

HONOURS LIST

In this chapter, we should like to mention those who, by their activities and/or by their written work, have contributed to the Olympic cause.

Here is a letter, from a young person who preferred to remain anonymous, which we have taken out of United States Olympic Committee's news bulletin:

Dear Sirs:

I'm 15 and live in Arlington, Va. I get a very small weekly allowance because we are very poor. My family has a lot of burdens- I'm one of them.

My leg is paralyzed. This is why I'm writing to you. When I was nine and in fourth grade I was very athletic and happy. I wanted to go on to become a really good swimmer and tennis player. I was in the process of attaining my goal as a winning swimmer when I had an accident which put my leg in the condition it is in now. The blow of this came not as self-pity because I wouldn't be able to have fun but rather that I would never be able to be the really great swimmer that I wanted to be.

I still swim, but with great difficulty. I am trying to overcome my handicap. This is why I am sending you my entire two weeks' allowance for the Olympic Team. It is not much but I hope that it helps.

I send it on behalf of all the other teenagers who also have handicaps that prevent them from physical activity. Please remember this when you buy the "U.S.A." for some athlete's sweat-shirt. Those athletes not only mean the USA's representation in Mexico, but they stand for that which was and is my goal.

A Dedicated Teen
(No signature)