



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Special Olympics
Ontario



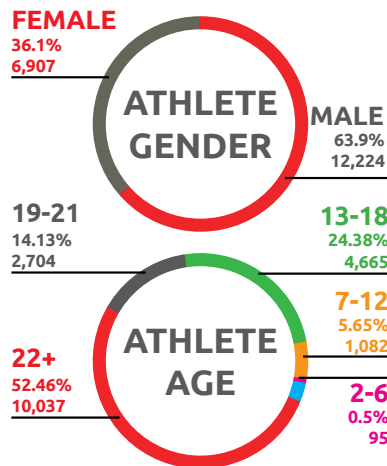
ATHLETES

19,127 (INDIVIDUAL)

MALE
12,224

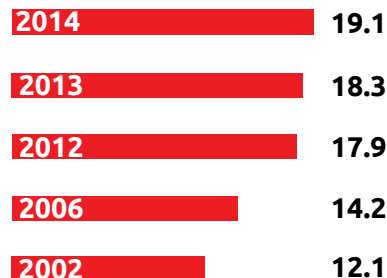
FEMALE
6,907

2006-2014 CHANGE (TOTAL)
+25.44%
+4,867



ATHLETES CHANGE

YEAR/ATHLETES IN THOUSANDS



VOLUNTEERS

8,673 (INDIVIDUAL)

COACHES
14,113

PROGRAM (OPERATIONAL)
3,054

LAW ENFORCEMENT
10,000

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

1,061
COMMUNITY CLUBS

COMMUNITY ATHLETES
10,095

YOUTH CLUBS
95

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
4,516

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
(YOUTH PROGRAMS, ACTIVE START, FUNDamentals & HEALTHY LIVING)
685

LEADERSHIP

237 (ATHLETE AMBASSADORS, REPRESENTATIVES & VOLUNTEERS)
ATHLETES IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

HIGH 5 CLUB
258

PARTICIPATION

40,769 (TOTAL ATHLETE PARTICIPATION)

VOLUNTEERS
27,167 (TOTAL VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION)

SPORTS IN ONTARIO
25

TOTAL CLUBS
1,969

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

908
SCHOOL CLUBS

SCHOOL ATHLETES
9,036

TOTAL SCHOOL EDUCATORS
4,150

TOTAL SCHOOL BOARDS
55

TOTAL SCHOOLS
908

SUPPORT

\$7,101,549 (2014)

\$4,312,852
+39.25% vs. 2010

ONTARIO IS EXPERIENCING GREAT GROWTH! DID YOU KNOW...



Athletics is our largest sport across Ontario with 7,920 athletes registered.



Basketball is our fastest growing sport across Ontario with more than 4,100 athletes registered.



The Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run raised \$1.8 million for the movement's 2013/2014 fiscal year.



The Special Olympics Communities of Ontario raised \$2.5 million for their local programs.



64% of Team Ontario members competed for the very first time at the 2014 National Summer Games.



Team Ontario proudly came home with a provincial record number of medals: a total of 437.



The Four Corners School Competitions grew from 16 events to 32 events and increased the number of participating athletes from 1,000 to 3,000.



Special Olympics athletes Stephen Graham, Nicole Ferguson and volunteer Bob Nicholson are the recipients for top 2014 Special Olympics Canada National awards.



26 athletes and 6 volunteers from Special Olympics Ontario have been selected to advance to the 2015 World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

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

Figures as of August 2014

ADDRESS FROM CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DISCOURS DU PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

As Chair of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Ontario, I am privileged to present an overview of the growth and accomplishments this organization attained in 2013/2014. I am proud to share that last year's goals were reached and to announce that additional goals and objectives have been set for the upcoming year.

Special Olympics inspires individuals with intellectual disabilities to engage and thrive through sport. Although the number of athletes is increasing, thousands of individuals have not yet benefitted from the organization's programs. Through participation, Special Olympics athletes have improved physical fitness and have the opportunity to socialize and to create new friendships. Athletes are part of a worldwide movement. Awareness for the organization has increased and perceptions of athletes with an intellectual disability is evolving due in large part to the power and continued success of the movement.

"Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people."

The ongoing support shown by local communities, partners and donors, coupled with our stellar partnership with the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run, is truly valued. The milestones would not be possible without the tremendous efforts from volunteers and coaches. Their dedication and passion shown year-round speaks volumes to their steadfast commitment, without which Special Olympics simply would not exist.

En tant que président du conseil d'administration des Jeux Olympiques spéciaux de l'Ontario, j'ai le privilège de présenter un aperçu de la croissance et des accomplissements de cette organisation réalisés en 2013-2014. Je suis fier de vous faire part que les objectifs de l'an dernier ont été atteints et d'annoncer que les buts et objectifs supplémentaires ont été fixés pour l'année à venir.

Les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux inspirent les personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle à participer et à prospérer grâce au sport. Bien que le nombre d'athlètes a augmenté, des milliers de personnes n'ont pas encore bénéficié de programmes de l'organisation. Grâce à leur participation, les athlètes des Jeux Olympiques spéciaux sont en meilleure condition physique et ont l'occasion de socialiser et de créer de nouvelles amitiés. Les athlètes font partie d'un mouvement mondial. La sensibilisation envers l'organisation a augmenté et les perceptions des athlètes ayant une déficience intellectuelle ont continué d'évoluer en grande partie grâce à la puissance et au succès continu du mouvement.

« Les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux visent à créer un monde meilleur en encourageant l'acceptation et l'inclusion de toutes les personnes. »

Le soutien continu montré par les collectivités locales, les partenaires et les bailleurs de fonds, conjugué à notre partenariat stellaire avec le Relais du flambeau des services de police de l'Ontario est vraiment apprécié. Les étapes ne seraient pas possibles sans les efforts considérables des bénévoles et des entraîneurs. Le dévouement et la passion dont ils ont fait preuve tout au long de l'année en dit long sur leur engagement ferme, sans qui les Jeux olympiques spéciaux n'existeraient tout simplement pas.

