



EVERY DAY,
EVERYWHERE.

ANNUAL REPORT **2016**

**Special
Olympics**



OUR MISSION

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults 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.

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health, sports and jobs.**”

-Dina Galal, Athlete Leader, Egypt

ON THE COVER:

Top: Joy -- at the Morocco National Games.

Bottom: Focus -- as athletes from Ireland and Nigeria practice ahead of the annual NBA Cares Special Olympics Unified Basketball Game in Toronto, Canada.

NBA game photo by Ben Solomon



MESSAGE FROM AN ATHLETE LEADER

Making My Dream a Reality, All Around The World

In the past, people with disabilities were considered useless and were unnoticed and many people treated them with sympathy and pity. But now we prove that we are 'able' and our accomplishments go beyond people's expectations.

I am thankful to my family, colleagues, and coaches for opening the closed doors for me to prove that I'm able to set the bar all the way to the top to improve misconceptions and break down barriers.

Special Olympics changed my whole life and helped me show that people with intellectual disabilities are capable of doing great achievements and deserve just as much respect as anyone else. Just believe in yourself and do not allow a disability to define you as a person.

My Special Olympics journey has been filled with fun, emotions and excitement. Now I am currently working for two employers: Special Olympics and Egypt's Presidential Palace. I consider myself lucky to hold such a crucial position and at the same time be part of the Special Olympics family.

It is truly an honor to work for the President and no day is ever the same, each day is different and when I walk out the gates at the end of the day, I feel a sense of purpose and deep honor. I never take this opportunity for granted. However, I am always keen to enhance my skills and to work diligently to improve myself at any age. All people around me whether in Special Olympics or in the Presidential Palace give me all resources and the necessary training to succeed.

If we stop dreaming, we die. That's why we shouldn't stop dreaming. My dream is to have a welcoming community and for people with intellectual disabilities to be given equal access to education, health, sports and jobs. Together, we can make this dream a reality.

DINA.

Dina Galal
Cairo, Egypt



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The ultimate goal of all our work is to rid the world of discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities and, by doing so, **to open the hearts of every human being to the beauty and dignity of each of us.** ”

-Mary Davis, CEO, and Tim Shriver, Chairman

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Let's Run That Race!

On behalf of the entire Special Olympics movement, we want to thank you for supporting health and fitness, sports and teamwork, and justice and joy around the globe. You are all game-changers!

And the changes you made were more impactful than ever. In 2016, Special Olympics athletes competed side-by-side with professional athletes at events like the X Games, showing the world an example of true inclusion. In Paraguay, thanks to efforts by our health team, the government agreed to provide medical care in all specialties for Special Olympics athletes through Hospital Juan Pablo II.

In the USA, Senator Roy Blunt's support led to a 50% increase in U.S. funding. Panama's President, Juan Carlos Varela, joined Special Olympics athletes and others in a 5K for a consecutive year. And President Abdel Fattah El Sisi of Egypt embraced inclusion by hiring an athlete with intellectual disabilities named Dina Galal.

The stories across our movement are endless, but it's hard to find a better example of our athletes leading the way than in Syria. In September, despite a devastating war and humanitarian crisis, 1,200 Special Olympics athletes gathered in Damascus for Syria's National Games. They competed in 16 sports, but, more importantly, they showed an almost unbelievable display of courage, unity, and world-class grit.

Yet, intolerance, injustice and inactivity continued to plague the lives of people with intellectual challenges in 2016. Today, Pablo Ulises, 21, from Mexico is a Special Olympics athlete leader with many victories and medals; but his was a journey that started with discrimination from educators and doctors who described his case as "hopeless."

In 2016, it also became clear that we are living amidst a global crisis of intolerance and fear of difference. We saw it in armed conflicts, in elections, and even in schools. Our community knows bullying and misunderstanding well. In 2016, we were reminded that our work is more urgent than ever.

Despite those storm clouds, 2016 saw significant reasons to celebrate. We expanded partnerships with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which committed \$22.5 million to our health efforts, as well as with Coca-Cola, Bank of America, and Microsoft. We announced the generous support and global commitment of ESPN as our Official Broadcast Partner. We also launched new partnerships with others, such as the IKEA Foundation, which is supporting the growth of Young Athletes with \$6.4 million over three years, along with strong support from Herbalife, the National Football League (U.S.), Citgo, Hasbro and MetLife.

We exceeded our goal of participation in Unified Sports. Our movement now has 1.4 million Unified teammates! By year's end, we announced the first Programs to become official Healthy Communities. We now have 13 recognized Healthy Communities: in Kazakhstan, Mexico, Paraguay, Romania, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda, plus U.S. Programs in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Nebraska, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Thanks for everything you've done to make 2016 such a year of victory. Let's continue to run the race, join the team, give and get, and choose to include -- together.


Timothy Shriver
Chairman


Mary Davis
Chief Executive Officer

OUR IMPACT IN 2016

This year, Special Olympics saw more activity and involvement than at any time in our history. Exciting trends include:

EXTENDING OUR REACH

In 2016, Special Olympics grew to **5.7 million** Special Olympics athletes and Unified Sports teammates in **172 countries**.



UNIFYING THE WORLD

This year brought together a record-breaking **1.4 million** Unified teammates, with and without intellectual disabilities.



IMPROVING ATHLETE HEALTH

To date, our health experts have given more than **1.9 million Healthy Athletes screenings** in 135 countries.



EXPANDING SPORTS OFFERINGS

Special Olympics held more **competitions and events** than ever: **108,821** throughout the year



ENGAGING YOUTH

Special Olympics is now powered by the energy of **53,091 Youth Leaders** (ages 12-25) in every region of the world.



EMBRACING FAMILIES

Our family network is more than a **half-million strong** (627,452) worldwide.



SPORTS: ATHLETES AT THEIR BEST!

Every year, Special Olympics holds tens of thousands of competitions around the world – large and small. Each one brings out new strengths and skills in our athletes – and changes attitudes about the talents of people with intellectual disabilities (ID).



The Unified Football Tournament in Uruguay brought together athletes with and without ID from all across South America.

In 2016, we continued to expand the enormous impact and reach of **Special Olympics Unified Sports®** events. Through Unified Sports, we are bringing together people with and without ID in schools, playing fields and communities worldwide. Thanks to support from ESPN, the Global Presenting Sponsor of Unified Sports, we have recruited more than **1.4 million Unified teammates** around the globe. Together, they are breaking down stereotypes and tearing down the walls of isolation around people with ID.

