



Launching into the Next 50 Years

In 1968, when Eunice Kennedy Shriver stepped up to the microphone at Soldier Field in Chicago to convene the first Special Olympics Games, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said, you know, Eunice, the world will never be the same after this". He was right. From that moment on, the world began to transform attitudes and behaviors, to accept and respect every person with an intellectual disability.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary, it is important that we think about our 100th anniversary and what the world will look like in 2068. It is our vision that over the next 50 years, the discrimination faced by people with intellectual disabilities will end, the barriers to health care will crumble, the stigma our athletes face will evaporate, and that we will live in a truly inclusive world.

To make all of this happen, it will take us digging deep into the revolutionary spirit that founded this movement. The Revolution is Inclusion and it is going to take all of us; it is not optional – the only choice you need to make is how you will join. And let us continue to reflect the accomplishments and where we have come as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the inception of this program! Happy Anniversary, Eunice Kennedy Shriver!



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2018 Memorials

Special Olympics North Dakota deeply appreciates receiving donations in memory of friends and loved ones. Memorial gifts have been received in remembrance of:

Curtis Aalund	Ryan Rauhauser
Terry Glenn Atherton	Karen Ryan
Candace Bates	Daniel Sauvageau
Betty Brandt	Shane Sundeen
Hellen Halle	Sandy Viviano



Upcoming Events

August

- 18 GF Program Carwash– Culver's
- 19 District IV Soccer/Bocce Tournament-Bismarck
- 20 Area VI Soccer/Bocce Tournament– Fargo
- 26 District III Soccer/Bocce Tournament– Fargo

September

- 8 LETR Truck Convoy– Fargo
- 9-13 Restaurant Promotion– Grand Forks
- 15-16 State Soccer Tournament– Grand Forks
- 18-19 LETR Applebee's Tip-A- Cop- Statewide

October

- 6 Unified Flag Football Game – UND Memorial Stadium
- 23 Dancing for Special Stars -Minot

November

- 3-4 State Bowling– Bismarck/ Mandan
- 17-18 State Conference/ Banquet -Fargo
- 23 LETR Cool Cash Raffle

Award and Hall of Fame Nominations

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for all their dedication to our program? Please nominate someone for our awards banquet. Awards include:

Male & Female Athletes of the Year	Organization Award
School of the Year	Coach of the Year
Continuous Service Award	Youth Service Award
LETR Flame of Hope Award	Volunteer Award
Roger Kerns Character Award	Family Award
Hall of Fame	

Visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwFYRqjNSAIdUTNwdHhkWl9aV3c/view?usp=sharing> to submit a nomination!

Youth Leadership Spotlight – Tayten Jordan shares his birthday

For his 10th birthday, Tayten Jordan's wish was to "do something to change us, other people, our community, and the world." What better way to fulfill this wish than to support the mission of Special Olympics North Dakota. Tayten loves sports and knows there are people in our state that have a harder time participating. To support his birthday wish both his elementary school in Beulah and Choice Financial in Langdon conducted fundraisers in his honor. Beulah elementary school conducted a "pay to wear a hat day" for the students and "jeans day" for staff. Langdon area Choice Financial joined the elementary school in hosting a "jeans day" for its employees. Tayten is correct. Most Special Olympics athletes have never been able to formally join a sports team until they became involved in Special Olympics. Tayten's generous heart and leadership helps our mission move forward and all involved are extremely grateful.



USA Games Support – Sponsors help make Team North Dakota reach Seattle, Washington

It costs a lot of money to send 46 people to USA Games, and our sponsors helped make that dream a reality! Several fundraisers helped us reach our goal! Thank you to everyone who supported an athlete, coach, or volunteer through the Bakeless Bake sale or calendar raffle! Your gifts really added up! Special thanks to Hugo's Family Marketplace for doing a weeklong scan promotion in their stores in Grand Forks, Jamestown, and Grafton!



SOND Takes on Seattle for the 2018 USA Games

On June 28th, SOND Team North Dakota assembled in Fargo for the first day of 10 day journey that was the 2018 USA Games in Seattle Washington. All along the way, our delegation of 33 athletes and 9 coaches experienced the joy of inclusion, dignity and respect. This was highlighted at the Opening Ceremony on July 1st in Husky Stadium at the University of Washington as it was broadcasted on ABC across the nation. Our delegation was front and center as world class entertainment was offered along with a motivating and passionate speech from the Chairman of Special Olympics, Timothy Shriver. Sharing the stage with Mr. Shriver was one of our North Dakota coaches, Michael Storandt, as he delivered the coaches oath to the over 3000 athletes and partners, 1000 coaches, and numerous volunteers and spectators. From there, the coaches and athletes met fierce competition in world class sport venues. Team ND rose to the competition seeing many successes both on the award stands and in our hearts. The Games also featured many other once in a lifetime activities for the delegation such as a trip to the top of the Space Needle, a Seattle Mariners MLB baseball game and touring the world famous Pike Place Farmers Market. Fortunately, all stayed clear of the flying fish in the fish market. Back at the campus of the U of W, all our athletes and partners participated in the Special Olympics Healthy Athlete program. In addition to top caliber medical screenings, our athletes received a new pair of athletic shoes from Finish Line as well as a host of other items including mouth guards, sport goggles and new eyeglasses. On the 4th of July, a fantastic picnic and fireworks display lit the sky for all to enjoy. When the cauldron was extinguished and the flag passed to the next host city, there was no doubt Seattle put on an event of a lifetime.

TEAM NORTH DAKOTA MEDAL COUNT

Gold	Silver	Bronze	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place
5	7	6	8	6	1	1

For full results summary visit our website!



