Town of Brookhaven's Fourth Annual "Polar Plunge" Raises Record Breaking $137,000 to Benefit Special Olympics

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Pictured left to right are Councilwoman Jane Bonner; Special Olympic Athletes Daniel Fletcher and Greg Ficara, and Supervisor Edward P. Romaine.

Councilwoman Jane Bonner celebrates after taking the "plunge.

Over 800 plungers were "freezin' for a reason" at Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai

Farmingville, NY - On November 23, the Town of Brookhaven and the Special Olympics of New York hosted the fourth annual "Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason" at Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai. A record-breaking 800 plungers, including Councilwoman Jane Bonner, and other Town employees, braved the ice cold water of the Long Island sound to collectively raise over $137,000 for the Special Olympics. The team that raised the most money was the "Riverhead Plungers."Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "It was great to see such a large turnout at this year's event. Thanks to the volunteers, plungers, Town employees, fire and ambulance staff who worked so hard, this was the most successful Brookhaven plunge ever. "

"This was my fourth plunge and although the water is freezing, it's rewarding to know that every year it gets bigger and bigger," said Councilwoman Bonner. "I commend the Special Olympics of New York, the volunteers and my fellow plungers for making this year's event a record breaker and allowing dreams to come true for the athletes."

Special Olympics New York, Long Island Region has 4,000 athletes training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports. The athletes and their families or caregivers are never charged to participate. It costs $400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season. For more information about the Special Olympics New York, go to www.specialolympicsny.org

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