



IMPACT
REPORT
2019-20

MOVING FORWARD
TOGETHER



Since Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) first began in 1979, we've been supporting and inspiring athletes across the province. We've come a long way in that time. We've grown, covered new territory, expanded our donor base, introduced new programs, and made a lot of new friends along the way. This year, we faced our biggest challenge ever. **We did it the way we do everything: with grace and dignity.** By evolving our programs to adapt to the new realities brought about by COVID-19, we've been able to continue providing support and competitive opportunities to our athletes. Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver once said, "Look how far you've come." **Well, watch how far we've yet to go!**

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LEADERSHIP



DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES WE REAPED STRENGTH IN OUR DIVERSITY TO ADDRESS ADVERSITY!

Our efforts were designed to build trust and confidence amongst our athletes, families, donors, and stakeholders. We were able to showcase our ability to pivot quickly and stretch our imaginations to the fullest extent. We worked closely with our communities and rock star volunteers to adapt and conscientiously react to the needs of our member athletes, coaches, and stakeholders. From our Healthy @ Home platform to our Virtual Games, the motivation to stay connected, **to build a bridge from where we stand to where we need to go**, was — and continues to be — mission critical.

The future is unclear but COVID-19 will be a watershed moment for Special Olympics Ontario. We believe that this global shock will be a catalyst to many of the changes we were already seeing, and that Special Olympics Ontario will continue to prepare for success in the future.

These exceptional times need a vision of **Moving Forward Together**. We believe we can do it, and we believe we can do it with YOU.

We hope you enjoy this year's Impact Report.

Sincerely,

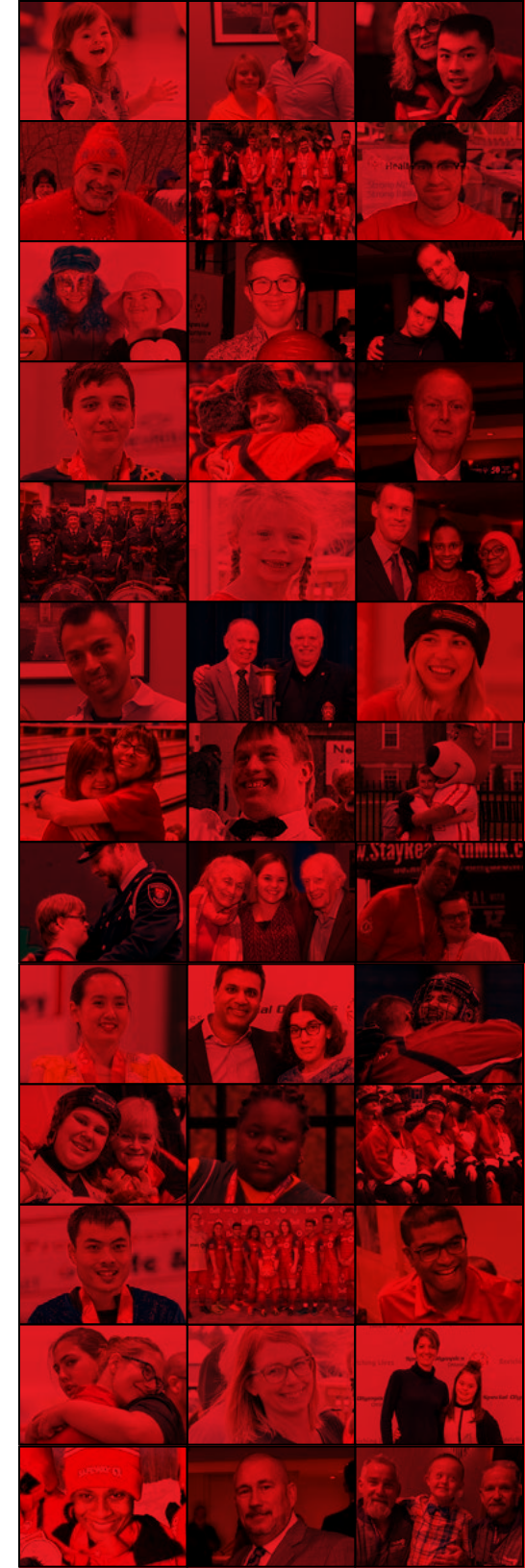
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Chair, Board of Directors

Glenn MacDonell
President & CEO

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Now is the time to rethink and evaluate different ways to support our athletes, families, volunteers, and sponsors. We plan to do this by:

- **Preparing for the new future** by maximizing our strengths and forging ahead together, as we build outwards and upwards on our virtual and programming resources.
- Engaging in continuous future planning that generates new program delivery, which will afford all of our members the opportunity to be engaged, involved, and **able to thrive**.
- Learning and leveraging the digital supports and resources developed, making our movement **more accessible and efficient**.
- Consulting with our stakeholders and confirming that our new models and methods are sound, intact, and keep Special Olympics Ontario **viable, important, and necessary** for people with an intellectual disability.



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TO THOSE WHO FEEL APATHETIC,
LET'S THINK HARDER. TO ANYONE
WHO THINKS THIS IS SOMEONE
ELSE'S PROBLEM, THINK AGAIN.

Special Olympics Ontario commits to challenging anti-Black and anti-Indigenous structures, and is committed to anti-racism work within and through our organization and communities.

We understand that this work is on-going, requires reflection and a strong resolve, and is absolutely necessary. We recognize that this work is a priority, and that our organization has a vital role in creating a framework for successful anti-racism practices at all levels.

We have started this work by developing an equity/anti-racism task force. This team has put forth a set of actionable recommendations, which we look forward to implementing. This is one of many steps in an on-going process.

The Special Olympics movement was founded on the principles of equity and inclusivity and we look forward to deepening this commitment in the years to come.