In addition to a very busy year, the board is delighted to share that the 2012-2017 strategic plan and goals are very much on track, as communicated throughout the annual report:

- **Expanding the athlete base**
- **Increasing the number of coaches and volunteers** to sustain and support athlete growth
- Delivering **quality sport programs and competitions** to ensure a positive athlete experience
- Developing a **committed, engaged and loyal fan base** who can be active champions for the movement — driving increased funding, volunteers and athlete engagement
- Becoming a more effective, sustainable and **innovative marketing and fundraising** organization
- Building a **stronger, well-known and understood brand**

In closing, on behalf of the board, I personally thank the athletes and the volunteers for their devotion and dedication. They embody the spirit of sportsmanship and the fellowship that exemplifies the Special Olympics' movement.

En plus d'une année très chargée, le conseil d'administration est heureux d'annoncer que le plan stratégique et les objectifs 2012-2017 sont en très bonne voie, tels que communiqués dans le rapport annuel:

- **Élargir le nombre d'athlètes**
- **Augmenter le nombre d'entraîneurs et de bénévoles** afin d'entretenir et de soutenir la croissance des athlètes
- Offrir des **programmes et des compétitions sportives** pour assurer une expérience positive pour les athlètes
- Développer une **base de supporters engagés et fidèles** qui peuvent être des champions actifs pour le mouvement — un moteur pour l'augmentation du financement, l'engagement des bénévoles et des athlètes
- Devenir une organisation de marketing et de collecte de fonds innovante plus efficace et plus responsable
- Construire une marque plus puissante, bien connue et comprise

En terminant, je remercie personnellement les athlètes et les bénévoles pour leur dévouement et leur dévouement. Ils mettent en valeur l'esprit sportif et la camaraderie qui illustre le mouvement des Olympiques spéciaux.



ADDRESS FROM PRESIDENT & CEO

DISCOURS DU PRÉSIDENT ET DU PDG

It is my pleasure to share with you through this year's annual report some of the new initiatives and many successes experienced by Special Olympics Ontario. The organization has continued to grow in a variety of areas. The number of athletes, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and donors has increased, as well as the amount of sports and competitions offered.

I am honoured to be a part of this amazing organization and I am privileged to watch it grow each and every day. To meet the athletes and watch as they improve their physical fitness and competition skills is truly incredible.

Every year, Special Olympics Ontario holds several major specialty fundraising events as well as ongoing fundraising programs, that help support local Special Olympics programs.

Our partnership with the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run continues to generate much needed funds and to raise awareness for the organization. The

Il me fait plaisir de partager avec vous dans le rapport annuel certaines des nouvelles initiatives et de nombreux succès rencontrés par les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux de l'Ontario cette année. L'organisation a continué de croître dans une variété de domaines. Le nombre d'athlètes, d'entraîneurs, de bénévoles, de commanditaires et de donateurs a augmenté, ainsi que le nombre de compétitions et la variété de sports qui sont offerts.

Je suis honoré de faire partie de cette organisation incroyable et j'ai le privilège de la regarder grandir chaque jour. Rencontrer les athlètes et observer la façon dont ils améliorent leurs aptitudes physiques et leurs habiletés de compétition est vraiment une incroyable expérience.

Chaque année, les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux de l'Ontario organisent plusieurs grands événements de collecte de fonds ainsi que des programmes de financement de longue durée, qui permettent de soutenir les programmes locaux des Jeux Olympiques spéciaux.

friendship and camaraderie built between the two organizations over the past 27 years is unparalleled and speaks to the commitment and dedication of men and women in Law Enforcement. To our many donors, partners and supporters, it is because of your passion and generosity that Special Olympics enjoys success and positively affects the lives of thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Special Olympics. We will continue to inspire and to spread awareness to local communities and hope you continue to do the same! I am positive you will agree that great things can and ARE being accomplished by the movement. Making a difference is what Special Olympics is all about. There are many more individuals who need to be served, supported and most of all will greatly benefit by participating in Special Olympics. Help us spread the word and change lives!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

Notre partenariat avec le Relais du flambeau des services de police de l'Ontario continue à générer les fonds nécessaires et à sensibiliser la population à l'organisation. L'amitié et la camaraderie qui se sont tissées entre les deux organisations au cours des 27 dernières années sont sans précédent et parlent de l'engagement et du dévouement des hommes et des femmes des services de police. Pour nos nombreux donateurs, partenaires et supporters, c'est en raison de votre passion et de votre générosité que les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux rencontrent ce succès et affectent positivement la vie de milliers de personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle.

Merci à tous ceux qui ont fait partie des Jeux Olympiques spéciaux. Nous allons continuer à inspirer et à sensibiliser les communautés locales et j'espère que vous continuerez à faire la même chose! Je suis positif, vous serez d'accord que de grandes choses peuvent et SONT réalisées par le mouvement. Faire la différence c'est ce qui est à la base des Jeux Olympiques spéciaux. Un beaucoup plus grand nombre de personnes ont besoin d'être servies, soutenues et surtout profiteront grandement en participant aux Jeux Olympiques spéciaux. Aidez-nous à passer le mot et à changer des vies!

«Aucun acte de bonté, peu importe leur taille, n'est jamais perdu.»

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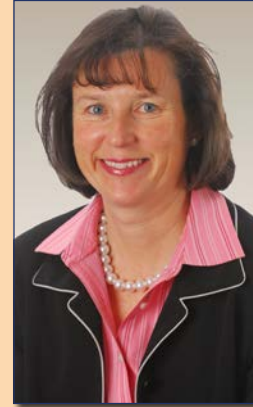
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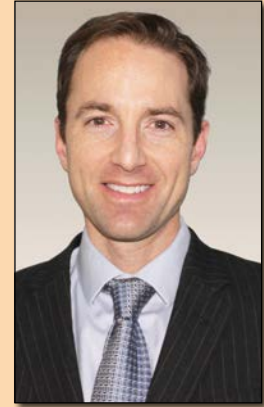
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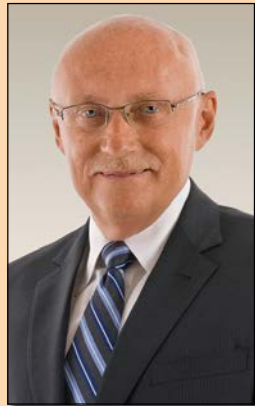
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PROVINCIAL AWARDS

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR JOHN MURPHY

John started coaching for Special Olympics in 2007. He is the head coach of the Kingston Striders speed skating club, coach for the Garrison Eagles golf program and the Shot Rocks curling team.

