Special Olympics North Dakota is part of a worldwide movement dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training, healthy athlete initiatives and leadership development. Every year, Special Olympics athletes in North Dakota have an opportunity to take part in any of the fifteen sports offered: alpine skiing, aquatics, athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, cross country skiing, figure skating, gymnastics, powerlifting, snow shoe racing, soccer, speed skating, volleyball, and flag football. They have opportunities to take part in local, district, state, national and world level competitions. Special Olympics sports brings out pride, courage and joy in athletes, while inviting families and entire communities to join in the celebration. As Special Olympics moves closer to its fifth decade, we are gaining a new understanding of the importance of the Movement. In the relationships formed and in the examples set by the athletes the world sees a new way of thinking, feeling and acting. Special Olympics inspires people to accept, include and value people with Intellectual Disabilities.

2017 State Competition Athlete Statistics

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<td>Bowling</td>
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Additional Statewide Competitions: 73
Statewide Volunteers: 5081
Coaches: 367

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Our Mission

Celebrations at a Glance

- Special Olympics North Dakota celebrated its 45 year anniversary of Believing and Becoming and celebrating the hope, energy and determination of real people in real communities achieving real victories.
- Four athletes from North Dakota represented Special Olympics USA at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria in March. Athletes included Christy Coughlin, Minot; Dave Jods, Bismarck; Katielynn Ovitt, Bottineau; and Wade Wintermeyer of Jamestown. Cindy Schopper of Valley City was an assistant snow shoe coach and Dr. Julie Blehm, Fargo was a member of the medical team for Special Olympics USA.
- Special Olympics College Clubs at UND and NDSU faced off in the 3rd annual ESPN Rivalry Series Unified Basketball Game at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex on NDSU’s campus.
- Tylee Irwin, Wahpeton High School girls basketball player was named ‘Gatorade Player of the Year’ and designated Special Olympics for a $1000 award.
- Special Olympics North Dakota was part of a 21 state partnership with the SpartanNash Foundation during its retail scan campaign to support Special Olympics athletes. They also selected Special Olympics North Dakota to feature a Healthy Athlete, Matt Ihringer of Fargo whose image was on water bottles throughout their stores across the region.
- Special Olympics North Dakota partnered with Special Olympics North America, Moose Lodge International, USA Softball, Bismarck Parks and Rec District and the Bismarck Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau to host the Special Olympics National Softball Championship held in Bismarck. Teams from across the US and Canada participated in the four day tournament. More than 200 student athletes from the Bismarck and Mandan High Schools volunteered as musicians and Fans in the Stands at the event.
- In October, Special Olympics College club teams competed in the 3rd annual Unified flag football tournament at the University of North Dakota with highlights captured from drone footage and shown on the SOND website!
- In conjunction with the Truck Convoy, Special Olympics North Dakota partnered for the 2nd year with Stamart Truck Stops as they expanded their medallion sales beyond Fargo to Bismarck and Grand Forks.
- The number of bowlers increased by 12% at this year’s State Bowling Tournament to 691 registered bowlers.

Special Olympics North Dakota
2017 Annual Report
All Funds
Combined Balance Sheet

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Cost per athlete: $1,183

INCOME:

- Contributions: $779,717
- Grants: 62,483
- Special Events: 275,349
- Interest/Other*: 378,942
  
  * Reflects net of gaming

**Total Income:** $1,496,491

EXPENSES:

- Program Services: $1,067,984
- General & Admin: 83,564
- Fundraising: 316,389

**Total Expenses:** $1,467,937

(Source - 2017 Audited Financials)