

'Marathon of Sport' happening this Saturday in Bolton

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A celebration of sport and inclusion will be held in Caledon this weekend, and it's not too late to be a part of it.

Motionball Marathon of Sport is a charitable event held in communities across Canada that raises money for Special Olympics. Teams come together to play a variety of different sports with Special Olympics athletes and collect pledges to fundraise.

On September 28, the annual Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport event will be held at Edelweiss Park in Bolton.

Jason Scoria is a decorated Special Olympics athlete from Caledon and is very excited for this year's event. He said it's a fun-filled day where the community comes together through sport to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Eddie Domingues, a Special Olympics volunteer and the parent of a Special Olympics athlete, said the Marathon of Sport is a very important event.

"It gives athletes, like my daughter, the opportunity to find strengths and abilities within themselves as well as build self-esteem and confidence that they can apply in their daily lives," said Domingues. "Being involved with the Special Olympics not only provides an opportunity to stay physically active, but athletes make many long-lasting friendships for them and their families and create a wonderful support system."

This year's Motionball Caledon Marathon of Sport is the third to be held in town and organizers hope to raise \$20,000 from it. Amazon is the presenting sponsor for the event.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, a volunteer with Motionball Caledon, said so far eight teams and 21 Special Olympics athletes are signed up for the event. She hopes to see more people join in.

"This is going to be Caledon's biggest Motionball event yet, we're very happy about that," she said.

For more information about the event or to register for it, residents interested can check out Motionball Caledon's official website at the following link: motionball.com/Caledon.