A Year of Renewed Energy

Dear Special Olympics Louisiana Friends,

2019 was a year with focus on breaking down barriers – both on and off the field – all through the power of sports. Since its humble beginning, Special Olympics has worked to change the attitudes about the talents of people with intellectual disabilities around the globe. That dream is only partially realized, and it is thrilling to think of what the future holds for our athletes as we work toward a more inclusive, welcoming world for all! Special Olympics Louisiana is charging into this new time with a reinvigorated spirit and a passion for inclusion.

Each and every day, Special Olympics Louisiana athletes use the power of sports to discover new strengths, leadership skills and other successes in their personal lives. Our athletes inspire each of us to open our hearts to a broader world of talent and potential, and they will welcome us into their world where everyone is equal and all are accepted and appreciated.

There are so many people who give their time and talent to help our athletes realize their dreams. A heartfelt expression of gratitude goes out to all our coaches, area directors, sports coordinators, officials and the hundreds of others who volunteer to make our practices and events possible. You give so unconditionally, and we simply could not do any of this without you. Families, friends and fans are another invaluable part of our program! Your spirit and support make the victories that our athletes accomplish more meaningful and help to make the lesser outcomes feel so much better. Thank you for always being there to cheer the loudest and for your unwavering encouragement.

To all of our loyal partners and supporters, it is because of you that Special Olympics Louisiana has started on the path forward with a renewed energy and focus on providing quality training and competition opportunities for all of our athletes, no matter their ability. Because of you, I truly believe that the fear of difference will be replaced with an attitude of inclusion in our world. Each time we gather to witness and celebrate the accomplishments of our athletes, we enjoy the spirit of inclusion that embodies us and remember that we all can help make inclusion the rule rather than the exception. We are all more alike than different and we are better together.

Sincerely,

John Guzzardo
President & Chief Executive Officer
Special Olympics Louisiana
Message from Athlete Leader, Kirby Oertling

Dear Athletes and Supporters,

I thought the highlight of my career would be to participate in the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, but little did I know that I would be invited to participate in the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Being selected to the USA Games was a dream come true, so being selected to the World Games was more than I ever dreamed of being able to do. It was my greatest honor to represent my state and country halfway around the world in Dubai.

Over the last twelve years, I have been able to compete in Southwest Area Games with many of my friends and I love going to Hammond each year for State Summer Games. I have made so many friends from around the state because I am lucky enough to be part of Special Olympics. Some of those same friends also traveled with me to Seattle in 2018 to compete in the USA Games. It was amazing because Louisiana had one of the biggest teams in Seattle and everyone knew that we were from Louisiana because we were all dressed in our Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold, and green.

In March of 2019, I met and became friends with athletes from around the world at the Special Olympics World Games. The Pentathlon is my event, which includes the track events of Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump, 100m, and 400m. There were four other athletes from the United States that I am still friends with and still talk to on the phone. It was amazing to look up in the stands and see people from around the world cheering for me and I did my best to cheer for everyone too. Even though we didn’t speak the same language as a lot of the athletes we were competing against, everyone knew how to give a hug or a high five to show how much we cared about each other.

Special Olympics Louisiana has been such a positive part of my life. I am very thankful for the opportunities that I have been given and I hope to continue to give back as an athlete, a volunteer, and a friend.

Sincerely,

Kirby Oertling
Special Olympics Louisiana Athlete
Our Impact in 2019

108 competitions hosted in 2019

12,170 athletes registered in Special Olympics Louisiana training and competition

1,316 health screenings were provided to athletes and partners
## 2019 Reach Report

### Athletes
- **12,170** Athletes
- **659** Unified Partners
- **12,829** Total

### Competitions
- **108** Competitions
- **26** Unified
- **Every 3.4 Days**

### Volunteers
- **8,221** Volunteers
- **1,375** Coaches
- **2,083** Youth Volunteers
- **1,416** Law Enforcement Torch Run Personnel Involved

### Youth Leadership
- **6** Youth Leaders
- **508** Schools Engaged in Special Olympics
- **184** Unified Champion Schools®

### Unified Sports & Club Programs
- **1,552** Total Teammates
- **1,018** Unified Athletes
- **534** Unified Partners
- **47** Local Club Programs Offering Unified Sports

### Health Program
- **16** Healthy Athletes Activities
- **1,316** Athletes Receiving Screenings
- **225** Health Volunteers

### Statewide Footprint
- **9** Active Local Programs Across Louisiana

### Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run Activity
- **22** Torch Runs
- **72** Agencies Participating
- **1,416** Law Enforcement Officers & Personnel Involved
Sports & Games

Special Olympics Louisiana supports over 12,000 athletes, over 8,000 coaches and volunteers, more than 100 competitions each year, and over 12 Olympic-type sports through programs in most parishes in Louisiana.