In 2016, we worked creatively to unite new and diverse groups behind our vision of inclusion, including young people excited to be part of the first “**Unified Generation.**” In the USA alone, our Unified Sports campaign spread to more than **4,518 schools** and engaged more than **87,000** in new youth leader roles. Young people of all abilities trained and played together, enjoying more than **257,000 Unified Sports experiences through the year.** That’s a lot of unity.

Another huge breakthrough was in China: Special Olympics Sports and Unified Sports are now part of the curriculum for primary and middle-school students nationwide. These new standards will create inclusion and educational equality, uniting an entire generation – potentially millions of young people across China.

Unified Sports started in the United States, but – as with all great ideas – it’s catching on fast. **Unified Sports is happening in more than 200 Programs.** These include parts of the world where people with ID have been subject to stigma and often kept out of mainstream activities.

Unified Sports brings people together and heals those painful breaches. In Africa, for example, Unified Sports hit an impressive milestone. This year, we can celebrate that **every single Special Olympics Program in Africa is offering Unified Sports** – from South Africa to Senegal to the Seychelles.



ATHLETES AND UNIFIED SPORTS PARTNERS

5.7 Million
AROUND THE WORLD



More than 1,000 athletes from 21 countries competed in winter sports during Austria's 2016 Pre-Games, part of extended preparations for the 2017 World Winter Games.

COMPETITIONS IN 172 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Every year, Special Olympics holds more than **100,000 competitions and events around the world**, plus World Summer or Winter Games every two years. There were no World Games in 2016 – but our athletes were too busy to notice.

Thousands of them were in training for the 2017 World Winter Games competition in Austria. Training was also under way for the **2017 Special Olympics Latin American Games** in Panama, and the **2018 USA National Games** in Seattle, Wash., among many high-profile events. There was also the announcement of the **2019 World Summer Games**, which will happen in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in March 2019. These will be the **first Special Olympics World Games to be held in the Middle East**.

Throughout 2016, millions of athletes were training and competing in our 32+ Special Olympics summer and winter sports – all around the world. **More than 100,000 competitions were held this year, averaging nearly 300 events per day!**



The 2019 World Summer Games will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.



UNIFIED SPORTS brings together people of all ages: young, old and in-between. Here's a quick sample of what "Playing Unified" looked like in 2016:



The fifth annual **NBA Cares Unified Basketball Game** was held during All Star Weekend, featuring 11 Special Olympics athletes from around the world playing alongside NBA and WNBA legends. Played for the first time in Toronto, Canada, the game brought the unifying power of sports to a wide new audience.



At the **X Games in Aspen, Colo.**, 10 Special Olympics athletes from around the globe teamed up with Olympic snowboard gold medalist Hannah Teter and nine other professional athletes.



The **Asia-Pacific Interregional Unified Football Tournament** showcased the skills and abilities of hundreds of athletes from Thailand, Korea, Bharat/India and Bangladesh.

Special Olympics China held its largest-ever Unified football competition. More than 1,500 athletes and Unified partners from 128 schools took part.

The Special Olympics Latin America region held the South American **Unified Football Tournament in Uruguay**. The international competition drew athletes from nearly a dozen countries: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Venezuela, Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru.

The **Special Olympics Middle East North Africa region held a Unified Triathlon** in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Athletes from eight nations took part.

Learn more at specialolympics.org/annualreport

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

In all our 32+ sports, Special Olympics strives for excellence. Our sports partnerships around the world are an essential part of this.

In 2016, we renewed alliances with the **International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)** and the **International Tennis Federation (ITF)**. Special Olympics also renewed our partnership with the **International Ski Federation (FIS)**.





HEALTHY ATHLETES - OVERCOMING BARRIERS

People with ID are at higher risk for many preventable health conditions. Special Olympics’ expanded health initiatives work to close the health gap between people with ID and those without ID, saving lives and bringing improved health to our athletes all around the world.

To date, athletes have received more than **1.9 million free screenings through the Healthy Athletes** program since its founding nearly 20 years ago. In 2016 alone, the Special Olympics Health program, made possible by the Golisano Foundation, provided health screenings and services to athletes in **67 countries**. Health partners, volunteer doctors, nurses and medical students also took part in **1,251 Special Olympics health events** focusing on people with ID and their unique needs.



People with ID often receive inadequate health care – or none at all. Special Olympics Health volunteers and clinicians know exactly how to care for and talk with our athletes, who may have difficulty communicating.

WHAT IS ‘INCLUSIVE HEALTH’?

Special Olympics is working to break down barriers that prevent people with ID from receiving equal health care and attention as people without ID. One major barrier includes lack of training of medical professionals on ways to communicate with people with ID; sometimes, ignorance or fear can be barriers as well.

In 2016, Special Olympics began a new five-year “inclusive health” strategy. The vision for Special Olympics’ health work is to create a world where people with and without ID have the same opportunities to be healthy. In this way, Special Olympics athletes can perform at their best on the playing field – and in life.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Now in its 5th year, the Healthy Communities initiative continues to improve health and wellness for people with ID around the world. Tom Golisano and the Golisano Foundation have committed \$37 million to Special Olympics global health programming since 2012. The goal is to increase access to health, fitness and wellness programs for people with ID – no matter where they live.

In 2016, the first 13 Programs achieved status as Healthy Communities – representing the highest level of Special Olympics health programming. The award recognizes Programs that expand Healthy Athletes and offer health, wellness and fitness opportunities on a continual basis.

