

A YOUTH MOVEMENT IN ACTION:  
**CHAMPIONS TOGETHER**

#INCLUSIONREVOLUTION

**Special  
Olympics**  
Indiana





# Letter from the CEO

"I went to the same high school you did, but you wouldn't know me because I was in special education." Those are the words that greeted me to Special Olympics back in 1973. They

were spoken by a Special Olympics athlete who was my age and trying out to play on his first basketball team ever. I was the coach.



I came to find out that he loved to play basketball as much as I did – maybe more. The years I was blessed to coach him, he drank up the experience. He scouted the opponents; he practiced in the park between our practices; he lived with our victories; and died with our defeats. He even made a game-winning shot from the corner as the buzzer sounded to win a game. He was buried by his teammates in celebration after that shot.

I've never been able to reconcile why a small accident of birth could make such a profound difference in opportunities people have to enjoy life, and be rewarded for doing their best.

Too many years after that introduction, in 2014 the world will finally change for young Special Olympics athletes. Starting in April, 2014 several Indiana high schools will sponsor Special Olympics Unified Sports® Track teams – kids with and without disabilities training together and then competing against other schools with similar teams. They will be wearing their high school's uniforms. Each member of the team will be earning points based on a revolutionary set of rules that values fast and slow. At the IHSAA state track championships, one of these teams will raise the State Champions trophy – the same as a select number of other varsity teams do throughout the year.

It will change lives, both for new Special Olympics athletes, their new teammates, coaches, and fans. Who knows who will change most – but if 45 years of experience in Special Olympics is any indicator – the athletic directors, coaches and teammates will feel like they are the real winners.

Sam Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association says, "When we get out of our comfort zones and get familiar with our biases we can make great strides for all deserving people. We need to expand our profession to make sure that the fun, joy and feeling of exhilaration of participating in sports can be experienced by all. **Diversity is being invited to the party, but inclusion is being asked to dance.**"

And now, over 40 years later, young athletes like my former classmate are on the "right" team. And over time, people will know them, and share in the magic of Special Olympics.

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# Special Olympics Indiana

Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, reaching over 11,000 athletes across Indiana. Special Olympics Indiana is part of the international network of accredited Special Olympics Programs that reaches over 4 million athletes with intellectual disabilities worldwide.

Sport is a universal language that unites people on and off the field of play. Its lessons are relevant to all. Using sports training and athletic competition to help break down barriers that have historically kept people apart, Special Olympics Indiana promotes meaningful inclusion and acceptance for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Indiana. These experiences ultimately create an inclusive environment where everyone benefits and little by little, the world changes. Sport is the medium, but the real power lies within the Special Olympics experience and all the people it touches.

Let me win,  
but if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in  
the attempt.

—Special Olympics Athlete Oath



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Representing 72 County and Local Program, each run by volunteer management team who recruits participants, conducts sports training, raises money and awareness, and competes at local, area, and state events.

## World-Class Programs

### Unified Sport ®

Where individuals with and without disabilities train and compete on the same team against other Unified Sports® teams. Indiana has 3,273 partners.

### Young Athletes

Children ages 2-7 are introduced to Special Olympics through activities designed to foster physical cognitive and social development. Indiana has 605 kids involved in Young Athletes in 2013.

### Healthy Athletes

Four types of health screenings (sight, hearing, dental, and fitness) are provided in order to improve athletes' abilities to train and compete. A total of 232 screenings were completed in 2013.

### Health Coordinators – IU Health

Orchestrated through a partnership that began in 2013 between Special Olympics Indiana and IU Health's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement, Health Coordinators will serve as

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## Sports Offered

Alpine Skiing  
Aquatics  
Ballroom Dancing  
Basketball  
Bocce  
Bowling  
Corn Toss  
Cycling  
Distance Run/Walk  
Equestrian  
Figure Skating  
Flag Football  
Golf  
Horseshoes  
Powerlifting  
Softball  
Soccer  
Snowboarding  
Snowshoeing  
Speed Skating  
Young Athletes  
Track & Field  
Volleyball



a resource to coordinate activities that will provide for the better health and safety of Special Olympics athletes within a given Special Olympics County Program.

### Champions Together

The establishment of the "Champions Together," partnership between the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and Special Olympics Indiana began when IHSAA Commissioner, Bobby Cox, challenged the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC) to engage in "servant leadership" and discover ways to give back to their schools and communities. The IHSAA SAC researched options, and unanimously requested that an official partnership be formed with Special Olympics as the most appropriate fit for education-based athlete servant leadership.

### Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

Training is provided to athletes in a university setting so they can become public speakers, committee members, coaches, officials and volunteers. As of 2013, Indiana had 194 athletes enrolled in ALPs University, and 30 athletes have graduated.

# 2013 – Year in Review



## JANUARY

Lawrenceburg, Indiana hosted the Winter Games once again, as over 100 athletes took to the slopes to compete in skiing, snowshoeing, and snowboarding.



## MARCH

2,227 athletes compete in the State Men's, Women's, and Youth Basketball tournaments including 5-on-5 full court, Unified Sports, 3-on-3, and more



## MAY

Each of Indiana's 10 Areas host Spring Games. These Games are among the most important of the over 2,800 competitions held in Indiana each year.



## JULY

The Charity Golf Classic raised nearly \$80,000 in one day through partnerships with American Family Insurance, Indianapolis Colts and Enterprise Rent-a-Car.



## SEPTEMBER

The third EKS Games, hosted by Brebeuf Jesuit, offered 8 sports for 2,210 athletes. In 2013, Special Olympics Indiana successfully piloted a new unified team aquatic competition.



## NOVEMBER

The Torch Run is Special Olympics Indiana's largest grassroots fundraising program. In 2013, eight final leg runs were complete throughout the state.

## FEBRUARY

Over 2,400 plungers were Freezin' for a Reason at 12 different Indiana locations. The Polar Plunge raised over \$490,000 to benefit Special Olympics Indiana.



## APRIL

ALPs provide the best available training and support for athletes seeking to further their participation in Special Olympics, both on and off the competition field.



## JUNE

Jared Fogle (Subway Jared) speaks to over 2,500 Athletes, 1,000 Coaches, 1,200 Event Volunteers, and 3,000 spectators & families at the 44th Annual Summer Games Opening Ceremony.



## AUGUST

Indiana Pacers' Lance Stephenson was among 2,000 attendees from 79 teams that gathered at the Indianapolis International Airport and raised more than \$181,000.



## OCTOBER

A partnership between Red Robin restaurants and law enforcement throughout Indiana collaborate to conduct Tip A Cop fundraisers supporting Special Olympics Indiana.



## DECEMBER

Bowling is Special Olympics Indiana's most popular sport, 5,000 athletes participated in the annual State Bowling Tournament.





# The Spirit of Special Olympics

## When You Come Out On Top!

Melony Salla has been involved with Special Olympics Indiana since she was 12 years old, but in 2013, and much to her surprise, she was named Athlete of the Year at the annual Special Olympics Indiana State Conference. The Benton Central High School senior was completely speechless when she was awarded the title, "I was in total shock – I did not know I was going to get it!" Melony recounts.

Before Special Olympics emerged in Melony's life, there was lots of bullying. Melony had difficulty in school, as she struggled with her intellectual disabilities. She was put on medication, however, she gained a substantial amount of weight, becoming a target for students. Melony's parents worried about her wellbeing, and despite speaking with school administration, nothing was done. To top it all off, that same year, her father was stricken with esophagus cancer.

It was the move to Benton Central High School that changed everything! It was there that she discovered Special Olympics Indiana, when a teacher urged her to participate and get involved. Melony blossomed, gaining friends and excelling

in school. "It was like she had it all along; she just needed that extra push and reassurance," Sherry Salla, Melony's mother remarked. "Special Olympics has given her that and more!" The night of State Conference, Melony accepted her award. "When I accepted my award, my mom started to cry, which then made me cry! I am always such a talker, but at that moment, I was speechless!"

The hardest moments are the ones you remember. If you are able to push through the tough times, the feeling is more special when you come out on top.

The same day that Melony would be honored to receive the Spirit of Special Olympics Award, she would also learn that her dad would be released from his cancer treatment rehab center. Despite all the devastation both Melony and her family faced, they persevered.

"It was an unexpected moment, but the best moment," Melony says. "I am a success story for Special Olympics and no matter where I am – I make sure to shout it to the world!"



