

SMART PLANNING

FOR FRIENDS OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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The Champion's Society® Member
and Athlete **Robin Batchelder**—

A Champion On and Off the Field

Robin Batchelder first sought out Special Olympics to be more connected to her community, and to be more social. She already enjoyed playing sports, so it felt like a perfect fit.

Robin's involvement with Special Olympics has made a remarkable difference in her life.

"I learned, with the help of others, how to find my voice. I learned that my words not only mattered, but my words were also important."

"I will never forget being asked to be the keynote speaker at The Annual Awards Dinner for Special Olympics Connecticut in 2024. I not only knew that individuals wanted to hear my story, but I also realized that my story had the potential to inspire others. Special Olympics Connecticut has encouraged and nurtured my dreams of sharing my story on a national or global level—dreams that I work hard toward achieving every day."

"When I am a part of others' victories, I know I have found a place that I get to call home. When the staff becomes an extension of my family, I am reassured of the difference that Special Olympics Connecticut has made in my life."

Robin has participated in soccer, basketball, swimming, floor hockey, and softball, and is a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Connecticut, serving as a spokesperson and ambassador for the organization. Robin says, "Spreading the word about the amazing work that Special Olympics does is a popular topic in many of my conversations."



When asked why she chose to include Special Olympics in her legacy plan, she replied:

"The metamorphosis that I have made as an athlete and as a person is something that I am extremely proud of. I have developed from an insecure woman who had difficulty accessing supports and developing friendships to a confident woman who has countless friends, supports, and a tribe that loves me. This is nothing short of a miracle. Special Olympics Connecticut has helped me achieve this miracle. It is the reason why I am leaving money in my will to SOCT. Special Olympics Connecticut not only saved my life, but they also invested in my future. They gave me the skills and confidence that I never knew I needed. Leaving money in my will was the next natural step. I am confident that it will make a difference in the lives of future athletes."

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UPDATE YOUR PLANS FOR 2026

This year, make creating or updating your plans and essential documents one of your top priorities, especially if your life circumstances have changed since your last review. Special Olympics has resources to make it easier for you to:

- **Start your will or trust.** Special Olympics has a library of complimentary resources available to help you organize and gather the information you need to get started, including online access to **Giving Docs**. With this complimentary will-drafting service, you can create or update your will and other important documents, such as a power of attorney. It's free, confidential, and easy to use.
- **Update your beneficiary designations.** Some assets, including retirement accounts, donor-advised funds, and other financial accounts, transfer separately from your will or trust and instead go to the listed beneficiaries. It's important to check them and make sure they are up to date. It only takes a few minutes, and it won't cost you anything. To check your beneficiary designations, log on to your online accounts or contact your account administrator. Naming Special Olympics as a beneficiary is a wonderful way to create your own legacy of inclusion.
- **Care for a loved one with special needs.** Our publication, "Planning When Someone You Love Has Special Needs," provides general insights into options as you work with your advisors to ensure that your loved one is protected and cared for in the long term.

When you do update your will, trust, or beneficiary designations, we hope you'll consider including a gift to Special Olympics, after your loved ones are provided for. Even a small share will make a significant difference.

You'll find more complimentary planning resources online at www.specialolympics.org/GetStarted.

Making History! Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027

Santiago 2027, October 16–24, 2027, will be the first-ever Special Olympics World Games in the Southern Hemisphere—and the first to be played in Latin America! Over 6,000 athletes from 170+ countries will compete in 22 sports, and over 35,000 people will participate, including athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

The event promises to be a powerful celebration of inclusion, dignity, and joy!

The Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 will showcase the incredible talent and determination of athletes from around the world. Events will take place across premier venues

throughout the city, with the iconic National Stadium Park serving as the central hub of the Games. From aquatics and athletics to team sports and individual competitions, each event will take place in a venue that is designed to provide an unforgettable experience for athletes and spectators alike.

Mark your calendars for October 2027, as Santiago welcomes the world to celebrate ability!

