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Dear Special Olympics Belgium,

Congratulations! You and your team have continued to demonstrate your passion for Special Olympics athletes and their quest for achieving their personal bests on and off the field of competition. **It is my sincerest honor to share that Special Olympics Belgium has achieved year-round inclusive health programming and will have the designation of a Special Olympics Healthy Community through 31 March 2021.** Continued recognition as a Healthy Community will be awarded annually, based on the Health data that you report.

To be a great athlete, you need to be a healthy athlete, but for the millions of people with intellectual disabilities who are denied access to quality health care, this is a major challenge. Thank you for your role in breaking down barriers and changing perceptions through Special Olympics Health, made possible by the Golisano Foundation, and in the United States in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As a recognized Healthy Community, you have made critical contributions to achieving inclusive health for people with intellectual disabilities.

The work of the team in Special Olympics Belgium is continuing to make a difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes, allowing more people to compete at their best, on and off the playing field. Additionally, it is a great achievement to continue to make strides in Belgium toward inclusive health - equitable access to quality health care, education and community services - for people with intellectual disabilities.

We applaud your tireless efforts to increase opportunities for Special Olympics athletes to be healthy. The improved health systems you are developing will have a lasting impact on your community. Together, we continue to strive for truly inclusive communities.

In partnership,

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