These 13 Healthy Communities are in Kazakhstan, Mexico, Paraguay, Romania, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda, plus U.S. Programs in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Nebraska, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Thanks to continuing support from the Golisano Foundation, we are working to achieve our goal of **100 Healthy Communities by 2020**. This transformative health work is aimed at building a world where all people with intellectual disabilities can lead healthy lives and have equal access to quality health care and services.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM HEALTHY ATHLETES

MORE THAN
1.9 Million
health screenings since the program began in 1997

135 Countries
have held a Healthy Athletes event and **220,000 health care professionals and students** trained on health concerns of people with ID since the program began

MORE THAN
162,728
free pairs of prescription eyewear given since the program began – and **12,554 in 2016**

155,669
free screenings for Special Olympics athletes in 2016

OUR YEAR-ROUND HEALTH WORK

Our Healthy Communities and other Programs:

- Trained **23,354 family members, coaches, and athlete leaders** to be health advocates on important, locally relevant health topics that they can use to educate others in their community
- Delivered health education on locally relevant topics, such as **healthy weight, malaria, HIV and AIDS** to **60,709 Special Olympics athletes**
- Healthy Communities grantees ensured **5,512 athletes had a place to go for follow-up care** after a Healthy Athletes screening
- Through Healthy Communities and Fitness, Special Olympics programs provided **wellness opportunities to 15,321 people with ID**, allowing them to improve health on an ongoing basis

Learn more at specialolympics.org/annualreport



Dr. Stephen Sulkes, of Rochester, N.Y., center, receives the First Golisano Health Leadership Award for the North America Region. From left, Special Olympics New York President and CEO Neal Johnson; Special Olympics International CEO Mary Davis; New York athlete Michael Worboys; Dr. Sulkes; Golisano Foundation Executive Director Ann Costello; plus Drew Boshell, Senior Vice President, Sport and Health, and Onolee Stephan, Senior Manager, Global Community Health Programs, Special Olympics.

HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Our focus on 'inclusive health' is already working to erase health-care disparities for people with ID. This year, the Golisano Health Leadership Awards were established to recognize achievements made by outstanding individuals and partners, who are helping Special Olympics Health programs expand and improve lives worldwide.

25 honorees from Special Olympics Programs around the world received the award in 2016.

“These are the people who are on the frontlines, turning their vision into reality, creating a network of care that is having a life-changing impact on hundreds of thousands of people,” says **Ann Costello, executive director of the Golisano Foundation.** “We thank them for leading the way and making significant contributions toward achieving health equity and inspiring others to follow similar paths.”

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Physical fitness is an essential part of our mission. In 2016, Special Olympics created new and expanded resources aimed at helping Programs expand their fitness offerings to athletes interested in pursuing year-round, lifelong fitness.

Twenty-two Special Olympics Programs were selected for Fitness Implementation grants funded by Finish Line. Through this grant, more than 2,000 athletes, partners, coaches and family members got to experience the importance of a healthy lifestyle through adequate physical activity, nutrition and hydration as Programs replicated one of three field-developed, Special Olympics-endorsed fitness program models.



Special Olympics athletes from Romania participate in a Healthy Athletes event, one of thousands held worldwide in 2016.



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Above, Tom Golisano, left, with athlete Kevin Miller

OTHER HEALTH PROGRAM BREAKTHROUGHS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) committed up to \$22.5 million to Special Olympics over the next five years. This includes \$4.5 million in 2016-17.

Special Olympics Bharat worked with the Dental Council of India to reach an agreement that could provide care to thousands of people with ID. As a result, the president of the Dental Council of India and executive committee members issued a directive to more than 300 dental colleges to provide free treatment to Special Olympics athletes.

Special Olympics Egypt increased Healthy Athletes efforts as part of its Healthy Community grant. More than 200 athletes were examined in three disciplines (Special Smiles, Healthy Hearing and Opening Eyes). Awareness sessions were also held for families and coaches in nutrition, hepatitis C and obesity prevention.

Family Health Forums events were held in 11 countries in Africa. These forums provide vital information about caring for people with ID to families but also to healthcare professionals, community leaders and social services providers.

Healthy Athletes is piloting a new emotional wellness discipline called Strong Minds. The focus is on helping athletes strengthen their coping skills. Competition provides a natural opportunity to develop strategies for maintaining emotional wellness under stress, such as thinking positive thoughts, practicing calming routines and connecting with others. Special Olympics Indonesia was among the first international Programs to launch the Strong Minds pilot.

Special Olympics Lebanon organized a health event for athletes and also for family members. Height-weight and body fat percentage measurements were taken, along with diabetes and cholesterol tests. At the end of the day, everyone received nutrition education. This is a step toward implementing the new Special Olympics Fit Family program.

HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS THAT HEAL

As the Exclusive Global Partner of the Special Olympics–Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program, Lions Clubs have become world leaders in advocating for improved vision and health services for people with ID.

Special Olympics and Catholic Relief Services are working together around the world to bring a wide range of health services to Special Olympics athletes. This is part of a larger goal as we work to improve health systems that affect all people with intellectual disabilities. In Kenya, for example, we were able to bring early childhood development programming to children with ID (Young Athletes), while also strengthen delivery of Healthy Athletes and Family Health Forums.

Special Olympics Thailand signed an agreement with UNICEF for more than \$150,000 to continue advancing their year-round inclusive health work. This partnership represents an innovative way to bring together multiple government ministries on the platform of inclusive health – including the Education, Public Health, and Social Development Departments.

The ultimate goal of this work is to inspire more partners and agencies to modify their mainstream programming to be more inclusive.



BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE WORLD

Special Olympics is working toward an inclusive world where people with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) play Unified Sports together, work together, celebrate life together. Yet, in many parts of the world, people with ID are shunned, abandoned, even locked away.

To reach those future athletes and unlock their potential, Special Olympics is reaching out, urgently, wherever the need is greatest. Our government and community partnerships help us make the greatest possible impact.



The USAID 'Play Unified' Serbia project brings together young people with and without ID as a path to social inclusion, joy and unity. In the words of one youth leader, "We shared some incredible moments and I was amazed by my new friends [from a special school]."

In 2016, Special Olympics began work on a plan to address the needs of refugees with intellectual disabilities. Of an estimated 21.5 million refugees around the world, about a half-million have ID. In October, Special Olympics and Human Rights Watch briefed the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on this aspect of the refugee crisis. The goal is to increase social integration through sport for refugees and migrants with ID wherever the need is greatest.

Other partnership efforts target urgent regional issues. In Africa, malaria and HIV/AIDS are killers. Yet needed health care and counseling doesn't always reach people with ID – or their families. With the help of ExxonMobil, Special Olympics Nigeria is pioneering a football program that combines the power of sports with health/nutrition awareness.

This year, we renewed our partnership with the Peace Corps, which began in 2011. Since then, our collaboration has spread to 17 countries in the Americas, Africa and Asia Pacific. Special Olympics national Programs have worked together with Peace Corps volunteers to organize training and community forums, where people with and without ID learn and play together as a way of creating tolerance and understanding.