## 2013 SPIRIT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINNERS:

**Athlete: Melony Salla**

Benton County

**Family: The Parks-Oldham Family**

Bartholomew, Brown, Jennings Counties

**Coach: Ron McGovern**

Monroe County

**Volunteer: Ty Faust**

Grant County

**LETR Officer: Kevin Jackson**

New Castle Correctional Facility

Athlete of the Year, Melony Salla, with President/CEO Michael Furnish at Bankers Life Fieldhouse to see the Pacers take on the 76ers.



# Financials



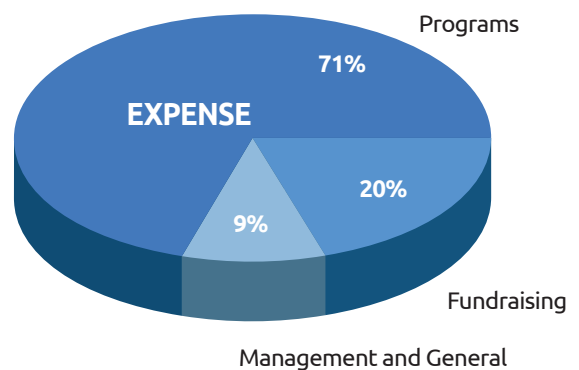
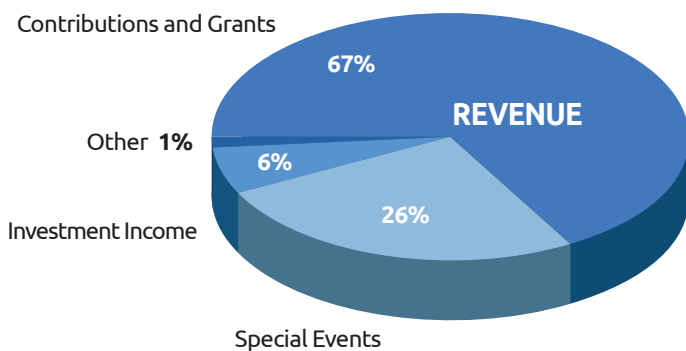
**2013**

## REVENUE

Contributions and Grants	\$2,588,173
Special Events	\$999,561
Investment Income	\$228,563
Other	\$52,048
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,868,345</b>

## EXPENSE

Programs	\$2,141,806
Management and General	\$287,369
Fundraising	\$606,538
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,035,713</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$832,632</b>







"Being a part of the Special Olympics family has made a dramatic impact on our lives! What we do is just a small way of giving back to everything the Special Olympics athletes have already given to us."



"Knights of Columbus from around Indiana are proud to support Special Olympics Indiana athletes through volunteering, raising funds and continually building the partnership between Knight and Athlete."



"As the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) program continues to grow in Indiana, the relationship between law enforcement personnel and Special Olympics Indiana Athletes is inspirational not only at competitions, but throughout the year in neighborhoods across Indiana."



"Ohio Mills has a long history with Special Olympics Ohio and Kentucky and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with them. These bins raise valuable support for the Special Olympics Program – helping enrich the lives of kids and adults in our communities."

## Champion Sponsors





# The Winner's Circle Individuals

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 Margie Snyder  
 Tony Veegh  
 Ruthann Wolfgang

# Event Participants

2013 PLANE PULL TEAMS	TEAM CAPTAINS	2013 PLANE PULL TEAMS	TEAM CAPTAINS
AAR Aircraft Services - Wingnuts	Betty Brookshear	FedEx Over Night Sensations	Wade Reeves
Aero Engine Controls Just Plane Strong	Matt Blair	FedEx Trade Network Thunder	Bill Johnston
Aero Engine Controls Pulling Rank	Ryan Natzke	FedExtreme	Eric Garrett
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Baldwin & Lyons	Melanie Woods	Guns and Hoses	Thaddeus Thomas
Barnes & Thornburg LLP	Linda Todd	Hensley Legal Group	Melissa Hartsock
BF&S - Wingman	Je Carlson	Hoosier CrossFit	Jenna tieman
BF&S - Wingnuts	Je Carlson	IDOC Central Office	Amy Lanum
Branchville Bull Dogs	Lisa Holloway	IMPD Blue Bombers	Darla Anderson
Cassidy Turley Indianapolis	Grant Lindley & Lindsey Brown	Indiana Correctional Police Officers	Todd Tappy
Central Sert	Troy Keith	Indiana State Police Integrity	Tommy Walker
Circle City Derby Girls	Kimberly Keller	Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility	Gaylie Cotton
Correctional Industrial Facility	Megan McClain	Indy's i94, 95.5 WFMS and Classic Hits 104.5 WJJK!	Jay Michaels
CSI Just Plane Crazy 1	Antoine Blanding	Ingersoll Rand - Team Strong	Christine Wright
CSI Just Plane Crazy 2	Antoine Blanding	IR E-Squad	Donald Williams
Dakota's Traveling Circus	Erin Bean	Jac's Cousins	Jaclyn Knipe
Edinburgh Correctional Facility	Stephen Jeter	Jet Jerkers	Sarah Stillerman
FedEx Dayside Swaggers	Eric Garrett	Johnson County FOP Auxiliary 154	Kendra Murphy





