



Arnold Visits Vancouver

(Photo: Special Olympics British Columbia)

California (USA) Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger along with British Columbia Premier Campbell and Vancouver Mayor Sullivan took part in a Special Olympics event in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on May 31. The Governor also presented the Spirit of Sport Award to Katarina Gerhardt, from Special Olympics British Columbia – Kelowna (photo). It is a tradition for the Governor and Maria Shriver to meet with Special Olympics athletes and their families when they visit foreign cities.



Katarina Gerhardt exemplifies the “Spirit of Sport”

Katarina Gerhardt has been a Special Olympics athlete for 17 years. She competes in aquatics, soccer, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, rhythmic gymnastics, softball and athletics. She’ll be competing in the 2008 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Quebec City. Coaches rave about her positive attitude and infectious smile. She’s also a vocal advocate, from luncheons to live radio broadcasts, of Special Olympics in her community.

Did we mention fundraising? She’s a dazzler! Gerhardt has set fundraising records for selling the most raffle tickets for the recent SAFEWAY- “Miles bring Smiles” Campaign. She has also participated in STAPLES – “Give a dollar share a dream” and WAL-MART’s – “Free the Fuzz,” among others.

Athlete, speaker and fundraiser, Gerhardt has plenty of spunk and spirit.

Special Olympics Canada athlete Aaron Schlogl gets a hand from Governor Schwarzenegger and British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell for his weightlifting demonstration.
(Photo: Duncan McIntosh, Office of Governor Schwarzenegger)