In 2016, Special Olympics and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) also renewed a global partnership aimed at providing increased social protection, inclusive education and health services, family support, and policy development in support of children and youth with ID.

Our powerful partnership with Lions Clubs International involves some of the more innovative and far-reaching projects in the history of Special Olympics. Through "Mission: Inclusion," Lions Clubs volunteers and their global youth network of Leos take part in Unified Sports, serve as keynote speakers at Family Health Forums, and support early childhood development programs for Young Athletes. They are also helping empower athletes by inviting them to join local Lions Clubs in more than 100 countries.



VOLUNTEERS
1,156,397

COACH VOLUNTEERS
435,107

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS
339,394

LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEERS
74,376

HEALTH VOLUNTEERS
25,820

OTHER
281,700

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In 2016, Special Olympics Hong Kong marked its 40th anniversary with Invitational Games. The Games brought together people with and without intellectual disabilities from all six East Asia nations, along with local and national government leaders.

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Governments and leaders are recognizing the importance of including people with intellectual disabilities in every facet of society. In 2016, we saw this in breakthroughs around the world:

For the first time, Egypt's president, Abdel Fatah al-Sisi, celebrated the end of Ramadan with Special Olympics athletes and officials, along with top political and public figures. This high-level gathering was held at the presidential palace.

The First Lady of Zambia, Esther Lungu, marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities alongside Special Olympics athletes. This was part of a Unified Sports day co-hosted with UNICEF. Lungu said that the current discrimination against children with ID means they "have poor health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty. The world would be a better place if children [with ID] can live out their dreams and contribute to society through their many talents." The First Lady's support sent a strong message in a country where traditional beliefs and stigma can lead to people with ID remaining "hidden" and excluded from community life.

In 2016, the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education (OSEP) announced a \$2.5 million increase in funding. OSEP's support is focused on the Unified Champion Schools programs. The goal is reaching even more schools with programs that promote acceptance of differences and reduce bullying in schools.

The government of Laos signed a Memorandum of Understanding between Special Olympics and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare for capacity building, gender equity, and participation of people with disabilities in mainstream activities.

The government of Rwanda signed a national partnership agreement with Special Olympics on a joint commitment to improve the lives of people with ID. The three-year partnership expands opportunities in sports, education and health. This also helps ensure equal access for persons with ID to social protections, services and economic opportunities.

The U.S. Agency for International Development-supported "Play Unified" Serbia project has become a huge success, even in its first year. The project provides opportunities for young people with and without ID to work together on socially inclusive activities. After 12 months, youth leaders agreed that "Play Unified" is an ideal way to break down barriers.

Cambodia's government renewed its support of Special Olympics and sports opportunities for people with ID. The government also hosted the 6th Mekong Five-a-Side football tournament in Phnom Penh.



Special Olympics is helping address the needs of refugees with intellectual disabilities. The goal is to increase social integration through sport for refugees and migrants with ID wherever the need is greatest.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Special Olympics' ability to create and sustain more inclusive communities relies on engagement and partnerships with individuals, families, businesses, government and non-governmental organizations. In 2016:



MetLife launched a Community Service Week involving nearly 2,000 Special Olympics athletes from 17 nations across Europe Eurasia. This partnership and funding made possible Young Athletes, Unified and under-12 Unified events across the region during European Football Week.

With help from the Red Cross, Special Olympics launched Singapore's first inclusive club for youth with and without ID. In addition to Unified Sports activities, the club equips members with first aid skills, including adapting the first aid curriculum for students with ID.



Knights of Columbus supported a Unified Football Tournament in Rome, with teams from Italy, Lithuania, France, Hungary and Poland.

World Scouts Interamerican and Special Olympics Latin America signed an agreement to provide skills development and other opportunities that bring together young people with and without ID. Partnership with the Scout Movement is a huge motivator for children, teens, and adult Scouts to take part in Special Olympics Unified Sports activities.

The Trust for the Americas and Special Olympics Latin America signed an agreement to carry out joint actions on issues of accessibility, education, and information and communication technologies.

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

40,814



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

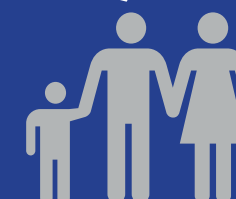
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53,091



FAMILY LEADERSHIP

23,358



GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

COUNTRIES

172

223



OUR PARTNERS

Special Olympics is pleased to recognize our partners for their vital support.



PIONEER PARTNER

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics is a group of dedicated law enforcement members working to create inclusive communities through raising awareness and fundraising around the world. The Torch Run has evolved from its simplest form to encompass a variety of unique fundraising platforms to improve opportunities for athletes in sports, education and life.

Known honorably as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the Opening Ceremony of local and international competitions, symbolizing courage and celebrating diversity. To date, LETR is the largest grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics, bringing in more than \$56 million last year alone, and over half a billion dollars since its inception. Globally, what started in 1981 as a run with six officers has grown to a community of over 97,000 members in 110 programs and 49 countries.

LETR is changing attitudes toward people with intellectual disabilities and lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion of our athletes on and off the playing field.



Special Olympics athlete Andrew Peterson and Indiana State Police Master Trooper Tommy Walker Jr. light the cauldron to kick off the 2016 Indiana State Summer Games.

Photo Credit: The Tribune Star



A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

PIONEER PARTNER

The ‘A Very Special Christmas’ albums, created by world renowned musical artists, producers and A&M Records, and our investments, have generated over \$125 million since the first album launched in 1987. In 2016, over \$3 million was allocated by the Christmas Records Trust to support Program development and fund 93 Christmas Records Grants. These grants were used to grow Unified Sports, train athletes and coaches, expand programming to rural areas, and to develop and strengthen leadership. Since 1988, over \$75 million has been given to Special Olympics Programs from the Christmas Records Trust.



Students in Hong Kong participate in Camp Shriver, which focuses on introducing Unified Sports.



Coca-Cola Austria and Special Olympics Austria, alongside Austrian sports celebrities, celebrate their accomplishment in the unified relay marathon in Vienna.