Glenn MacDonell,
President & CEO





REACH REPORT



2019-20: THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

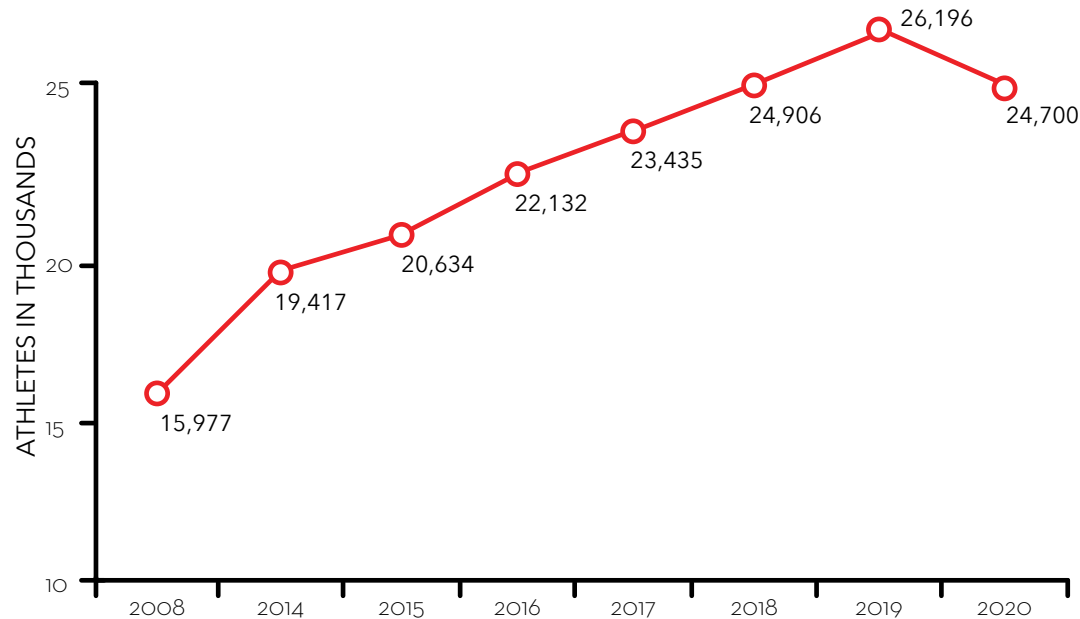
24,700

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL
ATHLETES

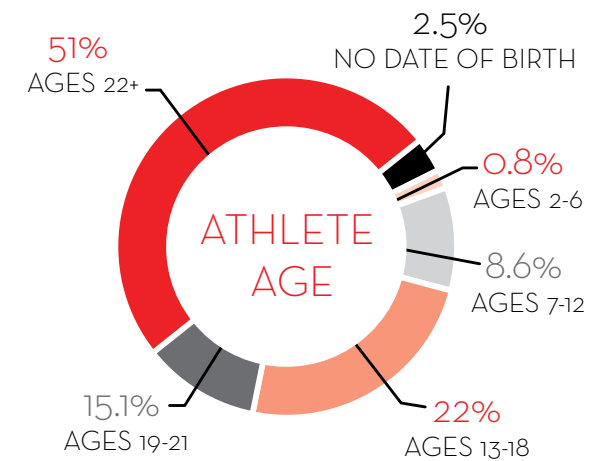
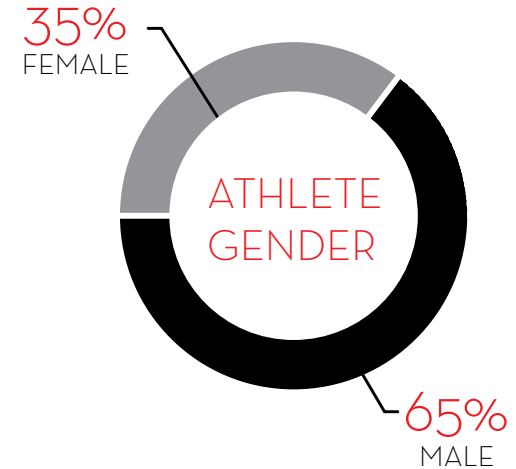
58,150

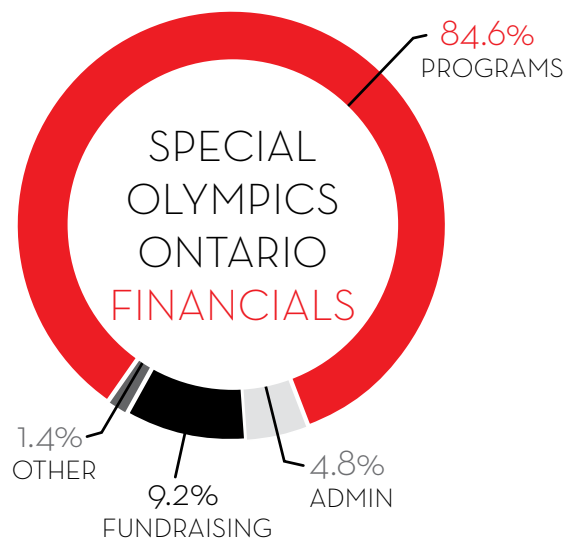
ATHLETE
PARTICIPATION IN
SPORTS/PROGRAMS

ATHLETE NUMBERS YEARLY GROWTH



Program numbers for 2020 were impacted by disruptions to school, community, and competitive programs due to COVID-19.





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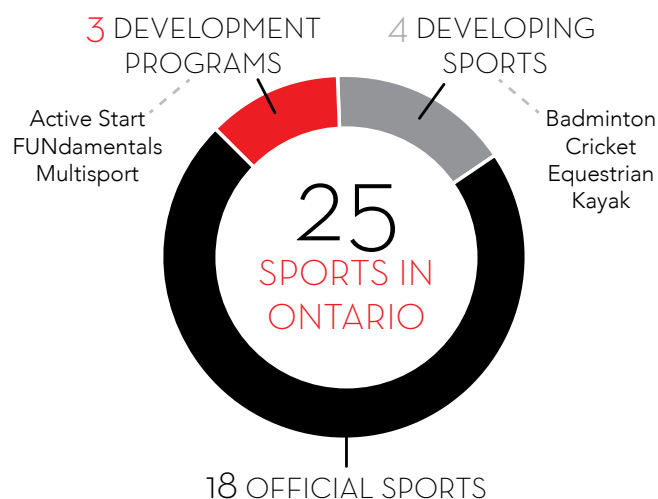
9,100 SPORT COACHES

