



I finished my three-year term on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Illinois this past February.

My responsibility as an athlete representative was to attend four Board meetings every year and review Special Olympics Illinois' operations and progress. I was on the Sports and Training Committee, which has oversight of the district and State Games – including Summer Games – and the Marketing Committee. I shared my input and ideas freely with both of these committees, who treated them very respectfully.

Aside from my final year on the Board, 2014 had many memorable experiences.

In June I gave a speech at the Opening Ceremony for the state Summer Games. It was exhilarating to look out at thousands of athletes and fans in Hancock Stadium! I will NEVER forget that!

To my surprise, I was selected to be the athlete featured on all the Jewel posters for the "Change for Champions" campaign. Words cannot describe how I felt – it was so incredible! It was also a very successful fundraiser for the organization, going beyond



all expectations.

And later that summer, I was featured on the TV show Living Healthy Chicago. What a wonderful moment! The crew filmed at our home and interviewed me. I said, "Because of Special Olympics, I can do things I never thought I could do before - I got up and did it!"

I hope 2015 will be another successful year for my fellow athletes. And if you want to see something really cool – come to a Special Olympics event. I guarantee you'll have a lot of fun!

Kristen McInerney
Athlete
Board Member 2011 - 2014

Special Olympics moves pretty fast.

I'm not just referring to our athletes' record-breaking times on the track or in the pool.

No, our athletes set the pace in our every endeavor. And more now than ever, it seems they've really accelerated their pace and we can only hope to keep up with them.

We follow their lead and draw inspiration from their example. This is true in everything from growing our Healthy Athletes initiatives and Unified Sports options, to expanding oppor-

tunities for our athletes and their families to share their stories, to the course we set in our three-year strategic plan.

Truly, the athletes set the agenda. And in the case of my friend, and boss, Kristen McInerney, that's quite literally what the three athlete members of the Board do.

This annual report is a comprehensive look at our successes in 2014. Thanks to the loyal support of our champions in the community, Special Olympics Illinois had our 16th consecutive year of growth, serving 21,955 traditional athletes and 20,886 Young Athletes and Peer Partners. We also ended the year at \$10.5 million in revenue.

It will take all of us continuing to work together to ensure our athletes have the means and encouragement to remake the world around them, accelerating our end goal of a more inclusive society that welcomes and meaningfully engages all its members.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Breen".

Dave Breen
President and CEO
Special Olympics Illinois



AN ATHLETE'S JOURNEY

Ages 2-7



- Young Athletes Program
- Developmental play with peers
- Families are introduced to the SOILL community
- Develop self-confidence through interactive play

Ages 23-60+



- Athlete Leadership Programs
- Unified Sports - most popular are Bocce & Golf
- Range of high and low impact sports
- Enjoy greater independence
- Increased social and physical activity
- Transition to agency participation

Ages 8-22



- Majority participate through a school based program
- 19 different sports
- Peer engagement, participation, and youth leadership through Project UNIFY
- Increased self-esteem
- Unified Sports - most popular are Soccer & Volleyball

Community Champions



16th Consecutive Year of Growth

\$3.8M

Raised by
Law Enforcement Torch Run

49,420

participations - 2,000 more
than 2013

52

Athletes, 6 Unified Partners and
17 coaches represented at the
USA Games

2

new state competitions -
skating championships and
tennis

+81%

in Unified Partners





\$0

charged to athletes to participate

3,607

free wellness screenings through
Healthy Athletes

116

Project UNIFY Schools -
+22 than 2013

217

competitions in 365 days



95%

of athletes enjoy improved
confidence

40,000

volunteers and coaches



73.40% of Our Budget Goes to Program Expenses



Statement of Financial Activities

Revenues, Gains and Other Support	2013	2014
Total Revenue Gains and other support	\$10,322,359	\$10,509,577
Expenses		
Program Services	7,613,288	7,963,196
Fundraising	2,052,279	2,233,765
Management and General	615,131	651,475
Total Expenses	\$10,280,698	\$10,848,436
Increase in Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$41,661	\$(338,859)

EIN # 36-2922811

“Brent has taught me that no matter what walk of life people come from, there’s determination and perseverance in all of us. Just because someone says we can’t do something, doesn’t mean we give up and don’t try. Each of us has the ability to always challenge that and prove others wrong.”

- **JEFF GARDINER** – USA GAMES ATHLETE BRENT KAMPERT'S PERSONAL TRAINER

Family Starts Their Own Agency

When Rich and Jane Henley's son, John, was enrolled at Marion High School, they saw first-hand the benefits of his involvement in Special Olympics training and competition. "John's self-confidence grew when he could show what he could do. Special Olympics was a place that he could shine and he developed friendships," said Jane.