FOUNDING PARTNER

The Coca-Cola Company is a Founding Partner and has been a Global Sponsor of Special Olympics since 1968. The Coca-Cola Company and Special Olympics share the same commitment to creating happiness as well as an unwavering belief in social inclusion.

For the past 48 years, Coca-Cola has showcased the unlimited potential of individuals with intellectual disabilities and the power of sport to bring people together both on and off the field of play. In 2016, Coca-Cola was proud to continue their legacy and commitment to the Special Olympics Movement with the renewal of their global agreement. Through their generosity, Coca-Cola has supported Special Olympics programs and events around the world and have made a cumulative investment of more than \$190 million resulting in transformative moments of pure happiness for the global community.

“Coca-Cola has a long history of supporting athletics at every level because we believe in the unique power of sport to inspire and bring people together. Since Special Olympics began in 1968, we’ve been honored to be founding partners in this wonderful movement, which is making a real and profound difference in the lives of millions of people with intellectual disabilities and changing our world for the better.”

Muhtar Kent
Chairman & CEO, The Coca-Cola Company



CHAMPION PARTNER

Bank of America’s long history of support of Special Olympics spans over three decades, working together to build a more diverse and inclusive society through the power of sports. In 2016, the company has extended its commitment to continue to raise awareness, connect communities and encourage participation in the Special Olympics movement. Bank of America will continue its commitment to advancing athlete leadership as part of its focus on breaking down barriers to inclusion, providing programmatic grants, local funding, volunteers and supporting the current class of Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers. The company is the presenting sponsor of the first Unified Talks Series which will kick off at the World Winter Games in Austria, providing a discussion platform to raise important topics related to inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities in education, health, sports, business and the community in general. Bank of America is a premier sponsor of Special Olympics USA delegations competing in the next Special Olympics World Winter and Summer Games. It will also be a legacy partner and platinum sponsor of the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, WA.



Athletes training in Killington VT, as they prepare for the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria. Bank of America is a premier sponsor of the Special Olympics USA team.



CHAMPION PARTNER

During 2016, ESPN continued to deepen its more than 30-year relationship with the Special Olympics movement. With ESPN’s continued role as the Global Presenting Sponsor of Special Olympics Unified Sports, in June of 2016 ESPN helped celebrate Special Olympics reaching more than 1.2 million global participants in Unified Sports. In addition, ESPN announced a new \$1.5 million grant to Special Olympics in support of key initiatives including Unified Sports and a three-year global programming agreement. ESPN will be the official broadcaster of the upcoming 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria, 2018 USA Games in Seattle and the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, and ESPN will also cover the movement on an ongoing basis, with more feature coverage of other Special Olympics events, athletes and stories over the course of the three-year agreement. ESPN continues to provide cash, in-kind donations and strategically use its multi-platform media assets and marketing expertise to increase awareness of Special Olympics and Unified Sports globally.



Chris Klug & Henry Meece celebrate after winning gold at the Unified Snowboarding event at the annual X Games Aspen hosted by ESPN.



Golisano FOUNDATION

Imagine the possibilities!

FOUNDING PARTNER

B. Thomas Golisano, an entrepreneur, philanthropist and civic leader, is the founder and Chairman of Paychex, Inc., a national leader in the payroll and human resource industry. The Golisano Foundation, which he established in 1985, is one of the nation's leading foundations dedicated exclusively to helping organizations that assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Golisano has been very generous to many institutions and organizations. His philanthropy totals more than \$262 million to date. His gifts of \$37 million to Special Olympics to establish and expand Healthy Communities represent the largest single gifts in Special Olympics history and Mr. Golisano's largest donation to a single organization. In 2016, Tom's gift helped expand the Healthy Community initiative to 55 Programs throughout the movement in addition to supporting the Golisano Health Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding leaders around the world who are championing and increasing access to inclusive health care year-round for people with intellectual disabilities.

"People with intellectual disabilities are still one of the largest groups of underserved individuals in health care, but we're making progress helping them to get access to quality care – by raising awareness, educating more health-care providers to be able to care for them, and developing relationships with key partners, such as health-care systems, universities and government agencies."

Tom Golisano
Founder, Golisano Foundation



CHAMPION PARTNER

The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International "Mission: Inclusion" represents one of the most innovative, and far-reaching partnership designs in the history of Special Olympics. As the Exclusive Global Partner of the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program, Lions Clubs International has become a world leader in advocating for improved vision and health services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through the joint "Mission: Inclusion" platform, Lions Clubs volunteers, and their global youth network of Leos, have broadened their support to include participation in inclusive sports programming, serving as keynote speakers at Family Health Forums, supporting early childhood development programming in Young Athletes, working to empower athletes throughout the world by inviting them to join local Lions Clubs and more in over 100 countries. As one of Special Olympics' largest and most global partners, Lions Clubs International is a pioneer in providing key global, multi-sector support for one of the most marginalized populations in the world.



Lions and Leos of Brazil - together with Special Olympics Brazil - team up to bring "Mission: Inclusion" to communities throughout the country.



CHAMPION PARTNER

Special Olympics and Mattel are currently in their twelfth year of partnership. Mattel has contributed greatly to Young Athletes and to the Special Olympics global volunteer force. Thanks to community-based seed investments from Mattel, Young Athletes has grown significantly since its launch in 2005 as a pilot program through Mattel funding, and as the program continues to demonstrate outcomes and build credibility in communities, new funding sources have become available to sustain growth. In addition, Team Mattel remains the largest global team of corporate volunteers in Special Olympics history, and it continues to set the standard for employee engagement. Additionally in 2016, with support from Mattel, Special Olympics along with an expert consultant developed resource materials for Mattel Children's Hospital and other sites around southern California that focused on parents of children newly diagnosed with ID and healthcare providers who deliver information to the parents and families of these children to better educate families and to inform and enable healthcare communities to serve people with intellectual disabilities.



A Young Athlete participates in a Mattel-sponsored Young Athletes demonstration where several Mattel employees volunteered their time.

As Special Olympics' Official Technology Partner, Microsoft provides both financial and in-kind support, including software for all Special Olympics' 223 Accredited Programs, hardware, technological expertise, and global visibility through Microsoft brand channels.

Microsoft continues to support Special Olympics in the modernization of its Games Management System (Connect), to help work towards the goal of having cloud-based reporting systems globally, enabling real-time reporting of athlete performance and personal bests.