1,660 PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

10,760 COACHES & VOLUNTEERS

650
ATHLETE
LEADERS

400
MENTORS



3,550 COMMUNITY COACHES/VOLUNTEERS

1,170 COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUBS

106
COMMUNITY
COUNCILS

10,950 COMMUNITY ATHLETES

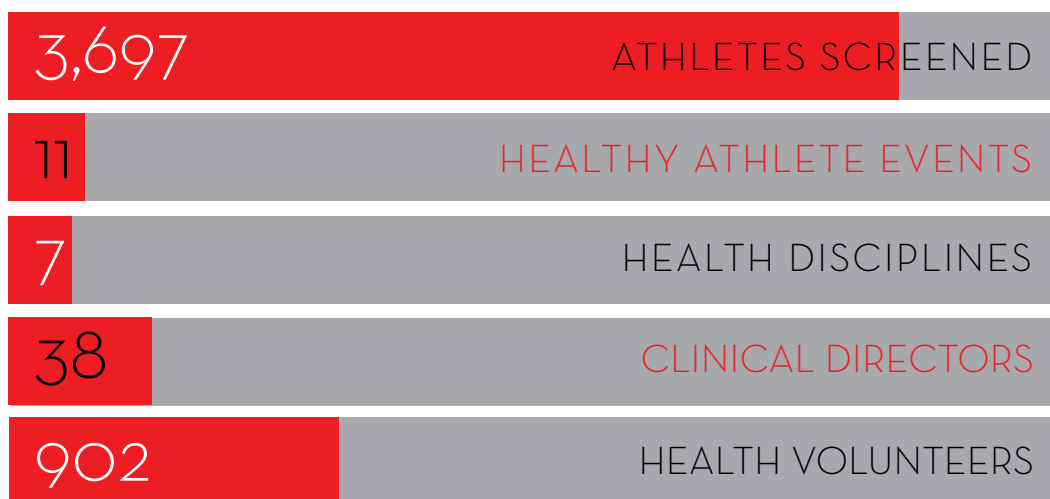
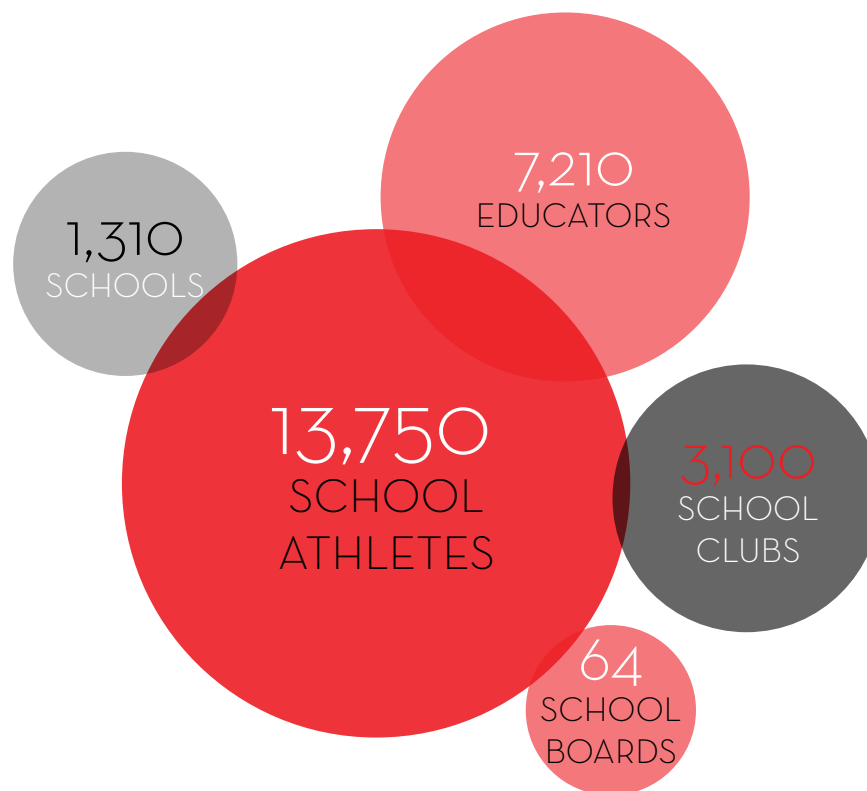
IN 2019/2020
WE RAN A RECORD
16 ATHLETE
LEADERSHIP
EVENTS

212
ATHLETE LEADERS
TRAINED

90
MENTORS
TRAINED

250
UNIFIED
CLUBS

550
UNIFIED
PARTNERS



Numbers include the National Winter Games in Thunder Bay.





PROGRAMS



OUR FLAME OF HOPE KEEPS BURNING BRIGHT

WHETHER REAL LIFE OR VIRTUAL, THE POLAR PLUNGE AND TORCH RUN EVENTS SHOWED THE SAME ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION

COVID-19 was no match for the intrepid polar plungers and torch runners in our Law Enforcement community. They kept the flame of their support burning bright, braving frigid waters and running relays even as these events transformed to the online world.

TAKING THE POLAR PLUNGE

Despite the fact that six Polar Plunges had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, the 2020 Polar Plunge season was incredibly successful, raising over \$562,000 for Special Olympics Ontario. Early in the year, new Plunges were added in five locations, and as the spring (and pandemic) approached, our supporters kept on “freezin’ for a reason.”

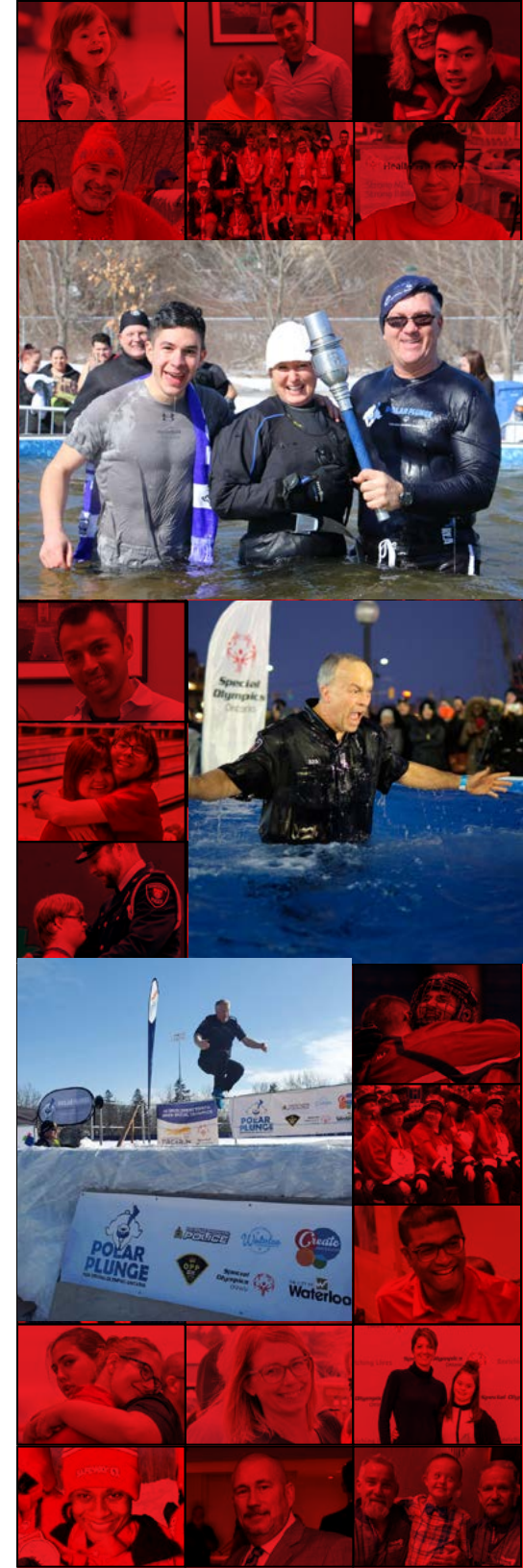
Watch the video:



1,840 POLAR PLUNGERS
RAISED **\$562,000**

“Each athlete I’ve coached or met along the journey has left an impact. I don’t just help them, they have all helped me.”

— Chandal Sutherland,
Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre





RETHINKING THE RUN

Most of our Torch Run events take place in spring and summer, which coincided with the height of the pandemic shutdowns. Without missing a beat, our team transitioned participants to the first-ever Global Virtual Torch Run, attracting 292 runners and raising more than \$35,000.

