What does every person want? The chance to be a part of a team, to participate in something that has meaning, that has goals, that ends in success regardless the color of the medal, and to share that success with family members and friends. What does every person with intellectual disabilities (ID) want? **THE EXACT SAME THING!**

It is estimated that there are as many as 200 million people with ID around the world – more than the total population of Canada and the United Kingdom combined. In South Carolina those estimates are over 123,000 individuals with ID. Each of those individuals possesses unique talents, strengths and abilities that, hold the potential to be a powerful force. We use the transformative power of sports to show that when we embrace inclusion, there is no limit to what we can achieve together.

Known for providing sports training and athletic competitions, Special Olympics’ strategic shift to focus on ending discrimination against people with ID will amplify the impact of its programmatic work in sports, health, and school engagement.

Since Special Olympics’ inaugural event on July 20, 1968, following many years of advocacy and action for social change, the organization has grown to include more than 5 million Special Olympics athletes across 172 countries. Special Olympics South Carolina has seen unprecedented growth. Over the past ten years we have more than doubled in size from 13,000 athletes in 2009 to now serving 29,614 athletes!

We are a global inclusion locomotive speeding down the tracks using sport, health, education and leadership programs every day in every town, city and county to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities.

You are going to continue to see amazing accomplishments by our Special Olympics athletes. Bask in the glow of the smiles and emotions you enjoy when being a part of our wonderful program. Be a part of something bigger than any individual. It’s not just a nice thing to do, it’s a right our population deserves. It’s a life changing choice you make. **MAKE INCLUSION A PRIORITY!**

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When Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded Special Olympics in 1968 she took a rebellious stand against the injustices faced by people with intellectual disabilities. Her solution was simple: give people with intellectual disabilities a chance to demonstrate their abilities, determination and value through sport.

Fifty years later, Special Olympics has grown from a summer camp held in Mrs. Shriver’s backyard to a global movement reaching more than 5 million individuals with intellectual disabilities in 170 countries.

Special Olympics launched into the next 50 years of the Inclusion Revolution with a week of high-level sports competition at the Unified Cup, family-friendly fun at the Torch Run and Global Day of Inclusion festival, and a star-studded concert at Northerly Island in Chicago, Ill.

Officers from South Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run and staff attended events in Chicago.
The mission of Special Olympics is to provide 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.

**2018 Reach Report**

**South Carolina By the Numbers**

- **29,614** Athletes
- **26** Sports Offered
- **490** Competitions
- **2,613** Certified Coaches
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- **40,443** Unified Sports Participants
- **300** Unified Champion Schools
- **643** Healthy Athlete Screenings
- **6 disciplines offered**
- **$1,055,160** raised by the Law Enforcement Torch Run
- **86 cents** of every dollar goes to programs and games
- **14 cents to fundraising**
- **4 cents to administration**
The core of Special Olympics will always be sports. Providing sports programs to individuals with intellectual disabilities not only provides a fun, healthy and social opportunity to Special Olympics athletes, it also empowers them to be leaders and contributing members of their community.

Through sports, Special Olympics also breaks down barriers among people of all abilities, from the volunteer that serves as a scorekeeper at an event to the unified partner who becomes teammates and friends with someone with special needs through Unified Sports. That is the power of sports and the spirit of Special Olympics in action.
### Sports & Competition

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#### 2018 Additional Sports Opportunities

- Southeast Powerlifting Competition: 7 Delegation Members
- National Unified Sports Bowling Tournament: 21 Delegation Members
Healthy Athletes

Special Olympics’ focus on sport cannot be successful without an accompanied focus on health. Any athlete must be healthy in mind and body to perform and excel in his/her given sport. Children and adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) face staggering health and wellness concerns. Studies reveal that children and adults with ID have poorer overall health and have a 40% increased risk for many preventable health conditions and experience higher mortality rates as a result of higher rates of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, leukemia, thyroid disease, sleep apnea, mitral valve prolapses and intestinal obstruction.

The health disparities for this population are a result of a combination of factors:
• poorly developed and supported behaviors to promote health
• lack of access to quality health care services
• lack of ability to pay for health care services
• practioniers lack of experience working with individuals with ID

In fact, only 1 in 50 primary care physicians receive clinical training that qualifies them to treat people with intellectual disabilities.

Health disparities also arise from inaccessible physical environments, social assumptions and prejudices, as well as inflexible policies and procedures that, for example, assume that everyone should be able to independently fill out forms or describe areas of concern for themselves.

To combat this health crisis, Special Olympics is committed to engage the health community as partners in educating, screening and treating Special Olympics athletes in an array of disciplines. Special Olympics also implements programs to equip and empower athletes to live healthy lifestyles.

As the number one healthcare provider to this population, Special Olympics will continue to grow in its services provided to increase the health and wellness for all individuals with intellectual disabilities.
Special Olympics South Carolina currently supports Fit Feet, Fun Fitness, Health Promotion, Healthy Hearing, Opening Eyes and Special Smiles. Through screenings and education opportunities provided in 2018, Special Olympics South Carolina more than doubled the reach of Healthy Athletes.

