

SGT Lori Whillock

Sgt Lori Whillock has been involved with Special Olympics Arkansas for over twenty years. The leadership and passion created a successful base for Area fundraising events, most notably the Polar Plunge has consistently raised over 30,000. While moving around the state in different positions this honoree has still remained active and most importantly passionate. She has represented us on large scale as the Arkansas representative in the 2003 Special Olympics World Games in Ireland. She has always continued to push for growth among her fellow officers.

Recently this inductee was asked why she carries the flame and she said: When people ask me why I carry The Flame of Hope I can honestly say it is part of who I am. The athletes and their families are friends of mine, some of the athletes are my family. I believe everyone wants to be a part of something, something bigger than them, to feel important to others. Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run are that for me.

Special Olympics Arkansas athlete Kelly Larson and her mother Robin are huge fans of our inductee and while they were upset to have to miss tonight they provided us with the following words: We are so excited for Lori, we have known her from the time she and my son Joe taught line dance at Boot Scootin'. It was awesome to see her get involved with Special Olympics. Kelly looks forward to seeing her at competitions. It is always extra special for Kelly to receive her award from Lori.