In June, the Virtual Final Leg took to the streets of Kingston to bring the Flame of Hope to Kingston Police Headquarters. There, the cauldron was lit as part of the Opening Ceremony, officially kicking off the first ever **Special Olympics Ontario Virtual School Championships, Kingston 2020**.

The following month, members of Waterloo Regional Police Service and surrounding Law Enforcement agencies held their Virtual Final Leg run. It culminated on July 21, 2020 with the lighting of the cauldron at an outdoor ceremony to mark the official opening of the **Special Olympics Ontario Virtual Games, Waterloo Region 2020**.

Watch the Kingston Final Leg:



“The smiles, high fives, hugs, and pure joy that the athletes share with LETR members is enough to re-charge the batteries and make us remember why we do what we do!”

— Cst. Bryan McMillan, Kingston



KUDOS TO OUR SOO CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to everyone who was recognized at the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) International Conference in Aurora, Colorado:

The Ontario LETR group – Diamond Award for raising over US\$1 million

SOO CEO Glenn MacDonell – inducted into the LETR Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame

Mike McAllister (Retired Niagara Regional Police) – LETR John Carion Unsung Hero Award

Jeff Cross (Niagara Regional Police) – 2nd place in the Professional category of the IACP Photo Contest

THE GAMES MUST GO ON!

HOW WE PIVOTED SUCCESSFULLY TO AT-HOME COMPETITION

A highly successful National Winter Games was followed by success of a very different sort, as we rallied to develop a new format to allow the Spring Games to go on through the pandemic. From that has grown an exciting new incarnation of the Hometown Games.

THANK YOU, THUNDER BAY!

This year's Special Olympics Canada Winter Games took place February 25 to 29, 2020 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Team Ontario's delegation of 250 athletes and 86 coaches and staff members participated in all eight event categories. Our team put on a fantastic performance and took home 235 medals!

Our gratitude to the Thunder Bay community, the 2020 National Games Organizing Committee, and the more than 800 volunteers who made these games a huge success. Thank you for giving our athletes the opportunity to compete in a world-class event.

"Kudos to you and the rest of the team that put on the virtual Provincial Games over the last 3 days.... it was FANTASTIC! Emily (my athlete) and I loved it. Your hard work paid off!"

— Christine

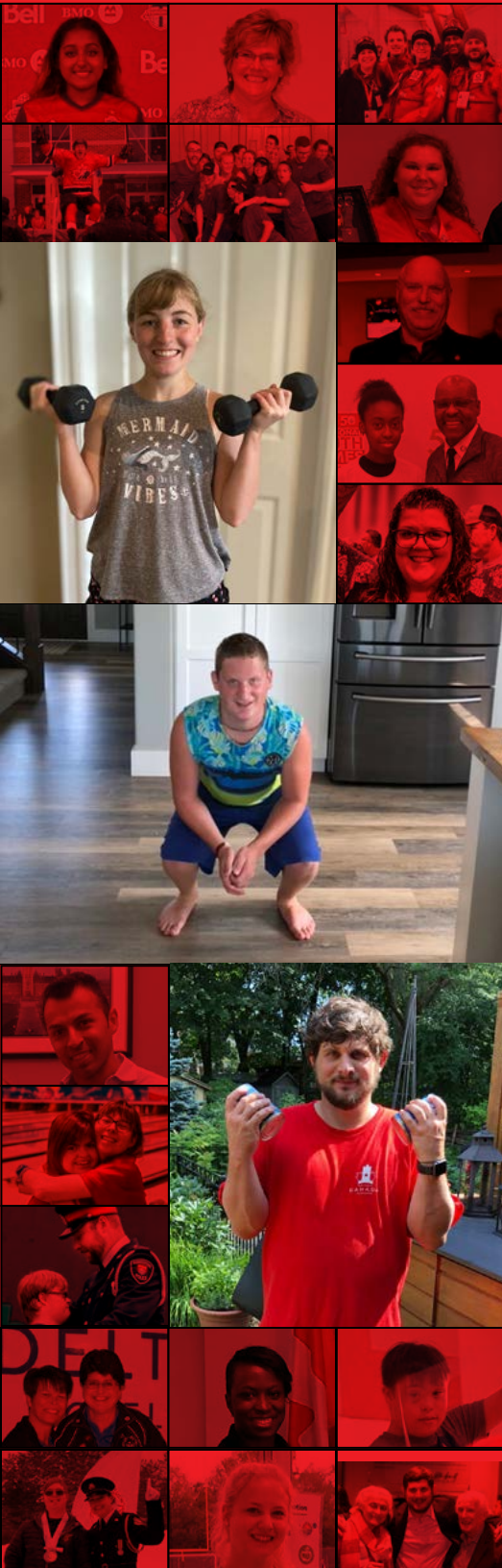


A LITTLE INGENUITY GOES A LONG WAY

As we worked on preparations for the School Championships in Kingston and the Spring Games in Waterloo, it soon became apparent that 2020 would not be a typical year. Like so many other organizations, we had to adapt our events to the online world to allow our athletes to participate safely during the pandemic. Thus the first **virtual** Special Olympics Games in Canada evolved.

Keeping in mind that athletes would need to compete primarily from home, with little or no access to facilities or equipment, we put the focus on essential





skills and created simple events that participants could easily compete in from their home base.

Our Virtual Games site featured “how to” videos explaining each competition, and allowed competitors to submit results online or by phone. We also opened up the School Championships to athletes in Ontario and Canada, and the Spring Games to athletes across North America.

It was important to preserve as much of the original games as possible. In addition to the virtual ceremonies to launch both the Spring Games and the

School Championships, we also encouraged athletes to submit a photo or video showing them completing their event, so we could include as many visuals as possible in the virtual award ceremonies.

HELLO, HOMETOWN GAMES

One of the many positive things that came about from taking the Spring Games online was the opportunity to revitalize our Hometown Games. These are standalone events in various types of sports that will take place in communities across Ontario.

This program will make it possible for more athletes to participate in sport, no matter what their skill level. Events will be held as either virtual or in-person competitions, depending on public health recommendations at the time. Results of the events will be reported to Special Olympics Ontario, so that we can recognize athletes with certificates for placement and participation — yet another way we’re fostering athletic competition in communities across the province.



“Thank you so much for ... the Special Olympics Virtual Spring Games. I had so much fun in the activities, especially the ones I was able to join in, and the Athletes Victory Dance.”

— Kimana Marr

WHY THE GAMES EXPERIENCE IS TRULY SPECIAL

NO OTHER ORGANIZED EVENT HAS THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF A SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMES

For the athletes and their families, the experience opens doors to unimagined possibilities. For volunteers, coaches, and other supporters from all parts of the province, the games inspire hope and belief in a brighter future of acceptance, understanding, and unity.

