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Joran Ivie, Ginger Payant, & Lynelle Chenn, CPD staff with some of the scarves they made.

Several of the staff at the CPD put their creative skills to good use this past month helping to make colorful scarves for the Utah Special Olympic athletes.

When Lynelle Chenn found out that a scarf for every participant was needed for the upcoming Utah Special Olympics events, she spread the word around at work and found some fellow knitters and crocheters who wanted to help out.

About 300 scarves were needed for the Utah Special Olympics. Together, these CPD staff made 25 of the brilliant red and navy blue scarves. The deadline for the scarves was February 15, and they made it!

Utah’s winter Special Olympic events will begin March 3rd, with the North/Metro Nordic Area Event held at Beaver Mountain Ski Resort. A second event, North/Metro Area Alpine Event, will be held March 10th at the Park City Mountain Resort.

There are 40 different Special Olympic Programs across the USA participating in the Special Olympics Scarf Project. All in all, their goal is to have 42,000 scarves made for the athletes to have during their state’s Winter Games, tournament, and other competitions and events held at varying time throughout the year.

Special Olympics is a global organization that serves more than 3.4 million athletes with intellectual disabilities. It provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults. These activities gives them opportunities to develop physical fitness, build skills, and experience joy as they make many new friendships.

Thanks goes to CPD Family members Bryce Fifield, Ginger Payant, Lynelle Chenn, Heidi Blake, Joran Ivie, and Kerry Done for supporting this great cause.