In 2016, Special Olympics was featured as a part of Windows #UpgradeYourWorld campaign. In Los Angeles at Venice Beach and Microsoft Square at LA Live, athletes with and without intellectual disabilities from Unified Sports teams invited passersby to play impromptu "Streetball" soccer games on projected fields. Streetball reached over 2 million people and raised awareness of Special Olympics.

As a main sponsor of 2017 World Winter Games, Microsoft provided the hardware and software needed to run the Games, as well as supported 29 athletes competing in the Games and increased visibility by sharing their stories through a digital campaign.



A Special Olympics athlete and family member enjoy the Windows 10 photo booth at the #UpgradeYourWorld event at Microsoft Square at LA Live.



In 2016, the Essilor global family contributed generously to the athletes of Special Olympics throughout the world. As part of a long-standing global partnership with Special Olympics, Essilor and the Essilor Vision Foundation provides the Opening Eyes vision screening program with high-quality polycarbonate lenses to ensure that athletes can see clearly- both on and off the field. In addition, the Essilor Vision Foundation provided support to a vision-centric, innovative youth project in the Philippines, as part of Essilor's support of youth-led social impact initiatives. Designed and implemented by an inclusive youth team, led by Special Olympics athlete Briana Maxino, Special Olympics and the Essilor Vision Foundation continue to work hard to ensure that vision care is afforded to all- and that education around proper vision care can reach the hardest to reach.



Youth Leaders at the Special Olympics/Essilor Vision Foundation joint project in the Philippines.



Since 2003, Special Olympics and Safilo have shared a long-standing global partnership dedicated to ensuring the highest quality services for Special Olympics athletes. As the Exclusive Global Supplier of Frames and Sunglasses to the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program, Safilo continues to make a significant difference in the lives, and the health, of individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout the world. In addition, Safilo has begun a global employee activation program, together with Special Olympics, to afford more Safilo employees the chance to engage Special Olympics athletes in their home communities in an effort to bring the impact of this strong partnership direct to employees.



Special Olympics Kenya athletes enjoy their new sunglasses from Safilo after receiving a vision screening from the Special Olympics- Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program.

FINISH LINE

Finish Line has been a Platinum Partner of Special Olympics since 2012, empowering athletes with intellectual disabilities all over the world. Finish Line and The Finish Line Youth Foundation provide international support of Special Olympics' fitness and health programming, local Program sponsorship in the United States, robust volunteer engagement, and in-store fundraising during the holiday season.

In 2016, Finish Line employees across the United States volunteered at local and state level competitions in 27 Special Olympics Programs. Additionally, Finish Line provided funds to create helpful fitness resources and implement vital fitness programming through grant funding in 44 Special Olympics Programs worldwide.

Throughout the holiday season, The Finish Line Youth Foundation ran an at-register fundraising campaign in all of Finish Line's stores across the United States to support Special Olympics. To date, the holiday campaign has raised millions of dollars in support over the years as well as awareness for Special Olympics' mission.



Finish Line volunteers helping out at Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games and celebrating 5 years of partnership.



Herbalife Nutrition became a new sponsor of Special Olympics in 2016. A long time supporter of the movement, at the local level, Herbalife Nutrition has sponsored Special Olympics California for a number of years. The new collaboration is centered on fitness, supporting Special Olympics ongoing fitness strategy committed to improving health and fitness of our athletes and supporters through increased physical activity and improving nutrition and hydration. As part of their support, Herbalife Nutrition will appoint a member of their team to Special Olympics Global Fitness task force to bring additional perspective and expertise. Herbalife Nutrition will also feature the Special Olympics logo on several of their products distributed in the US, Mexico and Brazil. As in years past, Herbalife Nutrition employees, members and distributors have generously volunteered to support our athletes around the globe.



Herbalife volunteers hosted an arts and crafts booth at the Special Olympics Southern California Fall Games.



Since 2009, TD Bank has partnered with Special Olympics on an annual fundraising campaign, which has raised more than \$8.7 million and built awareness for the Play Unified movement. Over 1,200 TD Bank stores in the following states: Connecticut, Washington DC, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and Vermont participate each year. Customers support the campaign by purchasing Play Unified bracelets. This year, packs of collectible Special Olympics Athlete Trading Cards available at select stores gave customers the opportunity to get to know 50 Special Olympics athletes from around the country, and even featured a unique microsite (www.meetourathletes.org) to compliment the campaign. Employees and management take part too, through employee fundraising and volunteerism at local Special Olympics events across the country.



Fred Graziano, Head of Regional Commercial Banking and EVP at TD Bank, looks on while Special Olympics New Jersey athlete Robbie VanWright signs a collectible trading card featuring his image at TD Bank's Summer Games Pep Rally at TD University.



MetLife Foundation, the philanthropic arm of global insurer MetLife, shares Special Olympics' commitment to inclusion. The Foundation launched a three year partnership with Special Olympics to expand Young Athletes, a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 2 to 7 years old, across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Young Athletes introduces children to basic sport skills, like running, kicking and throwing. It offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the opportunity to share the joy of sports. Employees in MetLife's Europe, Middle East and Africa region will continue the volunteer partnership begun this year during the region's first Community Service Week when employees in 16 countries volunteered for Young Athletes and other Special Olympics programs. This sustained commitment of financial resources and volunteers will help children develop vital skills and relationships, putting them on the path to success.



MetLife volunteer supporting Special Olympics Young Athlete in Warsaw, Poland during Community Service Week.



P&G has supported Special Olympics globally for 37 years. In 2016, P&G's funding ensured that thousands of athletes were able to play sports year-round, providing meaningful training and competition opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics is featured by P&G in retail stores several times during the year. On Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving, 30 P&G brands supported Special Olympics by utilizing their social media channels to share about the mission and impact. Additionally, the annual military commissary fundraiser activated in 177 commissaries with visibility and funds supporting Special Olympics programs and athletes in the United States and around the world.





The support CITGO provides to Special Olympics is built around a mutual passion for making everyone feel welcome and included. With a long history of supporting Special Olympics at a local level, in 2016 they became a National Sponsor of Unified Strategy for Schools, providing funding to key markets where they have refineries, as well as engaging their employees. CITGO was also an official Supplier to the World's Largest Truck Convoy®, an annual event that brings together Special Olympics athletes and families in law enforcement and the trucking industry, as a way to increase public awareness of Special Olympics' efforts to build stronger communities where everyone can get involved.



