



***Special Olympics***  
***Illinois***

2010 annual report



"I can"

"This truly is  
a journey  
from "I can't"  
to "I can!"



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## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT - PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From the moment of their diagnosis, individuals with intellectual disabilities are set on a unique path that will offer them and their loved ones challenges that many of us will never have to consider. In spite of all the progress that has been made, parents can still expect to weather a number of conversations that begin with the words, “Your child can’t...” or “Your child will never...” even from medical professionals or their own family members.

Special Olympics Illinois provides opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to confront and defy those low expectations. In fact, the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois astound pessimists and critics...and sometimes even themselves!

There are few things I can think of that are more inspiring than the transformation of these athletes. Our philosophy of “Yes, you can!” turns into a statement of purpose for our athletes. Our belief in their ability takes root and grows into “I can!”

Thanks to Special Olympics Illinois, the athletes are better prepared than ever for the challenges of their personal lives as well. They are applying the lessons learned on the field, the skills developed through weeks of training, and their goal-driven approach to success, to facets of their everyday lives. They’ve taken “I can!” and run with it.

As athletes take on even greater challenges, both on and off the field, Special Olympics Illinois promises that it will be there to cheer them on and guide them through it. Consider this: right now we are serving athletes between the ages of 2 and 92. Special Olympics Illinois is there—and has every intention of remaining so—as our athletes transition from childhood, to adulthood and on into their senior years. We will also continue to expand and enhance our program opportunities, guided by the needs and interests of our athletes.

Our successes—in quality of program, service delivery and financial solvency—are thanks to our partners in this wonderful journey. You give us the encouragement to try for bigger and better things. You tell us that, like the athletes, we should be reaching to do more. And you give us the unqualified support we need to make all of this possible. As you read the Annual Report for 2010, you will see how your support helped us manage our own challenges and triumph over the economic circumstances that have rocked the country. We know that we are here for the long run—and we are able to promise that to our athletes—thanks to you.

This is truly a journey from “I can’t” to “I can” for all of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Doug Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

“It is that sense that I took from the World Games: the sense that this isn’t about ability or disability, this is about people helping each other reach beyond their perceived limits to achieve whatever they can achieve. It is about finding that the value of our effort is truly in the effort itself and what we learn in making it. This truly is a journey from “I can’t” to “I can” and further yet from “I can” to “I will.”

DEAN WILSON, Cross Country Coach for SO Team USA at the 2008 World Winter Games

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Sports and Competition:**

Special Olympics Illinois conducted 154 local, district / sectional, and state competitions in 2010. We also set a new record for athlete participation, both at competitions and in individual sports. Through their accomplishments, these athletes develop an incredible sense of personal dignity, confidence and hope, inspiring them to live more boldly and engage their communities. This kind of interaction is key to the development of greater respect and acceptance from their peers and fellow community members.

**Program Growth:** More than 2,000 athletes, ages 8 and up, were new to Special Olympics in 2010. In an effort to lessen the travel time for athletes to the local competitions, improve the quality of local events, and create room for suburban programs to accommodate future growth, Special Olympics Illinois restructured our program and competition network in the Northern Region. The greatest changes took place in Chicago suburbs, which have seen un-

precedented growth over the past decade.

**Young Athletes:** At the start of 2010, the Young Athletes Program was expanded into 12 new communities, more than doubling the number of participants. This expansion necessitated 300+ site coordinator trainings, and the staging of over 100 Culminating Events. In fact, with 6,000 Young Athletes currently participating around the state, it means the lives of over 10,000 children have been touched by this program in just over four years. These numbers hint at what the future holds as many of these Young Athletes will age into our traditional Special Olympics programming.

**MedFest:** This event continues to prove itself a key influence in the lives of our Chicago athletes. Receiving a physical and submitting a medical application are the first steps toward Special Olympics participation; upon completion, an athlete is cleared to begin training for competition. During our 2010 Chicago MedFest, over 1,300 athletes received their free

sports physical from our partners at Advocate Health and complimentary eye exams from our friends at Lions Clubs International. Medfest serves as an excellent entryway for new and prospective athletes. Special Olympics Illinois is replicating the Chicago MedFest model at an additional 6 sites throughout the state, where we expect to serve another 600+ school-aged athletes.

