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IMPACT REPORT

2021



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REBUILD. REIMAGINE. REGINITE.

What a year it was!

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priority was to keep athletes safe and encourage wellness and personal connection.

During 2021, we expanded our robust virtual sports programming and at-home fitness training, emphasizing the importance of staying physically and mentally fit while staying safe at home. We learned more about the tremendous need for digital access and training for athletes in remote areas and which barriers prevent connection with our community. And through our pilot program, Operation Tech Connect for All, we made great strides to ensure those athletes are not left behind.

As part of our strategic planning process, we invited 50,000 constituents to 22 candid virtual feedback and planning sessions. We listened deeply and together we built an ambitious and grounded multi-year plan aptly named **Rebuild, Reimagine and Reignite**. We'll share more in the coming months as we work toward:

- Expanding local programming and support to better serve the 180,000 people in our state with intellectual disabilities.
- Expanding digital access and training for athletes in remote locations.
- Ensuring sustainable funding for athletic training and competition, health screenings, inclusive school programs, and robust corporate and medical training in perpetuity.

In 2021, we were thrilled to welcome athletes back to in-person training and regional competitions during summer and fall seasons. Athletes were excited to return to the field and so were we!

Finally, our Board of Directors elected a longtime athlete, Kelly Campbell, as the incoming chair of the board, a historic moment for Special Olympics Washington. Ours is an urgent mission and we strive for the day when people everywhere embrace people with intellectual disabilities as respected and productive members of the communities around them.

With Endless Gratitude And Warmest Regards,



DAVID WU

*CEO, Special Olympics Washington
and The Special Olympics Washington Team*



2021 Special Olympics Washington Reach Report

(Reflects Virtual And In-Person Programming)



The decline in numbers highlights the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our programs. The data also showcases the resilience of our global movement. In 2021 Special Olympics Washington continued to redirect programming and develop solutions to adapt to a virtual-first environment, while planning for a safe and measured return to limited in-person activities.

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

Active Athletes & Unified Partners

7,626

Registered Athletes & Unified Partners

19,500



COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

In-Person Tournaments

5

Virtual Events & Competitions

31



HEALTH

HEALTHY ATHLETE SCREENINGS

95

ATHLETES PARTICIPATING

IN HEALTH & FITNESS

2,827

ATHLETE LEADERS ACTIVATED AS

21

HEALTH MESSENGERS

408

ID TRAINED

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS & STUDENTS

LEADERSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

1,876

ATHLETE

LEADERS

123

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

COUNCILS

12

EDUCATION

(Based On 2020-2021 School Year)

UNIFIED SCHOOLS

61

UNIFIED

CHAMPION SCHOOLS

22

UNIFIED EXPERIENCES

96,312

TEACHERS TRAINED

IN UNIFIED SCHOOLS

411