Special Olympics athlete riding in a CITGO refinery fire truck that was part of the World's Largest Truck Convoy in Illinois.

ExxonMobil

ExxonMobil and Special Olympics entered into partnership in 2015 thru a grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation to support the implementation of a Malaria/HIV pilot program for people with ID in Nigeria in collaboration with Special Olympics Nigeria and Grassroots Soccer. As of the end of 2015, the project has been launched in 52 schools across five South-West States reaching over 2000 people with and without ID, distributed over 1,000 bed nets, reached and trained 100 coaches, and provided HIV and malaria testing for more than 800 Special Olympics athletes. Building on success of the pilot, the funding was extended in 2016 to successfully scale the project to other areas of Nigeria to provide Malaria and HIV/AIDS education and services for people with ID using soccer (football) as the medium.



Volunteers distributing bed net to Special Olympics Nigeria athlete



Hasbro and The Hasbro Children's Fund became a Special Olympics global partner in 2016, as part of BE FEARLESS BE KIND, the company's signature philanthropic initiative designed to inspire and empower kids to have compassion, empathy, and courage to stand up for others and be inclusive throughout their lives.

Hasbro has been involved in the Special Olympics movement for years through local sponsorship of Special Olympics Rhode Island and expanded its support this year to include grant funding for Unified Schools in 11 Programs around the world. Hasbro's support will help Special Olympics expand Unified Schools programming into new schools contributing to Special Olympics' strategic goal of increasing access to Unified Sports in schools. Additionally, in the United States, Hasbro will be awarding Kindness Awards to students who are leading inclusion efforts in their schools and exemplify empathy, compassion, and courage.



The NFL and Special Olympics are officially teaming up to build inclusive communities and provide opportunities for athletes of all abilities to participate in sports through the expansion of Special Olympics Unified Flag Football. Flag Football is quickly becoming one of the most popular sports in Special Olympics across the U.S. With contributions from the NFL Foundation, Special Olympics is providing grants to state Programs in eleven NFL markets including Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Colorado, Northern California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas, Washington and Virginia. The grants will be used to enhance Unified Sports programming, increase participation of athletes, partners and coaches; and improve the Unified Sports' online education course.

The partnership between the NFL and Special Olympics leverages the strength of the NFL and the greater football community to promote awareness, respect and inclusion of Special Olympics athletes. With the help of NFL players, clubs, and supporters, we'll look to increase new participation, coaches, and fans needed to grow the sport of flag football within the Special Olympics movement.



Hasbro employees volunteer thousands of hours a year in their communities as a part of Team Hasbro.



Special Olympics Global Ambassador and NFL player Joe Haden poses with Special Olympics South Carolina athletes during a unified flag football game.

Since 2013, Y&R and Special Olympics have partnered globally to support the Unified Sports Program, amplifying the message that social inclusion through sports is a powerful way to drive change. We're proud to have activated the Play Unified campaign in over 16 countries. We continue to grow the campaign through activation and integrated communications.

Y&R (www.yr.com) is the global advertising AOR for Special Olympics. No matter where we take the message, we hear stories from people who are personally touched by Special Olympics. Our employees are always at the ready to offer up support, whether it is through their professional skills and talents, or by volunteering their own time to support the efforts of Special Olympics.



From left to right Claire Heaps, Britta Dahl, David Sable, Adele Solomon, Eric Ackley, Catherine Patterson



Kim Samuel, Special Olympics Board Member, and the Samuel Family Foundation have been proud and long-term supporters and champions of Special Olympics, sharing our vision that inclusion through sport is the key to ensuring people with intellectual disabilities are included and experience a sense of belonging in their communities. Special Olympics and the Samuel Family Foundation work together to challenge the global injustice, intolerance and isolation all too often experienced by individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. Ms. Samuel and the Samuel Family Foundation are also proud conveners of the Global Symposium on Overcoming Isolation and Deepening Social Connectedness. The Symposium is a gathering of leading thinkers, activists and community leaders from 23 countries that aim to develop a shared perspective on social isolation and its impacts, including on those with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics proudly participated in the event and is excited to remain a partner in the Samuel Family Foundation's work to promote unity and inclusiveness for all.

In 2016, Special Olympics enthusiastically partnered with Kim Samuel and the Samuel Family Foundation to grow and nurture our Young Athletes and Families programs and chart a new course with our Global Schools Initiative. This work focused on addressing social isolation through the creation of more accepting and inclusive school communities that empower youth with and without intellectual disabilities to seek social change. Built on the notion that inclusion is key to ensuring people with intellectual disabilities are successfully integrated into the social fabric of society, this innovative initiative will capitalize on our belief that youth play an integral role in achieving long-term societal goals of acceptance and inclusion.



Kim Samuel and the Samuel Family Foundation continue to provide leadership and guidance to the Special Olympics movement.

PERFECTSENSE

Perfect Sense has been an integral innovator and collaborator in the quickly evolving online presence of Special Olympics around the world. Perfect Sense has joined with Special Olympics as a technology partner since its inception, leading the movement through the ever-changing digital landscape and positioning our strategic initiatives such as the Special Olympics World Games and our Play Unified campaign, for global success.

In 2016 Perfect Sense invested critical support in our 3rd Annual Hannah Teter Unified Snowboard Race in Aspen, Colorado. The event brought together top Special Olympics snowboarders with Olympic and professional snowboarders who raced together to break down barriers and change attitudes. Additionally, in June 2016 Perfect Sense hosted the Perfect Sense Pro-Am and Brightspot Unified Challenge a 2-day golf tournament in Washington, DC that partnered Special Olympics golfers from the United States and Canada with wounded veterans and teenagers from The First Tee. Perfect Sense also provided valuable in-kind services including the redevelopment of PlayUnified.org and the design and development of Special Olympics' new online annual report.



Camrin Sandoz from SO Louisiana smokes a drive down the fairway at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD, at the 5th Annual Perfect Sense Pro-Am, one of the many ways that Perfect Sense supported Special Olympics in 2016.

