



Special Olympics Washington Names Kelly Campbell as First Athlete to Chair its Board of Directors

January 27, 2022 – SEATTLE – Special Olympics Washington (SpecialOlympicsWashington.org) announced today the appointment of **Kelly Campbell** as the chair of its board of directors. Campbell is the first Special Olympics athlete to chair the organization’s board and only the second athlete in the history of the Special Olympics global movement to hold this position.

A champion for athlete leadership and empowerment, Campbell has been a Special Olympics athlete for 30 years and has served on the Special Olympics Washington board of directors since 2017. In addition to her involvement in Washington, Kelly serves on Special Olympics committees on the national and international levels.

“I’m very proud to be Special Olympics Washington’s first athlete board chair and it’s a privilege to serve the organization in this capacity,” said Campbell. “I’m looking forward to driving changes that make positive impacts on my fellow athletes and continuing to advocate for those who don’t have a voice.”

“Kelly is the epitome of what it means to be an athlete leader,” said David Wu, president and CEO of Special Olympics Washington. “As we look to the future of Special Olympics Washington, Kelly’s experience and tenure with our organization brings a vital perspective that will enable us to further empower athletes and drive the ‘Inclusion Revolution’ throughout our community.”

Campbell competes in softball, swimming, golf, bowling and basketball. Outside of Special Olympics, Campbell works for PCC Community Markets where she has been employed for more than 20 years.

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for more than 19,500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Learn more at SpecialOlympicsWashington.org.

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A photo of Ms. Campbell is available upon request.