While preparing the Garrison Eagles golf team for the 2013 Provincial Summer Games in York Region, John, a Kingston resident, was asked by Special Olympics to assist with a golf program in Toronto. The team had fallen short one coach, without which the athletes would not qualify to attend the Games.

John set aside personal issues and immediately accepted the position. Coaching this team over two and a half months entailed a six hour round-trip commute for each practice. The Toronto golf team benefited greatly from his expertise and devotion. They attended the Games, winning one gold and one bronze medal.

John is active in fundraising for the sport clubs, community and province. He served on the Executive Committee of the Kingston Community Council as a two-term treasurer. As well, he was on the public relations committee for six years.

John is held in high regard by athletes, parents, caregivers and fellow coaches. He is very patient and ensures athletes clearly understand the rules and techniques all the while maintaining a fun and safe environment. He treats everyone with the utmost respect. The values of sportsmanship is instilled in the athletes, and they carry it off the playing field and into their lives as well.



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR CARLEA WILKIE-ELLIS

Carlea has been involved with Special Olympics for ten years. She participates in nine sports, including figure skating, swimming and curling.

Swimming and figure skating are Carlea's strongest sports. She won four medals (one gold, two silver, one bronze) at the 2012 Special Olympics Ontario Provincial Spring Games in Kingston and placed fourth overall.

In figure skating, Carlea has won multiple gold medals regionally, provincially and nationally. At the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, she brought home a silver medal. She then moved from Level 5 to Level 3 category in figure skating and earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Orillia Figure Skating Club. This award has been presented only four times in sixty years. She has also been awarded the President Trophy from the same club for her community work.

Carlea continues to demonstrate personal growth and development in her training. She practices a minimum of three times a week. She understands that quality training is required for herself and for those she instructs. Her love of the sport motivates her to volunteer every week as a skating mentor and pre-school program amateur coach.

Her work ethic, sportsmanship and desire to improve is an inspiration to her fellow athletes, coaches and officials. Carlea exemplifies the true spirit of Special Olympics: she always cheers, high fives and congratulates her competitors as they leave the ice. She proves that anything is possible when given the opportunity.



"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
I cannot win."

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PROVINCIAL AWARDS

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR STEPHEN GRAHAM



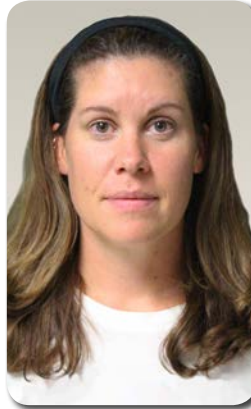
For seventeen years, Stephen has been an inspirational and enthusiastic Special Olympics athlete and representative. He is active in six sports, is employed full time and trains five days a week. Provincially, nationally and internationally, he has won multiple gold, silver and bronze medals.

Coaches, officials and athletes respect the ambition and dedication that has been critical to Stephen's athletic successes. He takes other athletes' training as seriously as he takes his own; always complementing teammates and competitors alike on results and style. He has attended both the 2009

World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, U.S.A and the 2013 World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea for speed skating. Stephen also competed in athletics at the 2014 National Summer Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. Most recently, he has been named the recipient of the 2014 Special Olympics Canada's Male Athlete of the Year Award.

Stephen's work ethic showcases his collaborative relationship with his coaches, teammates, officials and volunteers. His sportsmanship and resiliency make him an excellent role model and mentor for younger athletes. He does not think of himself as a better athlete or more successful than any of his competitors. The confidence and maturity Stephen exhibits is beyond his years. He strives for success in all of his endeavours yet remains humble and thankful for all opportunities.

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR KATHLENE VIBERT-ALLEN



For the past twenty years, Kathlene has been a dedicated Special Olympics Ontario coach. Her involvement began in Thunder Bay with multiple coaching roles. She also started new clubs and engaged in fundraising endeavours for the local Council.

In 2000, she moved to the Ottawa area and was head coach of the 50-member athletics team. For many years, she was also head coach to 80 Ottawa swimmers.

Her quality coaching resulted in many of the athletes going on to win medals at all levels of competition. Her guidance enhances more than just technique. Kathlene emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship and perseverance. Her laid-back style and results-oriented focus makes her a favourite among athletes.

Kathlene is also renowned for her facilitation with National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) swim courses. She was part of the national development committee that restructured the swim courses in 2006. She has taught many courses over the years and at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China, she conducted an on-site course for the assembled swim coaches.

Kathlene has strengthened the movement by mentoring new and young volunteers and coaches. She has played an influential role in athletes' lives not just through coaching, but also by ensuring decisions are athlete-focused. Her impact on other coaches, mentors and volunteers is memorable.

Let me be brave in the attempt."



Provincial Awards Winners!
Special Olympics movement!

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR CASEY DUFFY

Casey is an educator with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and has been involved with Special Olympics Ontario for twenty-five years. He began his coaching career with basketball and baseball, before focusing on the Flamborough Flyers floor hockey team for the past twenty-two years. The athletes range in age from 11 to 48, and remarkably, three-quarters of the players have been on the team for at least eighteen years.



Casey's passion for special education inspired him to dedicate his career to supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities. He has contributed to and reinforced a positive and inclusive educational environment. For the past several years, his role at the school board has been to support teachers who work with intellectually disabled students. In September 2014, he returned to the classroom to teach middle-school students.

