



1969 - 2019

Philip Baker

2016 Athlete of the Year



Special Olympics
Indiana



SPIRIT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2016

An athlete since 1998, Phil has competed at the local (Washington Township), Area, or State level in basketball, bocce, bowling, corn toss, distance run/walk, ice skating, soccer, and snowshoeing. He has also won gold in Unified Bowling at Special Olympics North America's invitational tournament in Las Vegas. But Phil's real area of expertise is fundraising, which began in 2005 with the Polar Plunge. A Super Plunger for many years, he has now plunged over 20 times and raised more than \$100,000 for Special Olympics Indiana.



"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