

Sydney Fox: Global Family Leader North America

Sydney and her husband Dan live in Paradise Valley, Arizona with their three children Andrew 20, Meryl 18 and David 15. Their family has been actively involved in Special Olympics over the past fifteen years when Andrew became an athlete competing in swimming and tennis. In addition to being a parent of an athlete, Sydney has been a member on the Special Olympics of Arizona Board of Directors for the past six years where she chaired the board in 2008. Her vision is to spread the word about the Special Olympic movement in her community through Unified Sports. Sydney introduced Unified Sports to her children's high school three years ago and now the program is being championed and run as a "Club Sport" with teachers, students and family



members involved as coaches, partners and club members. In 2007, she chaired the inaugural "Breakfast of Champions" in Arizona. The breakfast celebrates the athletes, coaches, volunteers and families in addition to raising funds for the organization.

Her husband, Dan is a member of the Phoenix Thunderbirds a civic organization that raises funds for non-profits in Arizona through the Phoenix Open Golf Tournament. Special Olympics of Arizona has been a beneficiary of the tournament for over twenty years in addition to countless volunteer hours served by members of the Thunderbirds.

Sydney's daughter, Meryl has served as the chair of the Youth Activation Committee (YAC) in Arizona. The student led YAC provides leadership opportunities for athletes and their partners while growing the movement in Special Olympics. Meryl and her brother, David are partners with their brother Andrew at their high school for the Unified Sports Program.

The Foxes believe that strong family involvement is one of the keys to the success of Special Olympics. Athletes and their Partners families through Unified Sports become aware of the relevancy of the Special Olympics in their community.