**Sports.** Special Olympics Louisiana offers more than 12 Olympic-style individual and team sports that provide meaningful training and competition for people with intellectual disabilities.

**Unified Sports.** Partners across the state take part in Unified Sports, breaking down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities in a really fun way.

**Young Athletes.** What does every child want? The chance to kick a ball, throw a ball well, and share their success with family members. What does every child with intellectual disabilities want? The exact same thing.

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**2019 Games by the Numbers**

- 104 delegates at State Flag Football
- 855 delegates at State Summer Games
- 217 delegates at State Swimming
- 386 delegates at State Winter Games
- 108 area and local competitions
- 26 unified events
Special Olympics Unified Sports® is an initiative that combines Special Olympics athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (called Unified Partners) on sports teams for training and competition.

Unified Sports athletes improve their physical fitness, sharpen their playing skills, challenge the competition and have fun, too! In 2019, we increased the number of unified events we conduct and also added 15 new unified teams.

Camp Shriver, a component of Unified Sports, brings together people with and without intellectual disabilities for training and competition each summer. In 2019, three (3) Camp Shrivers were conducted across the state, serving over 250 athletes and partners.

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**UNIFIED SPORTS & CLUB PROGRAMS**

- **1,552** TOTAL TEAMMATES
- **1,018** UNIFIED ATHLETES
- **534** UNIFIED PARTNERS
- **47** LOCAL CLUB PROGRAMS OFFERING UNIFIED SPORTS
Improving Athlete Health through Inclusive Health.

Despite severe need and higher health risks, people with intellectual disabilities are often denied health services and die on average 16 years sooner than the general population. Special Olympics Health, in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is creating a world where people with intellectual disabilities have every opportunity to be healthy. Inclusive health means people with ID are able to take full advantage of the same health programs and services available to people who do not have ID.

**Healthy Athletes.** Special Olympics Louisiana offers free health screenings and education to athletes in a welcoming, fun environment. We have delivered over thousands of free health screenings and trained hundreds of health professionals and students to treat people with intellectual disabilities. These providers take these skills back to their practices and provide higher quality health care to people with ID – not just Special Olympics athletes – in their communities. We offer health screening in eight areas: Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physical therapy), Health Promotion (better health and well-being), Healthy Hearing (audiology), MedFest (sports physical exam), Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes (vision), Special Smiles (dentistry), and Strong Minds (emotional well-being).

**Healthy Communities.** Healthy Communities is a model Special Olympics program ensuring year-round access to health care and prevention programming. Special Olympics Programs receive Healthy Community recognition for efforts in creating year-round access to quality health care for people with ID. Through partnerships, fitness and wellness programs, and Special Olympics athlete leadership, we are paving the way for inclusive health.

**Health Systems.** To reach our goal of improving access to quality health services for 126,000 people with ID in Louisiana, we partner with health departments and organizations focused on eliminating health disparities in order to create sustainable health systems and services inclusive of all people with ID.

**Fitness.** Staying physically active is an important part of training for sport and maintaining and improving overall health. The bridge between health and sports, fitness is optimal health and performance through adequate nutrition, hydration, and physical activity. We improve the fitness of our athletes by providing tailored tools for individuals and families.

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**Improving Health**

16 HEALTHY ATHLETES ACTIVITIES

1,316 ATHLETES SCREENINGS

225 HEALTH VOLUNTEERS
Youth and Schools – The Future is Unified

Special Olympics Unified Schools empowers youth and educators to be leaders of change. By playing and learning, we will create a more inclusive world. Students of all abilities have the power to positively impact their school communities by promoting social inclusion.

Unified Champion Schools®. This comprehensive model aims to create school and community climates of acceptance and inclusion in over 200 schools across Louisiana by building on Special Olympics’ values, principles, practices, experiences and impacts to shape a generation that welcomes everyone.

Special Olympics College. Student leaders on nine Louisiana college campuses are connecting students and individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports to build friendships and help lead the social justice movement of Special Olympics.

Spread the Word Inclusion. Spread the Word is a global engagement campaign to increase inclusion amongst people with and without developmental disabilities through grassroots action. In schools, workplaces, and communities around the world, local leaders are taking a pledge to create socially inclusive places to learn, work, and live.

OUR WORK IN SCHOOLS

6 YOUTH LEADERS
508 SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS
184 UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®
Building an Inclusive World through Unified Leadership

Unified leadership focuses on both leaders with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) to develop their mindsets and skills. The goal is to build the best possible environment for people with ID to succeed in meaningful leadership roles and activities. This way of thinking revolves around two main ideas: firstly, to educate and empower people with ID; and secondly, to create a better understanding of people with ID, which in turn creates more inclusive cultures in organizations and in society as a whole.