His involvement with Special Olympics illustrates the on-going impact educators have on the movement. Five years ago, Casey was invited to chair the organizing committee of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board's annual Special Olympics *pahl* Festival (formerly named, Have A Go day). Through his leadership, the event's growth doubled and expanded to a two day event at two sites. He facilitated a partnership with Mohawk College for the expansion, where they now host the *pahl* Festival event geared to high school students.

Casey devotes his spare time to ensure schools have an inclusive and accepting environment in sport and education. His admirable efforts have made a lasting impact on Special Olympics athletes.

TEAM OF THE YEAR DURHAM FALCONS SOFTBALL



Since 2001, the Durham Falcons softball team has worked hard to strengthen their athletic and personal skills. Joining the Special Olympics movement allowed members to build meaningful relationships, confidence and to become positive role models for younger players.

The team won a bronze medal at the 2014 National Summer Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. Leading up to the Games, coaches, volunteers and parents all noticed that individual team members independently improved their nutrition and had committed to additional workout regimes.

The Durham Falcons have achieved many milestones. These include participating in the 2005 Provincial Summer Games in St. Catharines, winning silver at the 2009 Provincial Summer Games in Windsor and winning gold at the 2013 Provincial Summer Games in York Region. Their dedication is exemplified by year-round practices including indoor winter training. Their commitment extends to attending all of the team fundraising efforts to lend a helping hand.

The coaches' leadership and focus on good sportsmanship has led the players to always seek out and greet organizers, umpires and the opposing team personnel. The Falcons choose to centre on team accomplishments rather than individual achievements.

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PROVINCIAL AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR MIKE HINES



For the past seven years, Mike has distinguished himself as an enthusiastic and motivated volunteer. He is dedicated to promoting the movement. His creative and open-minded approach to new opportunities result in multiple fundraising activities at any one time.

Mike has devoted hundreds of hours per year organizing, promoting and implementing the annual Hines Memorial Golf Tournament. This event alone has raised over \$100,000 for the Muskoka Community Council. The funds assist and subsidize sport clubs, transportation to and

from out-of-town competitions, athletic registration fees, and other activities directly benefiting the athletes.

It is important to Mike that each person who comes out knows their participation is truly appreciated. Due to generous support from event sponsors, he is pleased to present each golfer with a prize. This year, as its popularity grows, over 120 attendees rallied to support the cause.

Mike handles public relations duties in addition to fundraising. He has the local media on speed dial and studiously alerts them to new endeavours and accomplishments. For instance, the Muskoka Rattlers floor hockey team won the 2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championship in Sudbury and Mike immediately nominated them as Muskoka's Team of the Year, which they later won.

Those who have worked alongside Mike describe him as creative, industrious, dependable and passionate. He is involved in all facets of the Council and demonstrates support for the athletes at every available opportunity. His dedication to Special Olympics has elevated awareness of the organization in Muskoka, and influenced others to become advocates for the movement.

ATHLETE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NICOLE FERGUSON



Nicole first joined Special Olympics Ontario in 1976 as a floor hockey athlete. She enjoyed her newfound athleticism so much that she quickly embraced other sports including speed skating, powerlifting, athletics and curling. Her determination to improve her skills in every practice and competition led her to participate at Provincial, National and World Games in several sports.

She is highly regarded by coaches, volunteers and fellow athletes for her enthusiasm and attentiveness. When Nicole feels that she does

not perform a drill correctly, she will ask for direction and keep practicing until she is successful. During timed sports, if Nicole does not meet her personal best, she will continue to practice until she achieves her previous record or sets a better one.

Nicole won three medals for powerlifting at the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China. She is optimistic by nature and when advised by her doctors to stop powerlifting, she took this as an opportunity to focus her energy to help other athletes in the sport. She now attends every powerlifting practice to mentor other athletes. She also showed initiative by seeking out and providing individualized guidance to new speed skaters and was awarded the 2014 Special Olympics Canada Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Nicole also proudly represents Special Olympics at local schools and encourages new athletes to join the movement. She can always be counted on to attend Special Olympics and Torch Run community events.

Let me be brave in the attempt.



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PROVINCIAL AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD PATTY FEDERER

Internationally, Patty has been an influential presence in Special Olympics alpine skiing since 1995. As a technical delegate, she oversees a team of 10 people and is the only woman and Canadian in this prominent role.

The Ontario resident was appointed the Chairmanship of Alpine Skiing for the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Toronto/Collingwood. Since then, she has been an integral part of every Special Olympics International Winter Games management committee. Other notable roles include head referee and jury member.

Ontario athletes have greatly benefitted from her expertise in local tournaments and beyond. Patty believes athletes can perform with dignity, regardless of challenges. She commendably does everything in her power to make sure this happens for all. Her dedication to fair sportsmanship is reflected in her passion for enhancing athlete performance in sport.

She creates and facilitates alpine skiing National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) courses and manuals. She also created two educational videos, one for alpine skiing coaches and one for alpine venue management. All print and digital resources are available on Special Olympics International's website. The development of new coaching courses has ensured athletes have access to the best training and coaching techniques available. She has also created and conducts alpine coaching clinics.

Those fortunate to know Patty recognize her big heart, commitment and passion for the movement. She truly embodies Special Olympics' spirit, philosophy and goals.



HARRY "RED" FOSTER AWARD

Special Olympics Ontario is pleased to announce that Bob Nicholson is the 2014 recipient of this auspicious national award.

Bob has played a trusted and ever-present role with the Special Olympics' movement. He has had an extremely busy professional career with both the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Argonauts and he led both to storied heights including a Grey Cup win in 2012.

Bob's professional and community life is filled with two things — sport and family. He joined Special Olympics to assist with the 1989 Summer Games and it soon became evident that the event was in need of leadership, but more importantly funding. This need sparked the beginning of what is now known as The Wizard Foundation.

Bob's dedication to developing a fundraising entity for Special Olympics has resulted in twenty-six years and counting of funding and increased awareness of the movement. He has shown a dedication in the promotion of volunteerism and has been an active organizer for many major events.

