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Dear Family Member/Supporter

No doubt the excitement is mounting in your State as teams assemble, training commences and planning begins in earnest for delegations and family members or supporters who will be visiting Adelaide next year for the Special Olympics IX National Games

The Games Organising Committee has been working feverishly over the last 18 months to ensure that these Games result in a great experience for all concerned.

As part of this organisation, the Families & Supporters Registration Guide has now been finalised and we hope this will help inform families and supporters on much of what you want to know - sporting venues for the competitions, official activities, family registration form; booking agent to assist with families' accommodation; other transport information etc.

We are delighted to advise that a dedicated Family Welcome Centre will be established at The Beachouse in the seaside suburb of Glenelg (just 5 minutes drive from the Athletes Village) which will provide a fantastic meeting hub for all family members and supporters.

Likewise, the South Australian Government has generously offered free public transport for all registered family and supporters during the week of the Games as further support of this unique national sporting event.

The key item contained within the Registration Guide that you need to be aware of is;

***Registrations forms are to be completed and returned with full payment for any ticket purchases (Opening Ceremony etc) by 18 December 2009.***

***Registrations received after that date cannot be guaranteed accreditation or tickets.***

***All tickets must be pre-purchased by 18 Dec 2009. No tickets to official activities such as Opening & Closing Ceremonies or Families & Supporters Welcome Function will be available for purchase during the week of the Games.***

Adhering to the above will assist us greatly in our preparation for the event. To help with lines of communication please contact your State family coordinator with questions, or if the Family coordinator has not been appointed, the State Secretary, for answers to questions that may not have not been addressed in this package. The State Family coordinators will go to the GOC Family Manager or Assistant Manager and return to you with the answers.

We hope that many family members and supporters will be able to join us for this exciting event and we look forward to providing you with a memorable time in South Australia.

Yours sincerely

**Jenny Daly**  
**Games Director**

