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**Board of Directors Elects 2012 Officers & Directors**

(Great Falls, MT – December 9, 2011) Special Olympics Montana, a 41 year-old statewide organization that provides year-round sports training and competition to more than 2,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities across the state, wishes to announce that the Board of Directors has elected new officers for 2012.

**Dean Nelson**, Vice President, RBC Wealth Management from **Great Falls** has been elected Board Chairman; **David Dittman**, President, First Interstate Bank from **Whitefish** has been elected Board Vice Chair; **Greg Pinski** with the law firm Conner & Pinski, PLLP from **Great Falls** has been re-elected Secretary; **Scott Lind**, President, Transystems LLC from **Great Falls** has been re-elected Treasurer; and immediate past Board Chairman, **Meghann McKenna**, with McKenna Financial/New York Life from **Bozeman** and **Jack Haffey**, principal of Jack Haffey & Associates, **Anaconda**, have been elected as members at-large.

Newly elected directors include **Kathy Rice**, retired businesswoman from **Great Falls**; **John Parkes**, Vice President, Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply from **Bozeman**; **Chris Fulton**, Vice President, Field Operations, Cablevision Systems Corporation, from **Billings**; and **Jeff Vandergrift**, Managing Partner, Value Source Partners, from **Missoula**.

Other directors include **Hilary Benjamin**, Special Olympics athlete from **Missoula**; **Jeff Davison**, Chief Financial Officer with RightNow Technologies, from **Bozeman**; **Grant Holle**, retired Lake County Sheriff's Office, from **Bigfork**; **Beth McFadden**, Vice President, NEW Customer Service Companies, from **Great Falls**; **Samantha McLeod**, University of Montana student and Special Olympics Unified Partner®, from **Missoula**; **Kyler Morrison**, Special Olympics athlete from **Whitefish**; and **Kathy Sampson**, Managing Partner with Employee Benefit Resources, LLP, from **Helena**.

These dedicated officers and directors care for the mission, annual operating and long term needs of the Special Olympics Montana movement. Inspired by *Vision 2020* and a five year strategic plan, the Board of Directors is determined to create sustainable quality growth that serves 3,000 athletes annually by 2020.

For more information about how you can become a fan of Special Olympics Montana visit [www.somt.org](http://www.somt.org).

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