

## **Special Olympians Honored as Grand Marshals for 2024 Parade of Lights in Downtown Naperville**

**Naperville, IL** — The Rotary Club of Naperville is proud to announce that the **Grand Marshals for this year's 2024 Parade of Lights** will be local Special Olympians from the Naperville area. "During the Paris Olympics, there was extensive coverage of athletes who were Naperville natives. The Rotary Club of Naperville decided to celebrate our local Special Olympians who also make us proud of our hometown," said Jacque Clermont, President of the Rotary Club. **Mayor Scott Wherli and his family** will join in honoring these remarkable athletes, adding to the excitement and community pride at this year's event.

Adding to the festive spirit, the Rotary Club is introducing the **Santa Experience Raffle**. "The Holiday Parade of Lights is a 'Parade with a Purpose,' with all net proceeds benefiting local nonprofits that support our community in meaningful ways," explained Clermont. The raffle offers the public a chance to win one of two fantastic prizes:

1. **The opportunity to ride with Santa and Mrs. Claus** on the premier float in the parade.
2. **Reserved seating on the main broadcast/review stage** at Jackson and Webster Streets, providing the perfect view of the holiday magic.

Raffle winners may gift their prize to family or friends, spreading the joy and spirit of the season even further.

The Rotary Club encourages businesses and organizations to join the festivities through parade entries or sponsorships. Those interested can find registration details at [www.NapervilleRotaryParade.org](http://www.NapervilleRotaryParade.org).

For those who wish to support the cause directly, donations can also be made by texting "**give**" to **630-580-1644**.

Join us on **Friday, November 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM** in downtown Naperville for a magical evening filled with hometown pride, holiday lights, and community spirit!

For additional details, visit [www.NapervilleRotaryParade.org](http://www.NapervilleRotaryParade.org).