



Year In Review

The Special Olympics Movement is taking off, not just locally but worldwide! As you know, Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport. Through programming in sports, education and community building, Special Olympics is changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities solving the global injustice, isolation, intolerance and inactivity they face. Special Olympics is providing opportunities for **4.4 million athletes** through **220 Accredited Special Olympics programs** in more than **170 countries**.

Over the last year, Special Olympics Washington has once again made considerable progress in serving our athletes, their families, and the communities within the East Region. We remain committed to our aggressive goals in advancing quality sports and competition, building communities, connecting fans and funds, defining movement leaders, and establishing sustainable capabilities while serving more than **10,000 athletes and Unified Partners**, with the help of more than **8,000 volunteers and coaches**.

A few program highlights that took place during this year's partnership have been included below for your reference.

- Cheney athlete Scott Tobin named Athlete of the Year for Washington State
- 40 athletes and Unified Partners traveled to New Jersey to compete against Special Olympics athletes from across the nation in Special Olympics USA Games
- Through the Healthy Athletes Program 1,100 athletes received free health and wellness screenings
- 1,500 athletes competed in basketball, figure and speed skating, Nordic and downhill skiing, and snowboarding at the State Winter Games
- 2,700 athletes competed in athletics, aquatics, cycling, soccer, and powerlifting at the State Summer Games
- Project Unify and Unified Sports program expansion in schools and districts across the state
- National lead on Unified Soccer Leagues and creation of Team USA for national and international tournaments
- Continued growth within our largest grass-roots fundraising and awareness campaign, the Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Developed new revenue stream with the organization's first House Raffle fundraising campaign which proved successful both financially and through brand outreach

Through an expansion of our traditional programming, Healthy Athletes and Project UNIFY initiatives, we are on a path to serve record numbers, in part thanks to the incredible support of our community and partners such as the Washington State Law Enforcement Association.