Special Olympics has one of the finest and most dedicated stewards this movement has known.



WIZARD FOUNDATION

The NHL Playoff Hockey Pool was founded in 1988. The Foundation has grown to include NFL Fantasy Football. Their generous contributions have played a significant role in the growth of Special Olympics Ontario.



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Making a Difference

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Special Olympics Ontario youth programs continue to demonstrate remarkable growth both in schools and as part of the program's community after-school outreach initiatives. The Active Start (age 2-6) and FUNdamentals (age 7-12) programs continue to expand. In 2013-2014 the programs were introduced as part of a new stream of programming in the school system. Students build skills in an orderly progression leading to competitive offerings at the secondary school level.

To bridge the gap between FUNdamentals and community sport clubs, Special Olympics Ontario launched the Youth Multi-Sport program (age 12-18). It focuses on learning to train sport-specific skill development for that age group and sets the foundation for lifelong participation in sport.

The launch of this program coincides with a new resource manual and coaching guide which contains lesson plans for bocce, basketball, soccer and athletics. These materials promote engagement in the Four Corners Provincial School Championships program.

The inaugural *End the Word* Student Video Contest was launched this past year. This contest worked to create awareness and impactful messaging to end the use of the word retard(ed). The reach for this campaign was impressive. The video entries garnered thousands of views on YouTube and were publicized and shared on social media.

Students were challenged to take the pledge to *End the Word* and to make their own public service announcement, which aligns with Special Olympics International's Project Unify. This initiative has both

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

engaged and inspired young, generic students. Additionally, it has created interest for youth to better understand the Special Olympics movement.



SPORT & COACH DEVELOPMENT

Special Olympics Ontario developed an enhanced training program for the sport of golf, focusing on the Training to Compete and Training to Win stages of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). This program provided a pathway for Team Ontario golf athletes to achieve personal best performances and win five medals at the 2014 National Summer Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. From this program, one coach and three athletes have qualified to participate at the 2015 World Summer Games in Los Angeles, California.

The program at The Golf Lab's premier indoor training facility focused on technical skill development, hole management, and strength and conditioning. The athletes were able to become competition-ready due to the specialized training and coaching mentorship. This program was complemented by a sport psychology program in partnership with Ph.D. candidates, Erica Bennett and Carolyn McEwen, from the University of British Columbia.

The program's success is due largely in-part because of the partnership with the Golf Association of Ontario's (GAO) Provincial Team program and the Winter Training opportunities generously supplied by The Golf Lab.

Building healthy and vibrant communities

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is proud to invest in Special Olympics Ontario.

Our grants fund initiatives that encourage people of all ages and abilities to lead healthier and more physically active lives.

Our investment helped athlete development in Special Olympics communities across Ontario.

Bâtir des communautés saines et dynamiques

La Fondation Trillium de l'Ontario est fière d'investir dans les Olympiques spéciaux de l'Ontario.

Nos subventions financent des initiatives qui encouragent les gens de tous âges et habiletés à adopter un mode de vie actif et sain.

Notre investissement a aidé le développement d'athlètes des Olympiques spéciaux dans tout l'Ontario

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HEALTHY LIVING (*pahl*)



pahl (Physical Activity and Healthy Living) is a project that promotes healthy and active living to Special Olympics athletes and students across Ontario. This year, *pahl* was busy promoting its portfolio to educators. The Healthy Athletes program, a focus for *pahl*, offers the following complimentary services: Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physiotherapy), Healthy Hearing (audiology), Health Promotion (nutrition guidance), MedFest (general physical checkups) Opening Eyes (vision screening) and Special Smiles (dentistry). Medical and health professionals involved donate their time and expertise to Special Olympics athletes.

The *pahl* Festival targets schools that do not have a prior relationship with Special Olympics. The *pahl* Festival gives an overview of available *pahl* programming, in addition to other elementary school resources and services.

With financial assistance from the GoodLife Kids Foundation, the *pahl* Festival continues to expand the Step Into Action program. The success of these events is evident; 41 new schools from Ottawa, Toronto, Sudbury

and York Region now use the online interactive module on a weekly basis to improve their physical fitness, health and well-being. In total, 900 students and athletes across the province of Ontario have recorded 68,072,092 steps and tracked their nutrition along the way.



Special Olympics Ontario also partnered with Special Olympics International and Special Olympics Canada to offer Opening Eyes HealthyAthletes events. A vision screening session for athletes was held at the International Lions Club Convention. In total, over 30 optometry specialists and students volunteered and prescribed 40 pairs of custom eyewear for local athletes. It was a rewarding day for everyone involved. Several Healthy Athletes programs will take place during the 2014/2015 school year.

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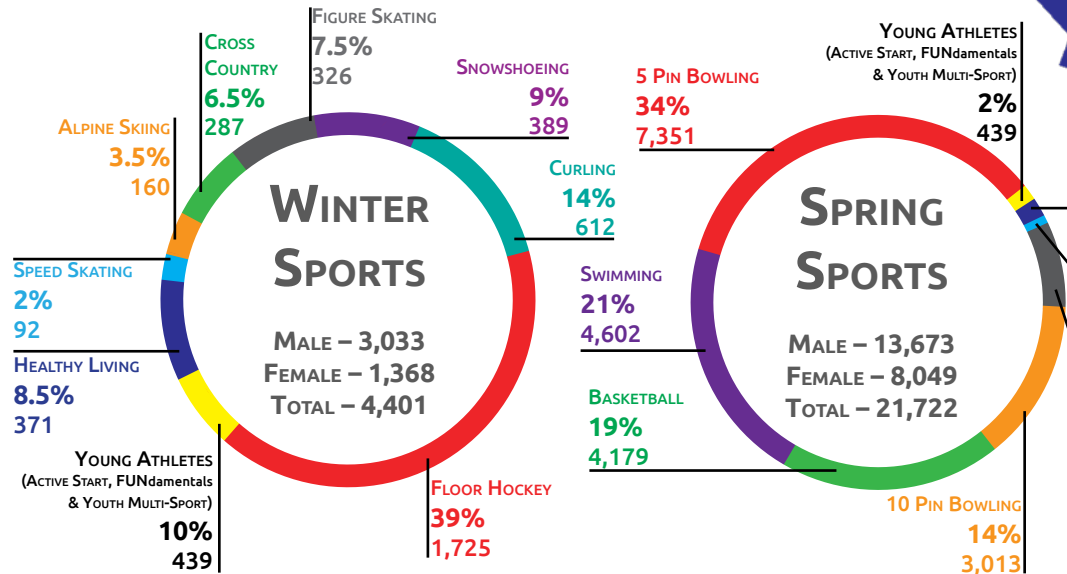
ATHLETES.....	455	MALE ATHLETES.....	273
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+18.2%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	182
VOLUNTEERS.....	46	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	8
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	88	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	45
YOUTH CLUBS.....	2	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	10