Each Provincial Games features more than two days of inspiring competition among hundreds of athletes. Through media coverage of the games, the stories of our athletes and their achievements are seen by thousands of people province-wide.

Special Olympics athletes train for months ahead of the big event. Our coaches and volunteers are excited

and are very appreciative of the work of Provincial Games Organizing Committees, who work hard to create the final forum for which the athletes can display their ability, test their competitive spirit, and show their joy and compassion to fellow competitors. Each Provincial Games is unique; it adapts to the flavour of the host community and integrates the Organizing Committee's strengths and creative abilities.

The Special Olympics Provincial Games is a showcase of ability and continuous progress toward a vision of acceptance for those of all abilities. The games are also a way to show each and every one of us what it means to be the "best in sport."

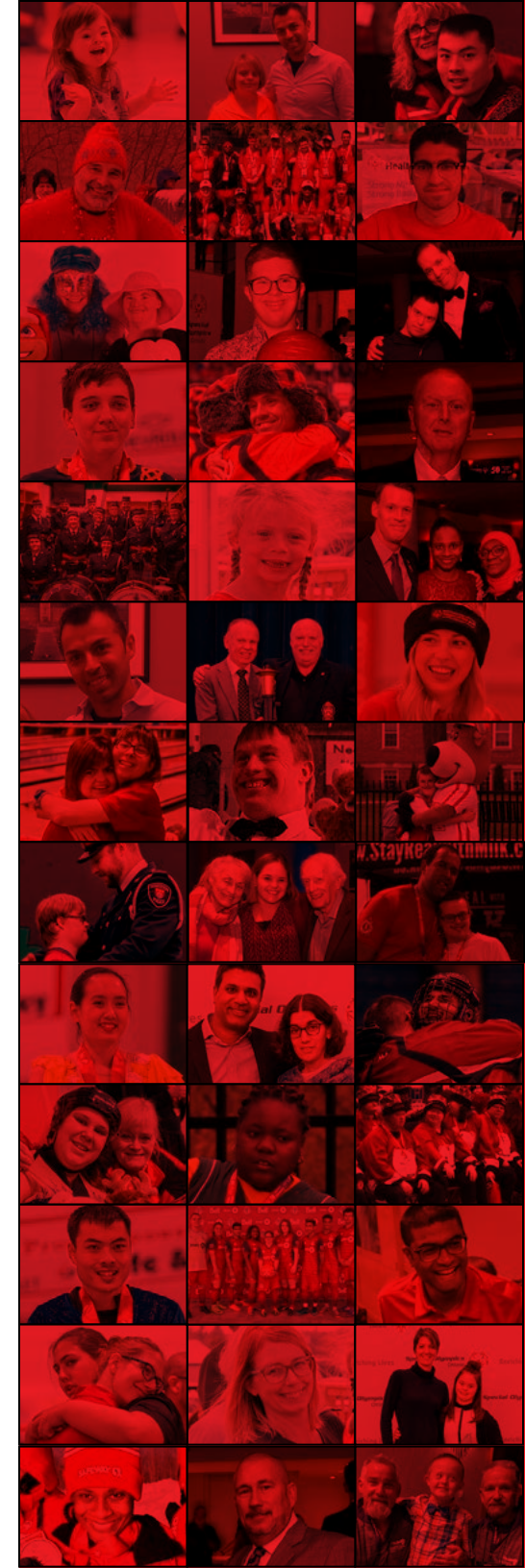
SNAPSHOTS OF PIVOTAL MOMENTS



1968 First Special Olympics games were held at Soldier Field, Chicago. Canada was represented by a floor hockey team from the Beverly School in Toronto. The games were organized by the founder of the movement – Eunice Kennedy Shriver – with Dr. Frank Hayden on hand to work closely with the Kennedy Foundation to present these games.



1996 Provincial Spring Games, Cornwall, were the first games ever to be hosted by a police agency (Cornwall Police Service), thanks to retired Staff Sgt. Brian Snyder, Games Manager. This was the beginning of the long history of games being hosted by Law Enforcement services and agencies, which still continues to this day.





SNAPSHOTS OF PIVOTAL MOMENTS CONTINUED...



1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games comes to Canada for the first time! Toronto and Collingwood played host to these games, which saw more than 2,000 athletes from 73 countries compete in five different sports.



2007 The City of Owen Sound (a small city with a big heart) was the smallest city ever to host the Provincial Winter Games. There was no shortage of snow that year – in fact, the city was snowed in and the army was called to help clear the roads so everyone could get home!

2011 Thunder Bay became the northernmost city to host a Provincial Games, offering temperatures of -42 degrees, which caused some delays for the outdoor events.

2014 The first ever Provincial School Championships were hosted by York Regional Police. School-based competition had grown extensively over the years, and so these championships were formed.



2020 Games go virtual! Kingston Police Service played host to the Virtual School Championships, while Waterloo Regional Police Service hosted the Virtual Games, Waterloo Region 2020.

“Welcome to this spirited, magnificent land of Canada that chose to host the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Thank you, all the citizens of Canada, for honouring the Special Olympics athletes with the largest Winter Games in the history of sport.”

— Eunice Kennedy Shriver, at the Opening Ceremony of the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Skydome, Toronto, Ontario

EVOLVING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ATHLETES

WE DO MORE THAN FOSTER ATHLETIC COMPETITION,
WE TRAIN LEADERS!

Before the pandemic changed all of our lives this year, we held five in-person workshops on three topics in our Athlete Leadership program:

- Introduction to Athlete Leadership
- Speakers Training
- Health Messenger Training

When the COVID-19 restrictions took effect, we transformed these sessions into virtual workshops and added two new ones to help athletes stay connected online:

- Photography & Video Training
- Social Media Training

Over the past year, 91 community athletes attended the in-person and virtual events.

We also hosted eight high school workshops attended by 152 students (traditional and unified athletes).

Our programs help athletes take on executive roles such as sitting on their local community councils or being nominated to the Ontario Athlete Leadership Council (OALC). The 14 members on the council provide a voice for athletes in their communities, ensure athletes are able to actively participate in initiatives, and share their perspectives on how to make the movement better as a whole. This year, OALC members also completed a practicum which involved designing and delivering a program that benefits the athletes in their local community.

MENTORING COMMUNITY LEADERS SINCE 2014

45 WORKSHOPS

200 MENTORS

450 ATHLETE PARTICIPANTS

18 HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

190 UNIFIED PARTNERS

220 STUDENT ATHLETES

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR [ATHLETE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS](#)
OR VISIT OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#).



At my first Athlete Leadership workshop, I discovered I had a voice and I wanted to speak up for those who are unable to....

This program has given me the courage, confidence and skills to try new experiences, like presenting at a Family Health Forum in P.E.I., taking the Health Messenger course, creating and narrating a Zoom tutorial with Special Olympics North America, and delivering a speech to a Special Olympics Global panel.