**Special Events:** Fans of Special Olympics Illinois helped to make our signature fund-raising events wildly successful once again. The Law Enforcement Torch Run, Windy City Duck Derby, Inspire Greatness Gala, and Polar Plunges secured important new funds, partners and volunteers for the advancement of our mission. While other organizations, including other Special Olympics chapters, reduced staff and cancelled programming in 2010, SOILL was able to expand its reach and welcome new athletes, volunteers and program providers, thanks to the loyal support of individuals and organizations throughout Illinois.

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## MISSION

Special Olympics Illinois provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community.



## PLANNED GIVING



Special Olympics Illinois is grateful for the many kinds of support our fans share with us. We are particularly honored to be the stewards of planned gifts, as they represent a distinct vote of confidence in our program, while also serving as a deeply personal expression of our supporters' philanthropic ideals and the connectedness they feel with the mission. We'd like to share with you the story of one fan's future legacy.

Marnie has lived a full and fortunate life. Retired from a decades-long career as a secretary in a financial firm, her thrifty nature granted her the opportunity to devote her time, energy and support to her sister's family, since she has no children of her own. Her sister had a son, Mark, born with an intellectual disability and Marnie absolutely adored him. She doted on her nephew and encouraged him to live life to its fullest, just as she has. Mark did this through many years of participation in Special Olympics Illinois and was an accomplished athlete in aquatics and powerlifting. Marnie never missed any of his competitions and she could always be spotted in the stands with her homemade signs cheering him on.

When Mark passed away, at far too young an age, Marnie decided that the best thing she could do to honor Mark's courage and spirit was to support this program that had given him so much joy and so many friendships. Rather than make a gift right now, she has designated a percentage of her estate to Special Olympics Illinois in her will.

A significant portion of what she has managed to save or invest will be passed on to Special Olympics Illinois to keep these life-changing programs available, at no charge, for many more athletes in the future. She knows that Mark would approve. Marnie's gift is a powerful tribute to a young man who truly relished life's many opportunities. And her support will do the same for other grateful individuals with intellectual disabilities just like Mark—providing all of them with the rich, life-changing Special Olympics experience.

Like Marnie, you could honor someone you know and help continue this extraordinary mission of acceptance and respect for adults and children with intellectual disabilities. Please remember Special Olympics Illinois in your will or other estate plans.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special Olympics Illinois is able to focus on delivering life-changing experiences for our athletes thanks to the hard work and committed support of our donors, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors. Developing innovative new opportunities, maintaining the highest standard of quality programming and securing the critical support that makes it all possible is a year-round effort. Thanks to the wealth of time, commitment and love for the mission so generously shared by our stakeholders, Special Olympics Illinois keeps its programs available, at no cost, to an ever growing number of athletes. Through your generosity, individuals with intellectual disabilities can showcase their abilities and demonstrate their courage, while benefiting from increased access to health care, more interaction in their communities and—most importantly—the creation of a more welcoming society for all.

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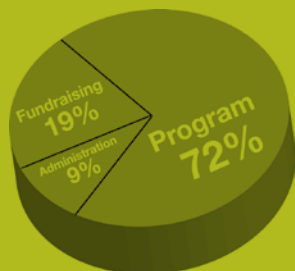
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## FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



## Statement of Activities

*For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010*

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Revenues, Gains and Other Support		
Business and Corporate Sources/Grants	\$ 1,533,544	\$1,489,174
Fundraising Events	3,555,231	4,351,222
General Public	1,826,560	1,477,280
Civic Organizations	525,006	420,234
Government Funding	508,377	211,800
Sale of Merchandise	154,538	180,190
Interest/Dividends/Gains or Losses on Investments	256,814	198,547
Miscellaneous	3,616	29,480
In-Kind	1,226,731	1,378,529
Total Operating Revenues, Gains or Losses and Other Support	\$9,610,417	9,736,456
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	3,100	-0-
Net Assets Temporarily Restricted	-0-	-0-
<b>Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support</b>	<b>\$9,613,517</b>	<b>\$9,736,456</b>
Expenses		
Program Services	6,543,268	6,856,569
Fundraising	1,677,160	1,761,263
Management & General	856,172	863,041
Total Expenses	\$9,076,600	\$9,480,973
Increase/Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	536,917	255,583

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## 2010 LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

### \$2 Million +

Law Enforcement Torch Run

### \$250,000+

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.

### \$100,000+

Advocate Health Care  
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WLIT\*

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