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### Stertil-Koni Team Bears the Cold and Plunges for Special Olympics Maryland

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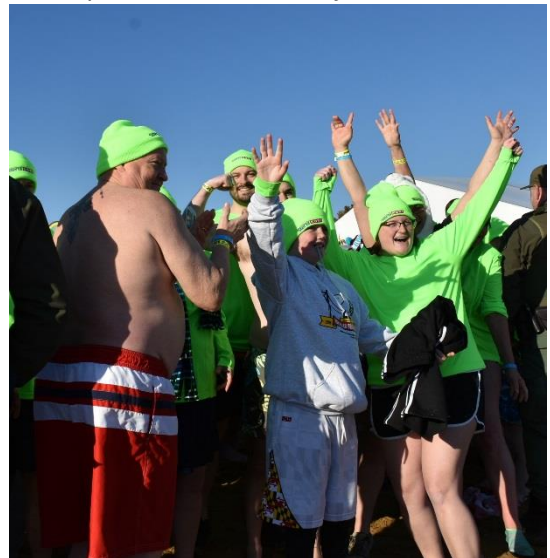
*Team Stertil-Koni poses with the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge mascot Beary White pre-plunge*

**STEVENSVILLE, MD February 6, 2019** – Heavy duty vehicle lift leader Stertil-Koni went to a very cold place recently – all for a good cause – to warm some very important hearts, those of the Special Olympics Maryland.

Stertil-Koni's 14-member team, its largest group ever, participated in the Maryland State Police 23<sup>rd</sup> Polar Bear Plunge corporate event at Sandy Point State Park recently.

The popular fundraiser has grown to a four-day event with plunges for schools, police, families, and corporations. Each year more than 10,000 people journey to the park's beachfront to join others in raising money for Maryland's Special Olympic athletes.

The team was led for the third consecutive year by Stertil-Koni Director of Operations, Kevin Hymers, who noted, "I am proud to say we had the largest group of participants ever between employees, friends, and families. The plunge builds meaningful camaraderie. It's definitely entertaining and has become a premier company experience. Despite frigid conditions, Stertil-Koni is pleased to support the more than 7,500 Maryland athletes in the Special Olympics."



*Stertil-Koni Operations Manager, Kevin Hymers, left, celebrates with the team prior to running into the 34 F degree Chesapeake Bay*



*Stertil-Koni specially designed fluorescent green long-sleeve shirt logo*

This year, the team stood out in the crowd by wearing specially designed fluorescent green long-sleeve shirts and knit hats. Following Hymers into the frigid waters of the Chesapeake Bay were his wife, Robin Hymers, and daughter Kelly Marshall, Stertil-Koni President, Dr. Jean DellAmore, Matthias and Laura Lennemann, Dave Ziegler, Angela Boncz, Peter Bowers, Rich Weinreich, Robyn Collier, Michael Nichols, Nathan Wright, and Jill Zarend-Kubatko.

Stertil-Koni's brightly colored ensemble was very visible and local Baltimore television station [WBAL-TV](#) captured the team's sprint into the Chesapeake Bay.

So far, the 2019 Maryland Polar Bear Plunge has raised \$2 million. The public is encouraged to make contributions to Special Olympics Maryland on behalf of the Stertil-Koni team through February 26. Support the Stertil-Koni Plunge Team [here](#).

Stertil-Koni, known for [bus lifts](#) and [truck lifts](#) is the leader in heavy duty vehicles lifts. Learn more at [www.Stertil-Koni.com](http://www.Stertil-Koni.com). #BearTheCold

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### **About Special Olympics**

The mission of [Special Olympics Maryland](#) is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons two years of age and older with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

### **About Stertil-Koni**

Stertil-Koni is the market leader in heavy duty vehicle lifts, notably bus lifts and truck lifts, and proudly serves municipalities, state agencies, school bus fleets, major corporations, the U.S. Military and more. Stertil-Koni's breadth of products meets all ranges of lifting needs and includes [portable lifts](#) such as [mobile column lifts](#), 2-post, 4-post, [inground piston lifts](#), [platform lifts](#), and its axle-engaging, inground, scissor lift configuration, ECOLIFT. The company's innovative, inground telescopic piston DIAMONDLIFT is now available with an optional Continuous Recess system, ideal for low clearance vehicles. Stertil-Koni USA is headquartered in Stevensville, Maryland with production facilities in Europe, The Netherlands, and in Streator, IL.

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