

DAVID: THE CHILD WHO CHANGED HIM!

Everybody talks about getting involved in projects to help other people, but not everyone does something about it! David Cassidy has been the national youth chairman of the Special Olympics for Retarded Children for two years now, and it's all because of one child who changed him!

Two years ago David Cassidy was one of the many people who wanted to get involved in worthwhile causes, but just couldn't find the time. Then, he met an 8-year-old girl who helped him find the time.

She was one of the 1200 or so children who participate in the California Special Olympic Games every year. These games are different though, and they're special for a reason. You see, the children who compete for prizes in basketball, relays and swimming, are mentally and/or physically retarded.

When David came to visit this little retarded 8-year-old girl and her contestant friends, he knew right away that he would make time to

help them, even if it meant putting off recording for a week or two, or getting home a little later after work on the "Partridge" set each day!

This is the second year for David as national youth chairman and he says that the entire program has been such a wonderful experience for him. The purpose of the Special Olympics is to help the young retarded children gain confidence and build a good self-image of themselves—one built on success, not failure.

David wants to share some of the children of the Special Olympics with you, so, come along to the ceremonies with him now!



AS NATIONAL YOUTH CHAIRMAN for the California Special Olympics, David helped select the winner of the slogan contest (above left top), Karen Springer! She won a lunch date with David for her message, "Special Olympics—Love, Laughter & Joy, for Every Special Girl & Boy!" David signed autographs & visited with all the contestants!