Being involved in this amazing program has helped me grow as a person, an athlete leader, and a citizen. It has changed the direction of my life!

Julia Romualdi
Health Messenger
Ontario Athlete Leadership Council



HELPING OUR ATHLETES STAY HEALTHY @ HOME

NEW PROGRAM SUPPORTS ATHLETES WHILE THEY STAY PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND SOCIALLY STRONG DURING THE PANDEMIC

The newest addition to our programming came to life in March 2020 in direct response to the pandemic. **Healthy @ Home** provides a wide range of resources, including videos, challenges, walking programs, and guides. All are designed to support athletes, volunteers, and coaches by providing tools to stay healthy.

The program provides resources under four pillars:

- Stay Connected (social connection)
- Stay Active (physical fitness)
- Stay Positive (mental health)
- Stay Informed (COVID-19 updates)

Content includes resources such as daily fitness and wellness challenges, live fitness and yoga sessions, trivia games, dance classes and parties, a Q&A COVID-19 session with a doctor, a mindfulness session with a clinical psychologist, and tips for staying positive during this time of uncertainty. A virtual calendar offers links to live content happening on a daily basis across the country, as well as on-demand resources.

Trained athlete leaders and members of the Ontario Athlete Leadership Council have delivered

programming, along with our Healthy Athletes Clinical Directors (volunteer medical professionals and health and wellness experts). Athletes have participated by sending motivational messages, leading daily workouts, offering cooking classes, being featured on the Special Olympics Ontario weekly talk show, and more.

In addition to original SOO content, Healthy @ Home incorporates materials from other Special Olympics chapters, global health information, and content from partners.



“The daily challenges have provided a new routine for my daughter. She looks forward each day to completing each of the challenges — physical, mental, and social. We would love to see this format continue after the pandemic. Great job Special Olympics!”

— Parent of SOO athlete

DELICIOUS HEALTHY FOOD

Since May, hundreds of athletes and volunteers have tuned in each week for **Wellness Wednesday** livestreamed cooking demos. The videos are archived on our site, where they've been watched by hundreds of viewers.

ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

As part of Healthy @ Home, we partnered with researchers at Queen's University to develop **Get in Motion**. This physical activity program is delivered over the phone to enable people with limited or no internet access to participate.

Healthy @ Home will continue to be vital to our community in the coming months in the ongoing battle against COVID-19. We're continuing to grow and adapt the program based on the needs of our athletes and volunteers.

OUR HEARTFELT
THANKS TO
SOBEYS

Their
generous
support helps
keep our
athletes
healthy!



"Not many other organizations are supporting their athletes to this length, it makes me proud to be a part of this organization."

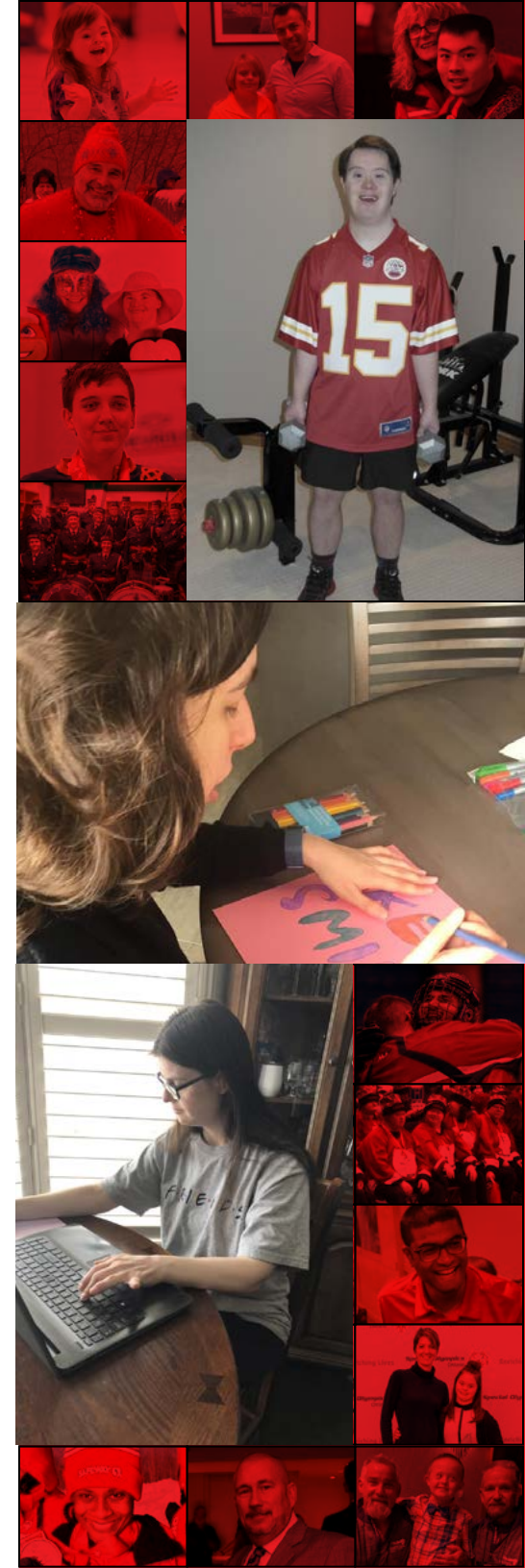
— SOO Coach

HEALTHY @ HOME HIGHLIGHTS

(MARCH TO AUGUST 2020)

5,900 PEOPLE
FROM ONTARIO, CANADA,
AND THE WORLD ACCESSED
HEALTHY @ HOME RESOURCES

1,300 PEOPLE
100,000 KM
IN THE WALK THE WORLD
WITH ME CHALLENGE





AWARDS



RECOGNIZING TALENT AND COMMITMENT

Our work depends on the participation and dedication of a great many individuals to create so many successful events each year. At our awards ceremony, which this year was held virtually for the first time, we recognized the outstanding achievement of athletes, coaches, and volunteers. To everyone we say: **Congratulations, and thank you for your contribution!**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD EVAN KROFCHICK

Evan Krofchick first started volunteering with Special Olympics Ontario and the North York Eels Swimming Team when he was 12, and has now been involved for 26 years! Evan says his interaction and friendship with athletes, coaches, families, and staff are important to him and something that he looks forward to each week.

Proudest accomplishments: seeing athletes win medals at Provincial and National Games when he has been their Coach or District Team Manager, seeing athletes he coached mature and succeed in life, and being alongside his twin brother Matthew.

ATHLETE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NERISSA POORAN

Nerissa Pooran has been a Special Olympics Athlete for 32 years, participating in swimming and athletics. Nerissa says she enjoys the weekly training and the opportunity to compete at various meets, as well as representing the Special Olympics movement. She also likes forming friendships, meeting people, and working towards a healthy lifestyle.

Proudest accomplishments: competing at National Games in both swimming and athletics.