2013 PLANE PULL TEAMS	TEAM CAPTAINS	2013 PLANE PULL TEAMS	TEAM CAPTAINS
Just Plane Crazy	Meagan Moon	RW Armstrong - Princess Pirates	Beth Corbett
Madison Dream Team	Hope Greathouse	RW Armstrong - Swashbucklers	Simon Davies
Miami Correctional Facility	Douglas Nelson	Sign - A - Rams	Joel Hall
Monroe County Maniacs	Matthew Graf	Team Finish Line	Kara Fick
New Castle Correctional Facility	Todd Deweese	Team Indiana - Blue	Stephanie Young
Orchard Harvesting & Hauling	Jon Payne	Team Indiana - Red	Scott Furnish
Orchy's Airplane Movers	Maggie Madden	Team Indiana - White	Je Mohler
Phi Sigma Kappa	Kathy Cannady	Team LHD	Sean Kyle
Plain eld Pirates (ERO)	Antoine Stewart	Team RDC	Andrea Feeney
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Plane Pullers for Hope: LJCF	Thomas Nestleroad	Team VCSO	Robert Hart
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ResCare Rampage	Jennifer Dean	Wabash Valley Correctional Facility	Dusty Russell
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Rockville Correctional Facility 2	Bradley Burton		
Rockville Correctional Facility Team-1	Deb Ford		



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# Creating a Legacy



**LEGACY** – a powerful word that is often etched into people’s hearts and minds.

Carl and Betty Erskine have made their legacy in demonstrating how life’s challenges can be handled with grace and encouragement. They have set the standard for those who have been affected by the movement of Special Olympics.

On November 8, 2013, the inaugural luncheon commemorating The Carl and Betty Erskine Society for planned giving occurred. The founding members heard from Carl Erskine as he shared insight into the world of Major League Baseball during the 1940’s – a time where stark racial tension and the unfamiliarity of intellectual disabilities boiled and branded its way into the fabric of American history.

Buzz Lail immediately connected with Carl’s words. “Carl and Betty have seen and experienced the world in a different way,” said Buzz, chairperson of Special Olympics Indiana. “They have faced many challenges and conquered them head on. I’m originally from the South and part of a time where a lot happened. Conversations about disabilities were

ubiquitous. I ask myself almost every day, what made a little boy from Kentucky understand the importance of positive change. There were many people around me that fed into the negativity. However, I believe that my driving force are the athletes of Special Olympics.”

Buzz has been involved with Special Olympics Indiana for over a decade. “Finding that I have more opportunities to interact with athletes than many people,” said Buzz. “I am able to see several changes happen firsthand; Special Olympics Indiana is all about transforming lives.” Throughout his 10 years, he has witnessed the incredible impact of Special Olympics, as many corporations such as Finish Line, Knights of Columbus and IHSA, have all committed to the athletes of Special Olympics.

His belief in the mission of the organization is paramount. As a member of the Carl and Betty Erskine Society, Buzz will always be an advocate for Special Olympics.

## Carl and Betty Erskine Society Members

Carl and Betty Erskine  
Sherry and Bill Benner  
Judi and Phil Bounsall  
Danny and Deborah Dean  
Cathy and John Elzinga  
Rebecca and Michael Furnish  
Larkin (Buzz) Lail  
Bob and Susan Pensec  
Paul Reis and Mo Merho  
Mark C. Sherman  
Ron and Catherine Stiver

*The Carl and Betty Erskine Society was established in 2012, as a way for those who have been touched by Special Olympics, to make a lifetime gift that perpetuates the organization. Carl and Betty Erskine serve as champions in the effort to make those with intellectual disabilities accepted and equal on all fronts.*



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