**Development Report**

**February 2018**

**Grants and Proposals**

* UnitedHealthcare -- $25,000 check received
* Dubuque Racing Association grant has been submitted ($25,000)
* Prairie Meadows grant has been submitted
* Wells Fargo will be submitted for $30,000 in March to get commitment before Summer Games
* Hy-Vee proposal will be submitted in February for Statewide Partnership
* Sammons Financial proposal will be submitted in February/March

**Mid-Winter tournament fundraising efforts**

University of Iowa Community Credit Union – working on a larger partnership (last year $1,000)

Fareway – will be supporting at least at the venue sponsorship at $5,000

**Summer Games Fundraising efforts**

Start to get Summer Games fundraising started – Meetings and solicitations will start in March

Goal of $60,000

**Gourmet Gala**

June 9th

Looking for SOIA Table Hosts

Table host $1,000 – invite up to 10 guests to enjoy a culinary experience and wine tasting

--$250 for wine pairing

**Tailgate for Teammates**

Date is set for October 6 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

**Other**

* We have received notification that we will be receiving a payout for the estate of Grace Amemiya, parent of athlete and volunteer from some of the first ever SOIA events

***LETR Fundraisers***

**Dodgeball –** Norwalk Police Department hosted the 4th Annual Dodgeball Tournament in Norwalk. There were 21 teams that went back in time to relive their elementary school days with a good ole fashion game of dodgeball! More than $10,000 was raised.

**Torch Run Dance –** The Annual Torch Run Extravaganza & Auction was held Saturday, February 3rd from 6:00pm – 10:00pm at the World Food Prize Building in downtown Des Moines. DMPD held a dance competition that are very own Circle of Friends from Marshalltown won! There were 10 local high school dance teams that participated. Congrats to Circle of Friends!

**Polar Plunges –** register at [www.soiowa.org/plunge](http://www.soiowa.org/plunge)

* + Warren County – February 24
	+ Council Bluffs – March 24
	+ Ames Greek Week Polar Plunge (non LETR) – April
	+ Cedar Rapids – TBA
	+ Iowa City – April 14
	+ Waterloo/Cedar Falls – April 14

**Texas Roadhouse Luncheon –** Thursday, April 5 from 11:00am – 2:00pm Texas Roadhouse statewide will open their doors during the lunch hour and serve a “free” meal. Law Enforcement officers will be on hand to greet, serve and bus tables as customers make a donation for their meal. All funds benefit Special Olympics. Please mark your calendar and take the office to lunch on Thursday, April 5.

**Plane Pull** – The Lohse Family Foundation presents the fourth annual Plane Pull fundraiser on **June 23rd** at the Des Moines International Airport. Teams consist of 10 members and will be a minimum fundraising goal of $500/team. Get your team registered today at [www.soiowa.org/planepull](http://www.soiowa.org/planepull)

**Casey’s –** We are very excited to announce that we will be partnering again with Casey’s. The month of June Casey’s will be selling icons and will have a photo of law enforcement officers/special Olympics athletes on 44oz fountain cups. We have more than 500 stores in Iowa. Please visit your local Casey’s stores in June and thank the manager for their support and encourage them to sell the $1 icons.