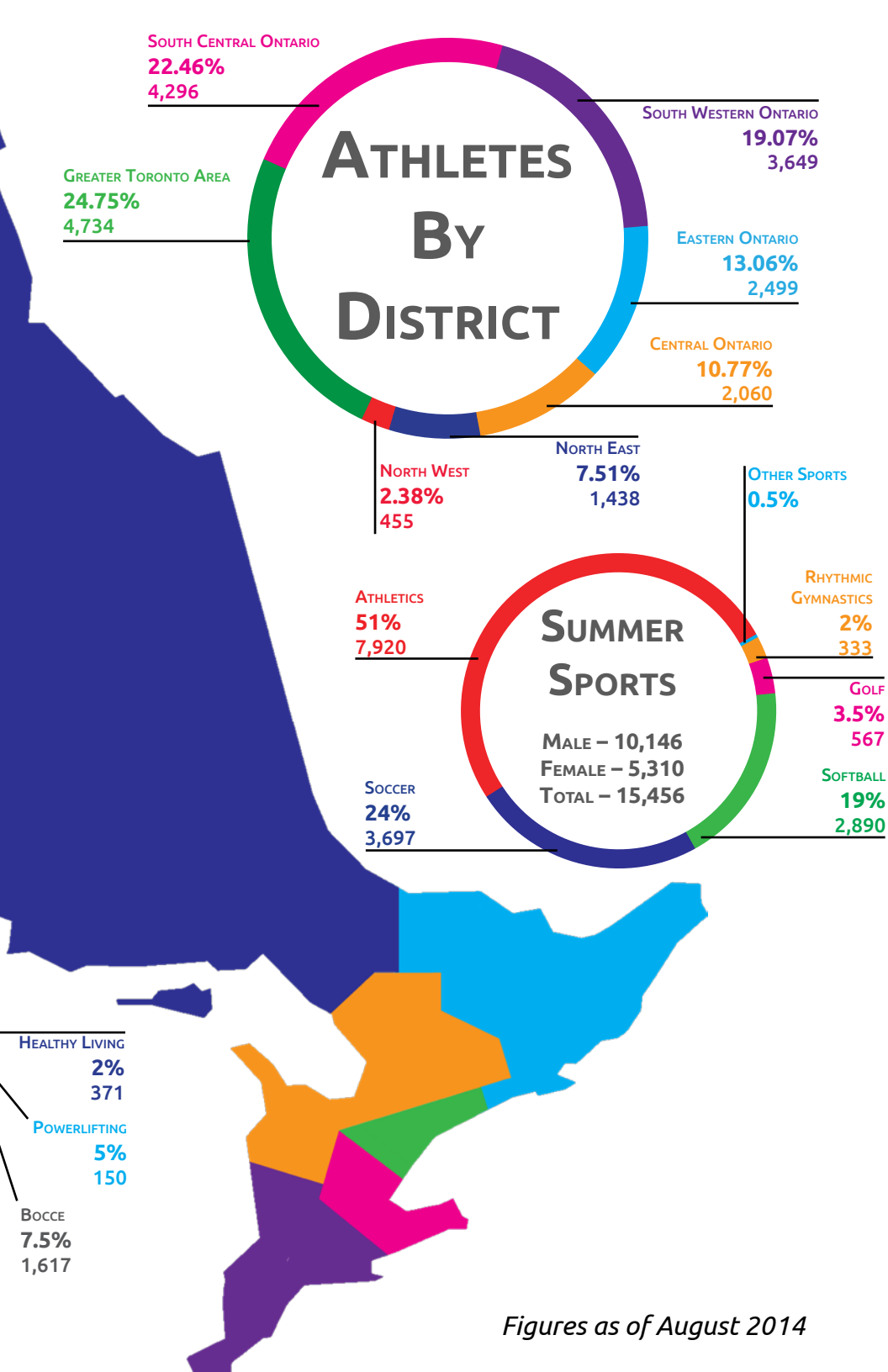
CENTRAL ONTARIO

ATHLETES.....	2,060	MALE ATHLETES.....	1,307
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+15.1%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	753
VOLUNTEERS.....	148	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	18
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	767	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	153
YOUTH CLUBS.....	6	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	81

SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO

ATHLETES.....	3,649	MALE ATHLETES.....	2,279
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+25.9%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	1,370
VOLUNTEERS.....	273	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	21
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	1,377	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	195
YOUTH CLUBS.....	10	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	144





Figures as of August 2014

NORTH EAST ONTARIO

ATHLETES.....	1,438	MALE ATHLETES.....	904
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+57.1%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	534
VOLUNTEERS.....	143	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	19
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	379	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	132
YOUTH CLUBS.....	5	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	24

EASTERN ONTARIO

ATHLETES.....	2,499	MALE ATHLETES.....	1,606
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+37.9%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	893
VOLUNTEERS.....	204	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	13
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	1,131	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	162
YOUTH CLUBS.....	22	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	101

