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Indoor Track Meet brings together Mayor Berry, City of Albuquerque, and Special Olympics for fifth year

[Albuquerque, NM] – Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) announces the fifth annual Mayor’s Indoor Track Invitational, Saturday March 8th at the Albuquerque Convention Center presented by Bank of Albuquerque.

For the fifth year in a row, Mayor Richard Berry, in partnership with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, will host this unique event for New Mexico’s Special Olympics athletes. This Saturday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, athletes from four communities in the state will come together as the only Special Olympics program in the country with the opportunity to participate in Track and Field events on an indoor track.

“One of the most meaningful gifts anyone can provide a Special Olympics athlete is the opportunity to participate,” stated SONM Executive Director Randy Mascarella. “The fact that Mayor Berry gives our state’s Special Olympics athletes the chance to run on one of our nation’s best indoor tracks is truly awesome. We are so grateful for his passion for our organization and his support for our athletes.”

In 2010, Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry, and the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department announced a partnership called "ABQ Team FIT," which allows for competition days at the indoor track stadium for SONM and the Great S.W. Track and Field. Members of the partnership include the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, UNM, Albuquerque Convention Visitor’s Bureau, USA Track and Field, SONM, and the Great S.W. Track and Field.

The 2014 Mayor’s Invitational Indoor Track Meet is made possible through monetary and/or volunteer contributions from Bank of Albuquerque, who has been the presenting sponsor of this event for five years; City of Albuquerque Department of Parks and Recreation; and University of New Mexico Athletics, who provide day-of-event volunteers to assist SONM athletes throughout the day.

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