is making such a difference and really changing lives.

For 42 years, we've been using the power of sport to give individuals with intellectual disabilities new opportunities and possibilities to reach beyond their dreams.

We're changing lives of athletes like Jacquelyn Mason, whose friend Mary Jane Welton tells us: "Special Olympics helps the kids like Jacquelyn to believe in themselves and to shine. The change is remarkable, unbelievable and wonderful."

Today with your help, Special Olympics has grown to nearly 3.5 million athletes, more than 250,000 coaches and 805,000 volunteers in Florida and across 170 countries around the world. They train in the 32 Olympic-style sports and come together in more than 44,000 formal competitions annually.

So as we near the end of the year, it's important to celebrate the athletes throughout Florida and around the world who are at the center of this life-changing Special Olympics movement. Their achievement, courage, joy and dignity are the core of our inspiration. Sport brings it all to life, but it is the power of joy, bravery, love and human spirit that is transforming millions of lives and communities around the world.

Again, we can't thank you enough for the life-changing impact of your support. We hope you'll think about sending us a year-end gift, but I have more to share with you.

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