GREATER TORONTO AREA

ATHLETES.....	4,734	MALE ATHLETES.....	3,192
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+43.3%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	1,542
VOLUNTEERS.....	229	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	9
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	1,691	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	204
YOUTH CLUBS.....	36	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	243

SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

ATHLETES.....	4,296	MALE ATHLETES.....	2,663
ATHLETE GROWTH (2006-14).....	+55.7%	FEMALE ATHLETES.....	1,633
VOLUNTEERS.....	258	COMMUNITY COUNCILS.....	19
COACHES (SCHOOL + COMM.).....	1,932	COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS.....	170
YOUTH CLUBS.....	14	SCHOOL CLUBS.....	305

NATIONAL SUMMER GAMES

Team Ontario enjoyed reaching new athletic milestones at the 2014 National Summer Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. Ontario cheered on its largest provincial team in history, with 353 athletes, 83 coaches and 19 management staff. Across the 11 sports featured at the National Summer Games, Team Ontario set a new provincial record of 437 medals: 168 gold, 149 silver and 120 bronze.

During the Games, remarkable achievements were experienced and witnessed. Team Ontario's eight powerlifting athletes won a combined 33 medals. Two male track athletes broke the 12 second barrier in the 100m race, which is a first in the history of Special Olympics Canada. Ontario athletes won the overall top bowler awards in both the male and female categories in the 10 pin bowling competition. The 5 pin bowling teams won 7 of the possible 15 medals and in some divisions had a clean sweep winning gold, silver and bronze. Ontario's golf team showed impressive results in an extremely competitive tournament. Almost half of the eleven golfers brought home medals. Rhythmic gymnastics also achieved athletic success by dominating the group event, winning both gold and silver medals. The swim team earned an impressive 126 medals in the pool.

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The team events also showed impressive results. Softball teams won two gold and one bronze medal. The basketball teams won one gold and two silver medals. The bocce and soccer teams won silver and bronze medals.

Congratulations to the Vancouver 2014 Games Organizing Committee for a successful event. The venues at the University of British Columbia were amazing and made for a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

Overall, it was an inspirational and rewarding experience for everyone. Team Ontario's athletes and coaches showed true dedication and sportsmanship to their craft. Thank you to all coaches and mission staff for your outstanding leadership. Thank you to the provincial team liaisons across the entire province for the behind the scenes work. Congratulations to all participants on your great accomplishments and continued dedication to the beliefs and values of Special Olympics.



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"Let me win. But if I cannot win,"

PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Four Corners program provides quality competition opportunities to Ontario students between the ages of 13 and 21 with an intellectual disability. This program is the first of its kind in North America, and is the largest school-based sport program in Canada.

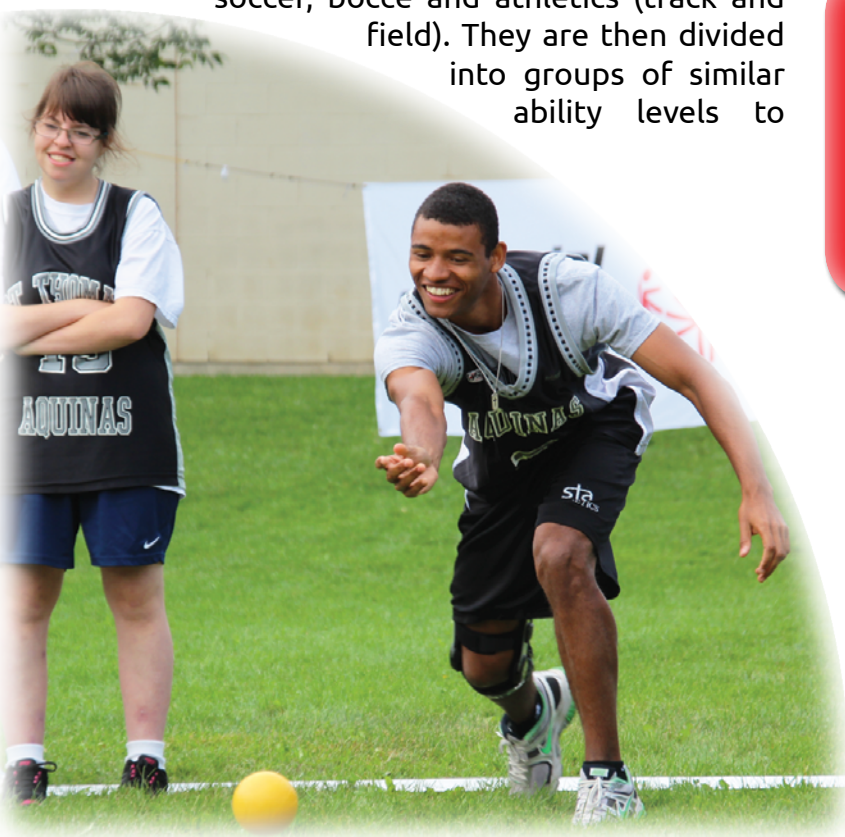
The process of involving students begins with outreach to the educators. In turn, Special Olympics Ontario assists teachers to recruit athletes and works with local host committees to organize and to implement regional qualifying events. Competitions can have up to eight participating schools from one community.

Athletes are offered four sport options: basketball, soccer, bocce and athletics (track and field). They are then divided into groups of similar ability levels to

ensure an enjoyable and safe competitive environment. For many, this is their first time participating in a sport event and experiencing the camaraderie of being on a school team. Winners from each qualifier will compete in the annual Provincial School Championships.

Four Corners has expanded significantly in four years. This initiative started with five competitions and one sport, and grew to thirty-two competitions and four sports. Next season, there will be forty-eight provincial qualifying events involving 5,000 high school students, 1,400 coaches and 1,000 volunteers.

Special Olympics Ontario is the largest organization in Canada to provide grassroots sport programs and competition opportunities, from the local level to the world level, for people with intellectual disabilities.



let me be brave in the attempt."



ONTARIO LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Message from OACP Chair — Chief Al Frederick



It is with great pride that I report on another year of tremendous achievement for the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run (OLETR). The OLETR represents an enduring partnership between Law Enforcement Agencies and Special Olympics Ontario over an inspiring 27-year history.

