

2019

A YEAR IN REVIEW

**Special
Olympics**
Washington



WE ARE A CATALYST FOR INCLUSION!

Special Olympics Washington is the leader in sports, inclusive health, and community building, empowering children and adults with intellectual disabilities to be valued on and off the playing field.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, 2019 was our biggest year yet! You are transforming the lives of our athletes, and we're so grateful for your continued partnership.

2019 BY THE NUMBERS



19,500
ATHLETES

4
STATE
GAMES



25
SPORTS

180+ YEAR-ROUND
COMPETITIONS

11 PROGRAMMING
REGIONS

10,000+

VOLUNTEERS
brought our mission
to life at local levels

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN CAMPAIGN



The LETR campaign for Special Olympics engages law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities, starting first with their own communities. Over the years, the campaign has evolved and now encompasses a variety of innovative fundraising platforms.

14
TORCH RUNS
DELIVERED THE
FLAME OF HOPE
TO SPRING GAMES



6 POLAR PLUNGES

2,500+
LAW ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL INVOLVED

LAW ENFORCEMENT CARRIED
THE FLAME OF HOPE OVER

3000
MILES ACROSS WASHINGTON

HEALTHY ATHLETES

The Healthy Athletes program is dedicated to changing the way health systems interact with people with intellectual disabilities. We provide athletes with free health screenings, education, and referrals for follow-up care in a fun, welcoming environment that removes the barriers our athletes too often encounter during visits with healthcare professionals.

Special Olympics Washington's health initiatives are supported by our Official Health Partner Kaiser Permanente, and made possible by the Golisano Foundation and in collaboration with the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

20 HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENING EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE

1,805 HEALTH SCREENINGS

PROVIDED INCLUSION TRAINING TO

200

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS



DID YOU KNOW? Special Olympics is the largest global public health organization specifically for people with intellectual disabilities.

101 

PAIRS OF FREE GLASSES GIVEN TO ATHLETES

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. Through the Unified Schools program, this inclusive mentality moves off the playing field and into the classroom.



183 UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

74,139

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE MESSAGE OF RESPECT AND ACCEPTANCE

In a powerful effort led by students, Fife High School received national recognition as one of the top five schools in the U.S. for inclusion in October. Inclusive activities range from Unified Basketball to Unified Prom. We're so inspired by a generation that chooses to include!



61 UNIFIED COMPETITIONS

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR MOST GENEROUS PARTNERS



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