SOND STATE SUMMER GAMES

The Summer Games proved once again to be a successful event with 559 athletes attending this three day event on June 7-9th in Fargo. The Games kicked off on Thursday night with the Parade of Athletes representing cities across North Dakota (Belcourt, Bismarck, Bottineau, Fargo, Dickinson, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Jamestown Anne Carlson, Mandan, Minot, Valley City, and Wahpeton) marching down Broadway into Opening Ceremony and to celebrate Special Olympics 50th anniversary. The parade was led by Law Enforcement officers carrying the Flame of Hope. The Games resumed Friday morning at Davies High School where athletes participated in Bocce, Volleyball, Powerlifting, and Swimming. The Summer Games concluded on Saturday with track and field competition at South High School.



Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for supporting Special Olympics and the 2018 Summer Games as a sponsor!

Special Olympics North Dakota would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our sponsors of the 2018 State Summer Games. Our Premier Sponsors of Spartan Nash, Sanford Health, Microsoft, and The Knights of Columbus were especially appreciated as they went above and beyond their financial commitment to make the games a huge success. Spartan Nash conducted a scan promotion at its stores across North Dakota as well as donated 700 cupcakes for the 50th birthday celebration. Sanford Health added 600 flashlights to Microsoft's gift of 650 headbands and wristbands to make a festive birthday gift for each of our athletes. The Knights of Columbus once again stepped up with the financial support and workers to serve all our athlete meals for the three days of the Games. Once again, thank you to all our sponsors listed below:

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Silver Medal

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Gold Medal Entrée

Fargo restaurants teamed up with Special Olympics North Dakota for the annual Gold Medal Entrée. Fargo Billiards, Golf Addiction, Labby's Grill & Bar, and Santa Lucia helped to raise money for the State Summer Games. The promotion ran the week before the games in June. Thank you to the participating restaurants and to everyone who went out to support the cause!



Birthday Celebration

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics. All year long Special Olympics North Dakota is celebrating this historic birthday. What better way to celebrate a birthday than with a party? At the State Summer Games SOND threw a birthday party for all 600 participating athletes. The party celebration included wrapped gifts donated by Microsoft and Sanford Health and cupcakes donated by Spartan Nash.



LETR – Law Enforcement Torch Run does it again!

Nearly 230 law enforcement officers and volunteers participated in runs covering communities across the state of North Dakota, beginning on June 5, which culminated with the Final Leg at the Opening Ceremony for the 2018 State Summer Games. The Summer Games, held June 7-9 in Fargo, gave nearly 600 athletes and 112 coaches the opportunity to march down Broadway Avenue, escorted from start to finish by members of the law enforcement community, the true "Guardians of the Flame of Hope." Thank you to our Torch Run sponsors: Gold Sponsor: Casey's General Store Silver Sponsor: Scheels; Bronze Medal: McKenzie Energy Partners, North Dakota Troopers Association, North Dakota Peace Officers Association, and North Dakota Telephone Company! Special thanks to all 29 Casey's General Stores across North Dakota for the support they showed during the month of June and for all the money they raised for the Law Enforcement Torch Run!



Golf Classic for Special Olympics Swings into Grand Forks!

80 degrees and no wind helped make for a golfer's paradise when the Golf Classic came to Grand Forks on June 21! Twenty-one teams and 84 golfers enjoyed competing at the Grand Forks Country Club while raising money for Special Olympics North Dakota!

Thanks to all of the sponsors who made this event truly successful!

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Dancing for Special Stars Grand Forks

By day, they are bankers, business owners and realtors but for one night, local community members performed hip hop, swing and disco dances to raise money for Special Olympics. The 9th annual Dancing for Special Stars event was held at the Empire Arts Center, Grand Forks on April 10. The event was another great success, raising more than \$84,000 for Special Olympics. The event which started in 2010, teams up local community members (celebrities) and dance instructors who perform a dance routine for audience and judge votes. Eleven couples wowed a full house with their performances.

Dance celebrities and their dance partners participating in this year's event were:

Bonnie Baglien Sprecher-Jeffrey Sprecher
Courtney Barstad Logan-Justin Dela Cruz
Theresa Boltz-Armando Mendoza
Leah Halverson-Jack Jenö
Rachel Kmecik - Andy Sullivan
Dr. Pete Mecham- Nicque Robinson-Dela Cruz
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Major sponsors of the event were:

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Winning couple-Joe Zavoral and Brooke Meyer

Special Olympics North Dakota Honors

Special Olympics North Dakota received recognition at the Bismarck-Mandan CVB Annual Meeting as a VIP for hosting the Special Olympics North America Softball Championships. This was the first time North Dakota was selected to host this event which brought in more than 500 athletes from throughout the United States and Canada with local support from more than 450 volunteers. Also supporting the event was Moose International which brought not only financial support, but brought their members as volunteers from multiple states. The four days of softball competition was kicked off by a celebration and Opening Ceremony hosted by the Larks and featured music by North Dakota's own "Tigirlily"!



SOND Maintains Accreditation Status

Special Olympics North Dakota received accredited status through the year 2019. While celebrating the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics in Chicago, Ill. SOND President and CEO Kathleen Meagher was presented with an accreditation certificate. President of the Special Olympics International Board of Directors, Tim Shriver and Loretta Claiborne, a Special Olympics Athlete and member of the board, presented Meagher with the certificate. The accreditation status allows Special Olympics North Dakota to operate under the Special Olympics name and to conduct activities and programs throughout the state through 2019.



Calling All Volunteers!

Special Olympics North Dakota will be hosting the 2018 State Soccer/Bocce Tournament in Grand Forks September 15-16. If you are interested in volunteering please visit the SOND website to register or call the office for more information.

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