

## Succes for Summa 2019 Annual Gala, Special 50th Anniversary

for the Special Olympics Québec athletes

**Montreal, June 14, 2019** – On Wednesday, June 12th, the Summa 2019 Annual Gala, Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held for Special Olympics Quebec at New City Gas. The event, which brought together more than 500 guests from the Montreal business community, including a few amateur and professional sports celebrities, officers and representatives of various police services in Quebec, as well as OSQ athletes, allowed raise a gross sum of \$ 531,000.

Under the thematic « Summa. Boundless. United. », the event showcased the potential of nearly 8,000 Special Olympics Québec athletes who, each and every day, demonstrate the courage and determination to excel in sport and in their personal lives.

Hosted by the duo Patricia Paquin and Jean-François Breau, Summa started with a welcome cocktail and continued with a banquet-show during which performed Claude Dubois, accompanied by young singers from Center François-Michelle, Steven Abandi, former candidate of The Voice and the Elvis Band, a group of OSQ athletes who revitalized New City Gas. Throughout the evening was held a silent auction, in which several lots were put on sale.





"Summa 2019 was a great event of generosity, solidarity and social inclusion. The presence of the partners, the participation of police officers and the contribution of several OSQ athletes, including the 9 athletes who took part in the World Games in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, contributed to the success of this evening to the benefit of our athletes, " said Daniel Granger, Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics Quebec.

## **About Special Olympics Québec**

Special Olympics Québec offers year-round training programs and a competition network throughout Quebec, to more than 8,000 athletes, aged 2 and over, with intellectual disabilities. Sports programs in 17 disciplines, as well as athlete health and development programs, aim to improve fitness, confidence, self-esteem and create more inclusive communities. www.olympiquesspeciauxquebec.ca

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