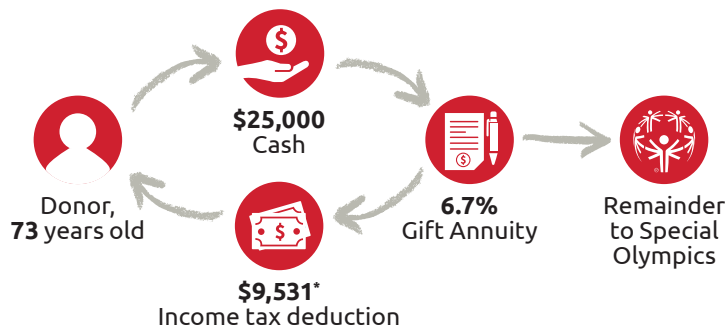


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A Gift that Gives Back While Supporting Athletes of the Future—Charitable Gift Annuities

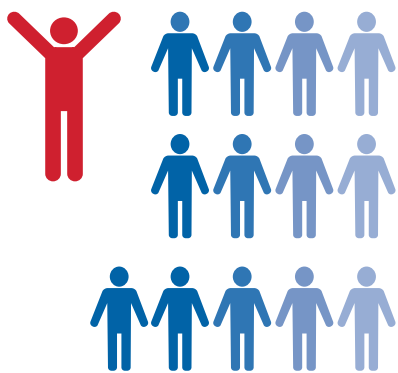
If you are committed to a future in which every person with intellectual disabilities can achieve their potential and thrive, you may want to consider a very special way to give—a charitable gift annuity.

- You donate cash or securities worth \$10,000 or more to Special Olympics and receive payments for life in return. Your gift will be used to support Special Olympics' athletes of the future.
- Your payment rate is based on your age and will never change, no matter how long you live or how the market fluctuates. Payments must start at age 65 or later.
- You can fund your annuity with appreciated securities, and you may avoid capital gains tax.
- Gift annuities can benefit up to two people, making them an ideal way to provide financial security for a spouse or other loved one.



** Rates effective as of April 15, 2026*

Did You Know ...?



For every person with intellectual disabilities involved with Special Olympics in the U.S., there are **13 others** waiting on the sidelines to get in the game.



There are **71,618** certified Special Olympics coaches in North America.



Over **637,566** athletes in North America and over **3.8 million** athletes train with Special Olympics worldwide.



There are **820,832** volunteers worldwide.

Scan to learn more about the **2026 USA Games!**



The Champion's Society®

A member of The Champion's Society® is a guardian who protects our athletes' futures. This exceptional community of supporters has committed to Special Olympics by including a legacy gift in their will or estate plan.

They are connected by a shared vision to help Special Olympics ensure a safe, high-quality athlete experience and expand our reach to all who wish to participate.

We take our responsibilities to our supporters seriously. You may change your mind at any time. You are never obligated by any information you share with us. And, while you do not need to let us know about your gift, we hope you will, so we can ensure that it is directed as you wish, and welcome you into The Champion's Society®!

To let us know you've already included a gift in your estate plan, or to learn more, visit www.specialolympics.org/LetUsKnow

Deepen Your Legacy with Special Olympics and Amplify Your Impact

Special Olympics has long provided transformative opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to experience the "power of first"—from a first goal scored to a first race won, or even a first friendship. These life-changing "firsts" build self-belief and resilience.

However, for every athlete who experiences these empowering moments, 13 other children and adults with ID wait for their chance to shine. You can help close that gap with a planned gift. Making a planned gift to Special Olympics helps ensure our ability to respond to the challenges we will face, now and in the future.

No matter the size or method, your legacy gift fuels these moments of achievement and growth. **Will you rise to the occasion and help Special Olympics athletes embrace the power of firsts? With your support, more goals will be scored, more races will be run, and more friendships will be forged. Let's build a world of inclusion, one powerful "first" at a time.**

At Your Service

If you have included a gift in your will or trust or have named Special Olympics as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance, or other account, please let us know. We would be privileged to thank you and welcome you to The Champion's Society®.

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When creating a gift to Special Olympics in your will, trust, or via beneficiary designation, you may direct your gift to our national office to use where needed most:

Legal name: Special Olympics, Inc.

Address: 2600 Virginia Ave NW, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20037

Federal Tax ID Number: 52-0889518

Or you may wish to include a gift to your local Special Olympics chapter. If so, please contact our Office of Planned Giving, and our friendly staff will be happy to provide your chapter's legal name and tax ID number.



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