**Athlete Leadership.** Athlete Leadership empowers athletes to develop leadership skills and utilize their voices and abilities to undertake meaningful leadership roles, influence change in the Special Olympics movement and create inclusive communities around the world. As athletes gain the confidence that comes with achievement, they feel empowered and ready to take on new challenges to make use of all their abilities.
At Special Olympics Louisiana, we think we have a fantastic program for individuals with intellectual disabilities, but don’t just take our word for it. Let’s hear what some of our volunteers want you to know about SOLA!

“Special Olympics Louisiana is community, support, excitement, enjoyment. Our family has been involved with Special Olympics for the last four years. Our daughter and oldest son are athletes, our youngest son a partner/coach, my husband a partner/coach and myself a coach, and over the last year an Area Team Member. For me it has been a place to meet families who we have created strong bonds with, who live with the same daily struggles we do, a place for us to share, support and encourage one another. Through Special Olympics I have watched my daughter blossom in a place where she fits in, where she is accepted for who she is, where she does not have to fake the norm in the hopes to be accepted. I have watched our now 17yr old son who partners become confident and build relationships with athletes that now look for him at practices. As a coach, I have participated and witnessed success and growth in so many athletes that would have never had this opportunity without Special Olympics Louisiana.”

- Hope Lanclos, Coach

“To me, Special Olympics is a place where everyone is welcomed in to participate in a great variety of sports and activities without anyone judging them by what they can’t do, but rather celebrating what they can do. It is a place where people with and without disabilities come together as one team. It is a place where everyone is given the chance to succeed in any given activity. It is a place of acceptance.

- Koda Lanclos, Unified Partner

“Special Olympics has been life changing for my family. I’ve witnessed several athletes push through adversity and become more social, more athletic and more loving. To see this progress makes me feel that ANYTHING is possible with the right support system and influence.”

- Amy Vicknair, Coach

Volunteers – The Heart and Soul of SOLA

VOLUNTEERS

8,221 VOLUNTEERS

1,375 COACHES

2,083 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS
Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics Louisiana athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into opening of local competitions. They also carry it into Special Olympics State, National, Regional and World Games. There are over 97,000 law enforcement members that carry the “Flame of Hope” annually. The flame symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Torch Run has grown over the years and now includes many fundraising platforms. These platforms include Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops, and more. Since the beginning, LETR has raised over $600 million for Special Olympics programs.

As retired Chief Richard LaMunyon once said, “What started in 1981 as a flicker of hope for Special Olympics has now become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympics athletes worldwide.” LETR is changing the future for people with intellectual disabilities. Through the LETR and Special Olympics Louisiana partnership we are lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion.
Our Sponsors and Supporters

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**State Games Medallion Sponsors**
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Field Services Representative
While our Board of Directors provides governance and our staff provides resources and oversight, the heart of our program is our loyal corps of volunteers who represent Special Olympics in its truest form – where the mission comes to life – at the area and local level.

Area 1 – Greater New Orleans
Gabe Feldman

Area 2 – Capital Area
Charles Guillory

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Teri Hagius

Area 5 – Southwest
Hilda Trahan

Area 6 – Central
Vacant

Area 7 – Northwest
Lisa Wilson

Area 8 – Northeast
Vacant

Area 9 – Northshore
Bradley Cook
## 2019 Financials

### SUPPORT AND REVENUES

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**Total Support and Revenues and Net Assets Released from Restrictions**

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**Change in Net Assets**

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2019 Assets & Liabilities

CURRENT ASSETS
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $980,249
- Accounts Receivable: $364,347
- Prepaid Expense: $18,404

Total Current Assets: $1,363,000

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET: $41,269

OTHER ASSETS
- Certificates of Deposit: $0
- Security Deposits: $3,000

Total Other Assets: $3,000

TOTAL ASSETS: $1,407,269

CURRENT LIABILITIES
- Accounts Payable: $3,060
- Accrued Expenses: $95,334

Total Liabilities: $98,394

NET ASSETS
- Board Designated Operating Reserve: $695,123
- Unrestricted: $458,581
- Without Donor Restrictions: $1,153,704
- With Donor Restrictions: $155,171

Total Net Assets: $1,308,875

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET: $41,269

REVENUE
- Grants, Govt: 9%
- Grants, Non Govt: 19%
- Contribution: 29%
- Donated Services & Materials: 23%
- Interest and Other Income: 1%
- Fundraising: 19%

EXPENSES
- Administrative Expenses: 7%
- Program Expenses: 76%
- Fundraising Expenses: 17%

ASSETS
- Property & Equipment: 3%
- Current Assets: 97%
- Non Current Assets: 0%

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
- Unrestricted Net Assets: 82%
- Restricted Net Assets: 11%
- Current Liabilities: 7%