CHRISTIAN SCHOFIELD

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR CHRISTIAN SCHOFIELD

In 2005, Christian Schofield first registered to become a Special Olympics athlete, and in the 15 years since he has participated in athletics, basketball, 5-pin bowling, swimming, and soccer. Christian most enjoys being able to play challenging sports with great teammates and opponents.

Proudest accomplishment: Despite very strong competition in a 400m swimming race in Montreal in 2019, Christian came away with the win!



KATIE XU

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR KATIE XU

Katie Xu first joined Special Olympics programs when she was eight years old. Over the years she has competed in figure skating, swimming, skiing, bocce, soccer, and basketball. During her time as a Special Olympics athlete, Katie has enjoyed making new friends, exploring different places, and competing and having fun in sports.

Proudest accomplishments: the numerous medals she has received at Provincial, National, and World Games, including most recently at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Thunder Bay, where she took home two gold and one bronze.



MONIQUE SHAH

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR MONIQUE SHAH

Monique Shah has been involved in Special Olympics sports for 23 years. In that time, she has participated in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball, and currently participates in athletics, bowling, snowshoeing, curling, and bocce. She enjoys being part of a community, sharing laughs with others, and making new friends.

Proudest accomplishments: representing Team Canada at the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, Greece and winning two gold medals in athletics.



KHALID AHMED

SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR KHALID AHMED, WEST HUMBER CI

A student athlete for four years, Khalid Ahmed has participated in soccer, basketball, athletics, and bocce. During his time with Special Olympics School Programs, he has enjoyed making new friends, participating in sports competitions, and being able to go on school trips to competitions (including the Provincial School Championships).

Proudest accomplishments: attending the 2019 Invitational Youth Games and having fun with new friends.

COACH OF THE YEAR

LARRY HITCHCOCK

Larry Hitchcock became involved with Special Olympics Ontario in 2005, and has coached basketball, softball, floor hockey, golf, and 5-pin bowling. He finds that in working closely with athletes and experiencing their joy whenever they play or try a new sport, he has experienced his greatest personal enjoyment as a coach.

Proudest accomplishments: each time one of the athletes he coaches qualifies for Provincial or National Games. Another was acting as caddy for his son Michael during the Provincial Games golf event, where he qualified for National Games.

COACH OF THE YEAR

LAURA WOODALL

In 1993, Laura Woodall was introduced to Special Olympics programs through her work with the Quinte Blades speed skating programs, and she has played an integral role in the club ever since. In her time with Special Olympics, she has especially enjoyed the people, the positivity, the environment, the collaboration, the laughs, the sportsmanship, the friendships, the Provincial and National Games experiences, and the dances! "And best of all, I get to be me!"

Proudest accomplishments: championing and advocating for athletes and their opportunities, especially as a meet organizer.

COACH OF THE YEAR

REBECCA CUFF

Rebecca Cuff is celebrating her 10th anniversary of coaching this year! She first became involved with Special Olympics Ontario in 2010 as a coach in swimming, and since then has also coached athletics and softball. She most enjoys seeing athletes develop and improve their social skills, self-esteem, and confidence through their participation in sport. Also high on her list: the friendships she has made with athletes, coaches, and families, and seeing the joy her family and friends experience when they become involved in Special Olympics.

Proudest accomplishments: every time she sees an athlete achieve a goal.





VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR DAWN WINDROSS

Dawn Windross has been a volunteer for Special Olympics Ontario for over nine years, originally as a coach and team manager for sports such as bocce and basketball. For the past eight years, she has been the Community Coordinator for Barrie, and has also served as District Team Manager and Provincial Team Liaison three times. Dawn most enjoys working with a fantastic, dedicated group of people, and the positive impact it has on the athletes.

Proudest accomplishment: when the City of Barrie declared Special Olympics Day on June 27, 2020 to recognize the athletes and the local Special Olympics community during the COVID-19 crisis.



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AMANDA MORRA, J. CLARKE RICHARDSON COLLEGIATE

Amanda Morra has been involved with Special Olympics Ontario's School Programs for seven years, coaching floor hockey, soccer, basketball, athletics, and bocce. She has also been involved in the Special Olympics/Toronto FC partnership for the last three years. She especially enjoys that the program is inclusive to all athletes and provides an opportunity for them to feel successful. She also loves that the experience is focused on the athletes' experience and places a high value on sportsmanship.

Proudest accomplishment: celebrating the selection of the J. Clarke Richardson Traditional Floor Hockey Team as the School Team of the Year in 2018.



TEAM OF THE YEAR PETERBOROUGH WOLVES FLOOR HOCKEY CLUB



Players: Dylan Armstrong, Ryan Blinn, Michael Brioux, Adam Guthrie, Michael Ludlow, Quinten Over, Corey Pecoskie, Stone Shearer, Brandon Sweeting, Jeff Tromp, Brandon Vansickle, Jacob Zitman

Coaches: Ron Cambridge, Joan Moriarty, Andrew Snead

The current Peterborough Wolves Floor Hockey Club has been together for approximately 12 years, though the club has been in operation since the late 1980s. Team members are friends off the floor, and often get together in the community. Special Olympics has created a sense of belonging, as well as a lifetime bond and camaraderie.

Proudest accomplishment: winning gold at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Thunder Bay.

