

# Special Olympics gets Web site

Ann Arbor-based Web Elite is the Gold Medal Sponsor of the ninth annual "Let Me Win" Classic Golf Tournament to help fund the Washtenaw County chapter of the Special Olympics.

Web Elite has donated the chapter's Web site, offering the organization its first opportunity to be reached by a greater audience.

The site, [www.sowc.org](http://www.sowc.org), will promote and educate its viewers on the programs the Special Olympics organization offers to its athletes. It will also service the over 500 athletes, their families and the coaches that run the many programs year round.

The ninth annual "Let Me Win" Golf Classic was held July 30 at the University of Michigan Golf Course.

Mike Leoni, a former U of M football player, is the chairman and representative for the Washtenaw County Special Olympics management team.

The event is held to raise funds through registration and the auction of donated items.

The funds are used to assist in the cost of sporting events throughout the year and to finance uniforms and transportation to and from events.

More than 144 Michigan community members register each year for this fun-filled day of golf, food, auctions and raffles to show their support.

This year, former U of M football coach Bo Schembechler played to help raise money.

At the July 30 event, \$55,000 was raised.

While the fund-raiser does invite well-known football icons, the organization wants the focus to remain on the children.

"It is their day and their fund-raiser," Leoni said in a press release. "We are here for the kids."

Washtenaw County Special Olympics is a year round, community based sports training and competition program for children and adults with mental retardation.

Competitors must be at least 8 years old. Children between 5

and 8 years old are allowed to train for Special Olympics sports.

Washtenaw County Special Olympics has more than 400 athletes participating in its programs. The organization receives no state or federal funding, but relies solely on contributions of time, material and financing from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the country.

With 18,000 athletes, Michigan has one of the largest and highest quality programs in the nation.

For additional information on the Let Me Win golf event contact 1-734-998-1031.