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In collaboration with the Special Olympics and Mt. Holly Resort, the Schussmeisters of Michigan are proud to announce the **6th Annual Henry Walder Memorial Race**—a charity benefit event. The primary goal of this event is to raise funds to help the Area 13 Special Olympics athletes attend national competitions.

This all-ages event will take place on **Feb. 28 2027**, at Mt. Holly. Skiers of all ages are invited to compete and may optionally collect pledges to support the cause. Racers will compete for awards, and in some cases (such as the Pro Division), for cash prizes. Skiers who raise funds will also be eligible for special perks, including donated prizes like lift tickets.

In addition to race participants, we are reaching out to local business and community leaders to invite your support through donations.

Whether as a racer, donor, or corporate sponsor, this event is designed to recognize and honor all levels of involvement. We are committed to ensuring that every contributor receives acknowledgment and appreciation for their generosity.

There are several ways to support the event:

- **Participate in the race**: Registration fees and collected pledges go directly to supporting the cause.
- **Donate online**: Contributions can be made in support of a racer, a school, or an organization.
- **Sponsor the event**: Individual and corporate sponsors may contribute either monetary donations or in-kind gifts. Sponsors will be publicly recognized according to their level of support.

Sponsorship Tiers and Benefits:

- **Bronze – $300**
  - Name listed on our website
- **Silver – $500**
  - Name listed on our website
  - Recognition in our newsletter
  - Framed certificate of appreciation
- **Gold – $600**
  - All Silver-level benefits
  - Logo displayed on the event banner
- **Platinum – $1,000**
  - All Gold-level benefits
  - Custom donor banner
  - Award plaque presented at the event

We hope you will consider supporting this meaningful cause that brings joy, opportunity, and empowerment to athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

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