



1969 - 2019

Sam McNew

2004 Athlete of the Year



Special Olympics
Indiana



SPIRIT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2004

Champion powerlifter Sam McNew is well-known in Hamilton County for his many feats of strength and for his magnetic personality. Honored in 2004 with our top annual athlete award, Sam has competed in a variety of sports since 1993, also serving in leadership roles within his local program and working to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Indiana and for people with intellectual disabilities. Sam later set a state record in the deadlift and went on to win multiple gold medals at the 2006 and 2014 Special Olympics USA Games.



"You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence, you send a message to every city, every village, every nation. A message of hope, a message of victory."

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

1987 International Games, South Bend, Indiana