IKEA Foundation



The IKEA Foundation has become a critical player in expanding the reach of Special Olympics youth programs globally. Over the next three years the IKEA Foundation has committed to supporting the growth of Special Olympics Young Athletes through the Foundation's Let's Play for Change Good Cause Campaign, an annual initiative where IKEA co-workers and customers join together to help others. This unique initiative is committed to helping Special Olympics expand the reach of Young Athletes and inclusive sports programming in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Thailand –with a goal of advancing concepts of play time, development, learning, equal participation and sports activity for children in this region specifically.

The Campaign launched at the end of 2016 and will provide critical funding for Special Olympics Young Athletes through 2019. In an effort to raise awareness domestically IKEA and Special Olympics are also working together hosting in-store events at select IKEA locations in the U.S. This not only has increased support for the campaign but has provided the opportunity to educate customers about the work of Young Athletes and the vital role IKEA Foundation is playing in helping to ensure its continued success for children around the world.



IKEA Foundation team, 2015. The IKEA Foundation partners with leading charities, NGOs and aid organisations, helping children living in poverty have more opportunities to create a better future for themselves and their families.

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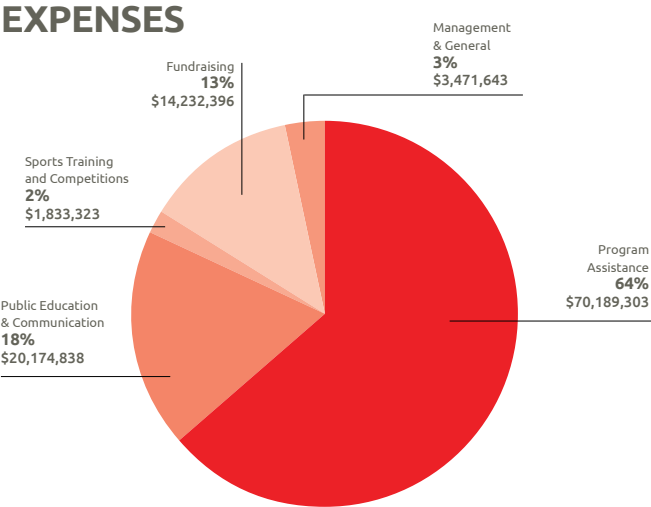
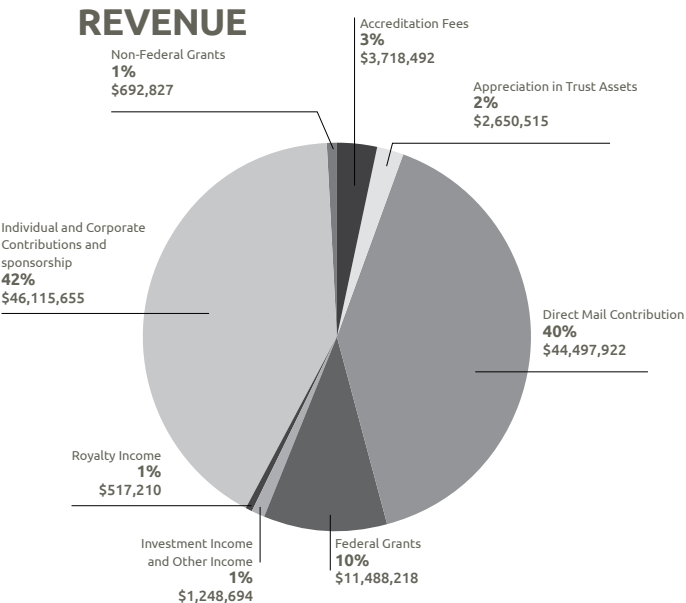
Special Olympics Inc. and Affiliates

2016 FINANCIALS

	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	FY 2016 TOTAL	FY 2015 TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT					
Direct mail contributions	\$ 44,497,922	\$	\$	\$ 44,497,922	\$ 41,501,734
Individual and corporate contributions and sponsorships	37,979,448	8,136,207		46,115,655	59,509,983
Federal grants	11,488,218			11,488,218	10,489,628
Non-federal grants	692,827			692,827	378,335
Accreditation fees	3,718,492			3,718,492	3,519,154
Royalty income	517,210			517,210	503,492
Appreciation in trust assets - net	2,650,515			2,650,515	(1,129,998)
Other investment income - net	244,409			244,409	(38,166)
Other income	1,004,285			1,004,285	1,890,258
Total revenues, gains and other support	102,793,326	8,136,207		110,929,533	116,624,420
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS					
Satisfaction of program restrictions	7,557,456	(7,557,456)			
Expiration of time restrictions	1,419,795	(1,419,795)			
Total revenues, gains and other support and net assets released from restrictions	111,770,577	(841,044)		110,929,533	116,624,420
EXPENSES					
Program assistance	70,189,303			70,189,303	84,236,930
Public education and communications	20,174,838			20,174,838	18,828,889
Sports training and competitions	1,833,323			1,833,323	2,919,663
Fundraising	14,232,396			14,232,396	14,612,234
Management and general	3,471,643			3,471,643	4,610,357
Total expenses	109,901,503			109,901,503	125,208,073
Net assets (beginning of year)	48,575,085	11,532,662	198,584	60,306,331	68,889,984
Changes in net assets	1,869,074	(841,044)		1,028,030	(8,583,653)
Net assets (end of year)	\$ 50,444,159	\$ 10,691,618	\$ 198,584	\$ 61,334,361	\$ 60,306,331

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 18,102,257	\$ 9,607,925
Contributions & accounts receivable	8,188,356	6,766,320
Other current assets	1,822,776	1,680,654
Total current assets	28,113,389	18,054,899
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	49,155,299	51,429,512
Long-term contributions receivable - net	926,000	378,000
Fixed assets - net	1,387,013	1,297,209
Other assets	870,573	658,150
Total non-current assets	52,338,885	53,762,871
TOTAL	\$ 80,452,274	\$ 71,817,770
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 7,077,831	\$ 7,487,139
Grants & awards payable	5,217,887	2,832,096
Deferred liabilities	6,263,468	532,658
Total current liabilities	18,559,186	10,851,893
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long-term deferred rent	558,727	659,546
Total liabilities	19,117,913	11,511,439
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	50,444,159	48,575,085
Temporarily restricted	10,691,618	11,532,662
Permanently restricted	198,584	198,584
Total net assets	61,334,361	60,306,331
TOTAL	\$ 80,452,274	\$ 71,817,770





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