SCHOOL TEAM OF THE YEAR ST. PETER CSS (PETERBOROUGH) TRADITIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM

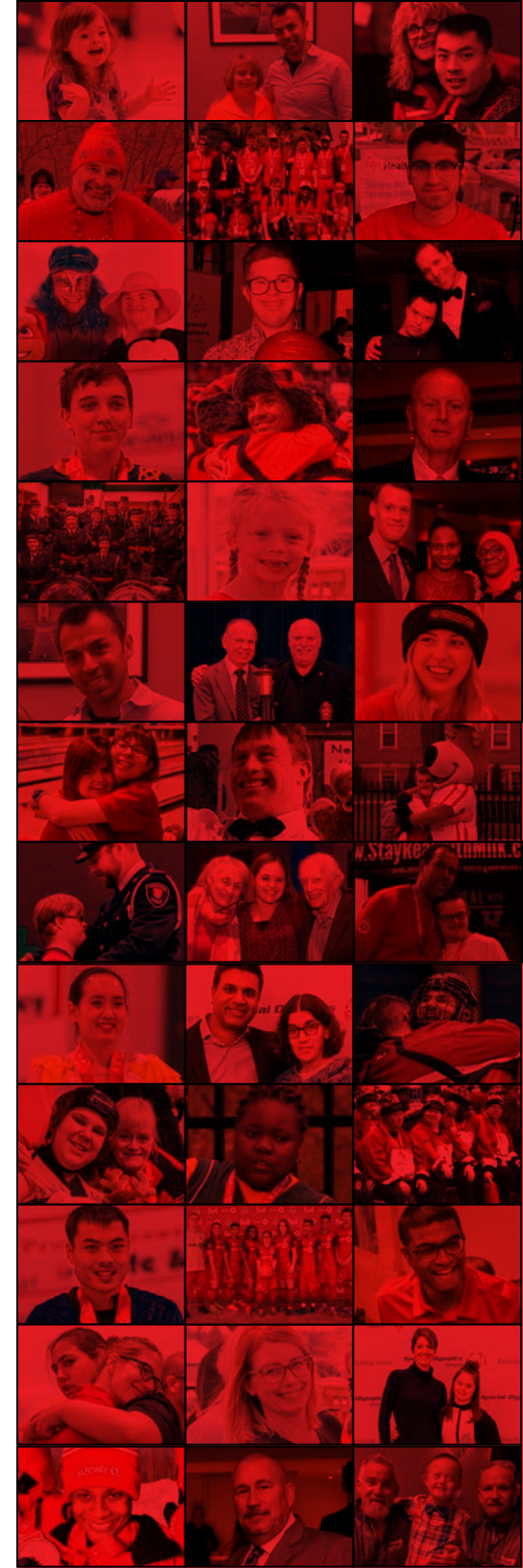


Players: Rebecca Carson, Danielle Clarkson-Bulger, Jessica Fraley, Miguel Janssen, Brianna Middleton, Brock Reeves, Kristen Tompkins

Coaches: Tyler Cushing, Ernie Ellement, Peter Nenadovich, Karen Spenceley

St. Peter CSS (Peterborough) has been involved in Special Olympics programs for the past five years, participating in numerous sports. This year's School Team of the Year was awarded to their Traditional Basketball Team. The team especially enjoys coming together, making new friends, and celebrating the fun and competition through the school's "Special Olympics Wall."

Proudest accomplishment: hosting the 2018 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships.





THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL LONG-TIME VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do what we do without the dedicated volunteers who give their time so generously to train and inspire our athletes. We'd like to express our gratitude and admiration for their long-serving commitment.

25 YEARS

Ruby Aitken – York South
Sheila Bolger – Port Colborne
Dennis Bordin – London
Robert Dunlop – Greater Durham
Shelley Hibma – Simcoe
Linda Lavigne – York South
Norma Miden – Port Colborne
Dave Smith – Greater Durham

30 YEARS

Marlene Barber – Haldimand County
Shari Bridge – Milton
Nancy DeWitt – Haldimand County
Myrna Feetham – Greater Durham
Annie Fletcher – Haldimand County
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David Pritchard – Mississauga

35 YEARS

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Shannon Johnson – North Bay
Pat Kenney – Ottawa
Dori Schooley – Port Colborne

40 YEARS

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Kenneth Carson – Newmarket and Area
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From nutrition education and resources to local program support, Sobeys Inc. is making a difference



Sobeys Inc. is a proud national partner of Special Olympics Canada. This partnership is the first of its kind, addressing the need for more nutrition education and resources for Canadians with an intellectual disability.

Since 2016, Sobeys Inc. has contributed more than \$5.4 million to nutrition education, food

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To learn about healthy eating tips and tricks, check out our award-winning nutrition sessions at [Sobeys Nutrition Corner](#).



TIM HORTONS – CHAMPION OF INCLUSION

From Day of Inclusion to Active Start and FUNdamentals, Tim Hortons supports inclusion across Canada

Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons partnered with Special Olympics Canada in 2016 to ensure children and youth with intellectual disabilities receive the same sports opportunities as their peers, and has been the Lead Corporate Sponsor of Active Start and FUNdamentals ever since.

On July 20, 2019, Tim Hortons and Special Olympics Canada ran the second **Day of**

Inclusion in 2,865 Restaurants. The Special Olympics donut was designed by Tori Ranson, a Special Olympics Ontario athlete. More than 97,000 donuts were sold and \$150,000 was raised to support community sports programs across the country.

Learn more about [Tim Hortons – True Champion of Inclusion](#).



MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER



The Government of Ontario is proud to continue its support to fund initiatives that encourage Ontarians of all ages, abilities, genders and ethnicities to lead healthier, happier and more active lives.

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ONE MILLION DOLLARS.



MOTIONBALL MARATHON OF SPORT

September 26, 2020



On September 26th, over 2500 Canadians teamed up to participate in the virtual edition of motionball's flagship event: Marathon of Sport, raising \$1,025,000 net for the Special Olympics Canada Foundation!

Hosted by Tessa Virtue & other Canadian Sport celebrities, participants were guided through a commercial free hour of fitness & fun on SportsnetONE!



A huge thank you to all the Special Olympics Ontario athletes, volunteers, coaches, friends & family who registered, fundraised and made donations to help us reach our goal.

To re-watch the 2020 motionball Marathon of Sport visit motionball.com/watch-2020





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Since 1988, the Wizard Foundation – with the generous support of sponsors and participants - has raised over \$1.7 million from their events benefiting Special Olympics Ontario.

Your continued support of the movement has made a lasting impact on thousands of lives. On behalf of athletes from across the province, thank you!

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Their continued support of Ottawa Special Olympics Festival Breakfast is one of many ways in which they support the local community. Special Olympics athletes, coaches, volunteers and staff are truly grateful for their kindness and generosity.



FIRST VIRTUAL TRUCK CONVOY A SUCCESS!

This year, we couldn't get together in person to hit the roads, so the trucking community came together virtually in support of Special Olympics Ontario, raising a total of \$19,020.43!

To celebrate the connection between Special Olympics Ontario and the trucking community, we created a live Truck Convoy Day online broadcast. Replay it here: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)



We're already excited about next year's event. Stay tuned for Truck Convoy 2021 registration and sponsorship opportunities at TruckConvoy.ca.



TOGETHER WE ARE CHANGING LIVES

Too often, many exceptional people with an intellectual disability can't realize their skills, abilities, goals, and dreams because they lack the opportunities given to others.

We firmly believe these individuals can lead happier and healthier lives and engage positively with those that matter most to them and in their own communities by providing them the opportunity to participate in sport programs.



We help Special Olympics chapters across our country by seeking philanthropic support from individuals, corporations, and other foundations.



ATHLETES SUPPORTING ATHLETES

The Ontario Hockey League has been a proud supporter of Special Olympics for over 20 years. Their commitment and dedication truly make a difference in the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability. We look forward to continuing our partnership for many more years to come.



Doing our part
... to help make a difference!



The "Special Supporter Golf Series" is proud to support Special Olympics Ontario with its turn-key "Hole-in-One" program. Golf tournaments that make a donation to Special Olympics Ontario from their event will receive the services of this program for FREE, as well as other added benefits. For more information, visit:

www.goforthegreen.ca

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OUR MISSION

Special Olympics Ontario is dedicated to enriching the lives of Ontarians with an intellectual disability through sport.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all across Ontario

OUR VALUES

EMPOWERMENT • EXCELLENCE • RESPECT
DIVERSITY • INCLUSION



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