Healthy Athletes Screenings

- **Healthy Athletes Screenings**
- Health Screenings by SOSC increased from 311 in 2017 to 643 in 2018

**FIT FEET - Podiatry**
- 30 Athletes Screened; 12 referrals

**FUN FITNESS - Physical Therapy**
- 71 Athletes Screened; 28 referrals

**HEALTH PROMOTION - General Health, Nutrition & Sun Safety**
- 108 Athletes Screened & Oriented; 21 referrals due to BMI and 19 referrals for blood pressure

**HEALTHY HEARING - Audiology**
- 211 Athletes Screened; 63 referrals

**OPENING EYES - Optometry**
- 97 Athletes Screened; Distributed 54 eyeglasses, 8 sports glasses, 43 prescription sunglasses; 5 referrals

**SPECIAL SMILES - Dentistry**
- 126 Athletes Screened; 83 mouthguards distributed, 89 fluoride varnish applied, 47 non-urgent and 2 urgent referrals
Connecting sport, health and community, an intense focus is placed on education initiatives to shift society to embracing attitudes of acceptance, respect and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Statistics reveal that young people with disabilities face bullying at four times the rate of their nondisabled peers. By partnering with school systems through Unified Champion Schools, Special Olympics develops strategies and initiatives to provide younger generations access to meaningful inclusion and spread a message of respect, acceptance and inclusion for all. Unified Champion Schools has reached pockets all over South Carolina and is developing whole communities that embrace the culture of “Play Unified. Live Unified.”

Special Olympics partners with each individual Unified Champion School to develop its unique combination of initiatives that include Unified Sports, Youth Leadership and Whole-School Engagement.

Examples of initiatives and activities in Unified Champion Schools include inclusive Young Athletes Programs, health education, Unified Physical Education, Respect campaigns, Spread the Word to End the Word (R-Word) initiatives, and creating Unified Clubs or unifying existing clubs and student groups.
Special Olympics South Carolina secured maximum allotment of Unified Champion School grant funding to support another “Major Growth Year” for the second year. These funds are federal funds sub-granted to state programs through Special Olympics North America.

Unified Champion Schools expanded from 214 schools in 48 school districts during the 2016-2017 school year to...

17% of all SC elementary schools (111 elementary UCS programs)
34% of all SC middle schools (89 middle school UCS programs)
40% of all SC high schools (100 high school UCS programs)

- **300 schools** with
- **9,600 youth participating in Unified Sports** and **165,000 youth being reached** with the Unified Champion School message this year!
9th Annual State House Rally for Special Olympics was a great success with 36 schools and nearly 2000 students participating. Special entertainment was provided by unified groups Berkeley Middle, Gilbert Middle and Lexington High Schools.

SOSC continued recognition of outstanding Unified Champion Schools through the National Banner Recognition Program. In 2017, which we awarded in Spring 2018, middle schools were eligible to apply for recognition. Then for the 2018 process, elementary schools were eligible to apply. South Carolina celebrated new classes of National Banner Unified Champion Schools at all school levels. These schools met 10 standards of excellence to qualify as a National Banner Champion School and are now a part of an exclusive registry through Special Olympics.

2017 Banner Schools, presented during SPRING 2018:
- Berkeley Middle School
- Pickens High School
- Sandhills Middle School
- Swansea High School
- White Knoll High School
- Woodmont High School

2018 Banner Schools, presented during FALL 2018:
- Harbison West Elementary School
- Mauldin Middle School
- Pleasant Hill Middle School
- Red Bank Elementary School
- Walhalla High School
Special Olympics Hill Day
Special Olympics athletes, program leaders, unified partners, and family members from 39 states and the District of Columbia converged on Capitol Hill for Special Olympics’ 16th annual “Capitol Hill Day.”

Special Olympics athletes from across the nation held more than 250 face-to-face meetings with Members of Congress in both the House and Senate, challenging and inviting their elected officials to partner with them to achieve the goals of expanding Special Olympics Health programming throughout the US, and to end health care disparities and discrimination against persons with intellectual disabilities.

2018 Special Olympics USA Games
Special Olympics South Carolina selected 164 athletes, Unified Partners and coaches to compete in the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, July 16, in Seattle, Washington.

Team South Carolina members were among 3000 athletes competing in 14 different sports over the duration of the week. The University of Washington, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University and various bowling lanes and golf courses also hosted competitions.

Team South Carolina had athletes competing in 11 of the 14 sports offered: aquatics, basketball, bocce, bowling, flag football, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, stand up paddleboard, and tennis.

ESPN provided recorded and live coverage of selected events, giving the country a look inside how inclusive Special Olympics is around the country.
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Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics South Carolina received the Guardian Award during the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference. The LETR Guardian Award was created to recognize one outstanding Special Olympics Accredited Torch Run Program.

South Carolina was recognized for the commitment and dedication to growing the cause of Special Olympics by carrying and keeping the Flame of Hope burning bright for our athletes.

LETR began in 1981 as a run and has grown into an international program with the mission of raising awareness of and funds for Special Olympics programs. Officers across our state raise funds through Polar Plunges, rooftop sits and many other unique events. Officers are also involved as volunteers in Special Olympics sports programs, serving as coaches as well as event volunteers. In South Carolina there are currently 95 law enforcement agencies who participate in LETR.

The SCLETR also exceeded its one million dollar fundraising goal set by the Executive Council. In 2018, more than 90 agencies hosted and participated in events raising a total of $1,055,160.
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Financial Statement
January - December 2018

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Games Sponsorships 416,555
Foundation/Corporate Grants 788,718
Direct Marketing 479,098
Special Events 563,432
Law Enforcement Torch Run 1,056,028
Investments Gain/(Loss) (10,205)
Local Area Programs 612,802
Contributed Services & Materials 1,000,000
Total Income 4,906,428

Expense
Program Services 4,005,684
Resource Development 494,414
Administrative 164,183
Total Expenses 4,664,281

Increase/(Decrease) of Reserve Fund
242,147

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