Dedicated men and women across the province collaborate daily, not only in the pursuit of safer communities, but also through the OLETR to raise funds and awareness for over 19,000 athletes. This continued commitment is instrumental in providing sustained sport programs and competitions. The impact of annual local OLETR activities serves to galvanize whole communities in support of courageous athletes. Law Enforcement leadership inspires community volunteers to coach, donate and participate. This influence is critical for the on-going success and development of the athletes as they seek to grow and enrich their lives.

OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OLETR has experienced and enjoyed remarkable success with its major events, including:

- The **Law Enforcement Torch Ride**: Consisting of three rides in 2013, the program expanded to fourteen rides in the summer and fall of 2014. Chief Jeffrey McGuire from the Niagara Regional Police Service has championed this program and issued a challenge to all Ontario Chiefs to host a ride. This program is projected to raise over \$125,000 at the conclusion of the season. It has received immense and positive responses from motorcyclists, volunteers and Law Enforcement officers.
- **Polar Plunges**: With all Plunges completed, we are officially Freezin' for a Reason! Plunges took place in Newmarket, Sudbury, Kingston, North Bay, Thunder Bay and Owen Sound. The concluded Plunge season exceeded the \$100,000 goal.
- The **Guardians of the Flame Endurance Series**: There were three provincial summer events in Espanola, Timmins and Thunder Bay. These grueling fitness events included the Conquer the Fort Mud Run in Thunder Bay, the Espanola Boogie Rush and the Mosquito Try-athlon in Timmins. The Endurance Series has raised over \$115,500 to date.
- **Community Torch Runs and the Final Leg**: The community Torch Run is the single largest awareness vehicle we possess. This past spring, over 100 Torch Runs were hosted in communities across the province leading up to the Final Leg in June, 2014. Over 200

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Law Enforcement participants carried The Flame of Hope into the Provincial School Championships opening ceremonies and lit the cauldron.

• **Award of Honour:** Each year we annually recognize officers who have made significant contributions to the movement. The Award of Honour was presented at the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Ottawa, Ontario in June 2014. OLETR is pleased to congratulate the following recipients of the Award of Honour:



Lori Bertrand – Timmins Police Service
Shaun Beaulieu – Sault Ste. Marie Police Service
Beth Ethier – Ontario Provincial Police
Deb Klemp – Woodstock Police Service
Ryan Cabral – Hanover Police Service



The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Torch Run Executive Committee is dedicated to working with all partners to ensure sustained growth for Special Olympics.

The OACP recognizes and commends all personnel from Law Enforcement who selflessly give their time and energy as participants and champions of the Torch Runs in the communities they serve. I sincerely thank all of the men and women in Law Enforcement who volunteered.

The Flame burns brighter because you care!

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Toronto plays host to *motionball*'s largest annual events including the Gala, Fall Classic Golf Tournament and the flagship event, Marathon of Sport.



In the last fiscal year, *motionball* is proud to have donated \$250,000 to Special Olympics Ontario and over \$4 million to the Special Olympics Canada Foundation since its inception in 2002.



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THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERS

Special Olympics Ontario is privileged to have over 8,600 volunteers committed to the movement. Their use of life experiences and skills help individuals with intellectual disabilities enjoy athleticism, inclusion and friendship. Meaningful relationships between volunteers and athletes illustrate the importance of sport and community engagement.

The drive and motivation for promoting acceptance and respect is inspirational to witness. Through organizing sport clubs across the province, volunteers provide Special Olympics' athletes with opportunities to strengthen social, cognitive and physical abilities. Some have already begun preparations for the 2015 Provincial Winter Games in North Bay and the 2015 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships in Ottawa. Over 140 volunteers greatly contributed to the success of the 2014 Four Corners Provincial School Championships. The dedication, positive encouragement and enthusiasm delivered an amazing experience to the 348 school-aged participants from Ontario communities.

Volunteers are essential to ensure Special Olympics Ontario's strategic goals are met and exceeded. The tireless efforts significantly influence the growth of sport clubs and athletic memberships. Volunteers always show appreciation to sponsors and donors, effectively promoting the movement to potential partners and advocates.

Special Olympics Ontario is both grateful and appreciative of volunteers — a group of committed and thoughtful people who change the world.

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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Elizabeth
Andrew

"Those who can, do. Those who can't do more, volunteer."



James Michael “Jim” Flaherty, PC (December 30, 1949 – April 10, 2014)

The Honourable Jim Flaherty advocated on behalf of persons with disabilities for inclusion in the workplace, in schools and in other aspects of everyday life. His championing of significant law and policy reforms changed lives.

During his term in office, the federal government created the Registered Disability Savings Plan. He was instrumental in having Canada sign the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

One of Mr. Flaherty’s final acts as Federal Minister of Finance was to announce a \$26.4 million investment in two national employment initiatives for people with intellectual disabilities and autism. As well, he ensured a further \$10.8 million investment was afforded to Special Olympics programs across Canada.

Special Olympics Ontario honours a man who truly made a difference.



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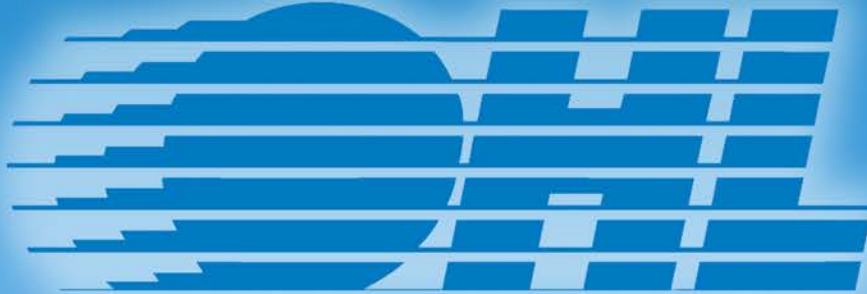
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