

Special Olympics Rhode Island Mission

A Better Life Through Sports and Fellowship.

Everyone deserves an opportunity to have a full and enriching life. This is especially true for people with intellectual disabilities. Sadly, they too often live on the fringes of society and face barriers most of us would never encounter.

At Special Olympics Rhode Island, we use athletic competition as a springboard to a better life for people with intellectual disabilities. They find support and life-enriching interaction through our program, which is one of the most dynamic in the world. Each year, we

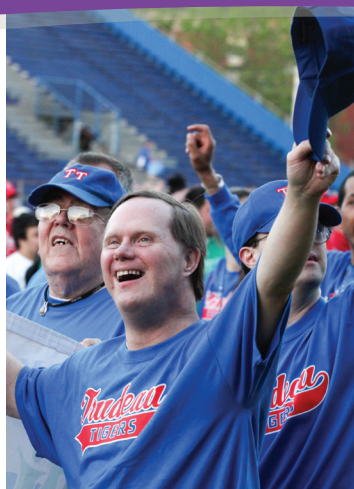
- provide over 1,600 year-round sports training and athletic competitions
- serve more than 3,000 athletes
- host over 40 statewide tournaments and competitions
- showcase 21 official and demonstration sports

Year-round competition requires year-round support.

Special Olympics Rhode Island is active all year, and we rely almost entirely on private donations to deliver free services to more than 3,000 athletes and their families. Your support ensures that these athletes enjoy the camaraderie and interaction that helps them live fuller, more independent lives. And while athletic competition is the foundation of our mission, Special Olympics Rhode Island is about more than just sports.

We're more than just a sports organization.

Through work in health education, community building and sports, Special Olympics Rhode Island is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities.



Participate in the movement. Give the gift of you.

Special Olympics Rhode Island celebrates what athletes can do, as opposed to what they may not be able to do. We offer training and competition in 21 Olympic sports for people with intellectual disabilities throughout Rhode Island. We believe our work improves the lives of our athletes every day.

Whether you're interested in competing as an athlete, volunteering to support events, or donating to the organization to make this all possible, Special Olympics Rhode Island has an opportunity for you to become involved. Help us improve the lives of our more than 3,000 athletes year-round by providing these opportunities at no cost to our athletes and their families:

- Unified Schools – provides life-altering socialization for our athletes by integrating them into competition alongside athletes without intellectual disabilities
- Healthy Athletes – improves the health of our athletes through access to health and nutrition information

These programs are enhancing personal development on and off the field of play. Your participation and support is the key to making sure we can continue to provide these and other services in the future. If you would prefer to participate as an athlete, contact Chris Hopkins at **401-349-4900** or via email at **chris@specialolympicsri.org**.



I want to join Special Olympics Rhode Island.

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Contact me to coordinate my gift.**

Name _____

Business Name _____

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Email address _____

I want to be more involved. Please send me information on how I can help Special Olympics Rhode Island (check all boxes that apply).

- ☐ I want to coach a team.
- ☐ I want to volunteer at events.
- ☐ I want to donate goods and services to the organization.
- ☐ I want to serve on the Board of Directors.
- ☐ I want to be an athlete.

Volunteer

Give the gift of you.

We are grateful for the hundreds of amazing volunteers who give selflessly every year to help us run events, coach teams, and provide meaningful opportunity for people with intellectual disabilities. We would not exist without their generosity.

Special Olympics Rhode Island has room for volunteers of all kinds. Contact Louise Miller via email at **Louise@specialolympicsri.org** to learn how you can help us today. We promise you it will not only be fun, but very likely the most rewarding thing you can do with your time.

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Donate

Make a gift. Change a life.

Being a corporate sponsor of Special Olympics Rhode Island gives your company visibility, exposure, and the benefit of being seen as a good corporate citizen. Most importantly, you'll support an organization that makes a direct and positive impact on the state's most vulnerable population.

There are five ways to support Special Olympics Rhode Island:

- corporate sponsorship
- event sponsorship
- in-kind contributions
- targeted gifts
- general giving

Contact Dennis DeJesus at **401-349-4900** or **dennis@specialolympicsri.org** for details on how you can support the more than 3,000 athletes and families served by Special Olympics Rhode Island.

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