However, when John graduated 10 years ago, they realized he no longer had a way to stay involved in Special Olympics competition. "In Southern Illinois, there are no large park districts or special recreation agencies for kids to go to after graduation. We wondered 'Where do they go [when they graduate from school]?' " asked Rich.

The Henleys wanted John to stay physically and socially active – so they decided to start their own agency. They contacted their Special Olympics Illinois Area Director who was able to guide them through the process of "establishing" an agency - The Lightning Bolts - and becoming certified coaches in numerous sports.

The Lightning Bolts have grown from one athlete, John, to about 40 athletes competing in 10 different sports. "We give the athletes a way to stay involved, busy and healthy," said Rich.

Over the years, the Lightning Bolts have received welcome assistance from numerous coaches and students at the local high schools who volunteer to coach various sports throughout the year, and have

enlisted other parents to coach and help fundraise. "At first, all we needed was desire, then we just needed cooperation. Now we need help," said Rich Henley.

"We especially couldn't have done this without the help of our Area Director who directs athletes to us and helps us find ways to raise money for uniforms and transportation," said Rich.



"John's self-confidence grew when he could show what he could do. Special Olympics was a place that he could shine and he developed friendships."

- JANE, MOTHER OF ATHLETE

2014 Special Olympics Annual Report

Contributors

\$3.0 Million +

Law Enforcement Torch Run

\$100,000 to \$350,000

Clear Channel Media*
Dunkin' Donuts**
Illinois State Council Knights
of Columbus Charities Inc

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Anonymous Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Illinois
Brinson Foundation
Chicago Sun-Times*
Consolidated
Communications*
Durham School Services LP**
GEICO
Illinois High School
Association*
Jewel-Osco
MAKE Corporation
United Center *

\$25,000 to \$49,999

AIM
American Imaging
Management
Amplivox*
Anonymous
Chicago Regional Council of
Carpenters
Chicagoland and Northwest
Indiana Chevy Dealers*

CME Group Inc.
Crown Family Philanthropies
Daniel P. Doherty
Dream & Believe
GE Capital Corporation
In Search of a Cure Golf Event
The Kotel Foundation
Lake Zurich Schools *
Levy Restaurants *
Thomas and Janice Murray
PNC Bank
Shop 'n Save**
Six Flags Great America*
Skinny Pop*
Stack Family Foundation
Robert A. Taylor
TD Ameritrade Services
Company Inc.
UPS*
Walgreens**
Wells Fargo Bank NA

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Abra Prentice Foundation
Alton Foundation
Archer Daniels Midland
Company
AT&T
Bank of America Illinois
Blazer Foundation of
Rockford
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Association
The George & June Block
Family Foundation
Helen Brach Foundation

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar
The Canning Foundation
Carquest General Parts, Inc.**
Caterpillar Foundation
Charter One
Chicago Blackhawks Hockey
Team Inc**
The Chicago Community Trust
Chipotle*
Citigroup Global Markets Inc
Citizens Bank
Coca Cola*
Commonwealth Edison
Company
CTC Trading Group LLC
Davis Love III Foundation Inc.
Deloitte LLP
James and Patricia Dietz
Marion G. Deguilio
Eckersall Stadium*
FGMK
Foglia Family Foundation
Jenny and P. Jay Fortner
Family Fund
Fox River Trail Runners
Galesburg Community
Foundation
Goldman Sachs & Co.
Harris Bank
David G. Herro
Illinois Association of Chiefs
of Police
Illinois Tool Works Foundation
Kane County Chiefs of Police
Association
Knights of Columbus O'Fallon
Council No. 4239**
KPMG LLP
Mike Kuhlin+
Lakshmi Foundation
John and Mary Manley
Mattel Inc
Microsoft*
Miller Group Charitable Trust
Fund
NBC 5 Chicago*

Normal Fire Department*
Shirk Family Foundation
State Farm Mutual
Automobile Insurance
Charter**
State of Illinois
The Snyder Companies*
Sun-Times Foundation
TechniSand
UPS Foundation Inc
US Food Service**
USG Corporation
Walmart
Ward Chrysler Center Inc.
Wellington Management Co.
LLP
Widmer Interiors*
Zurich American Insurance
Company

\$5,000 to \$9,999

American Legion**
American Legion Auxiliary **
Aileen S Andrew Foundation
Anonymous
Aon Foundation
Apple Vacations*
Barclays
BDO USA, LLP
Beemsterboer
Bloomington-Normal Area
Convention & Visitors
Bureau
The Boeing Company
Bridgestone America's Trust
Fund
Keith and Julie Bruch
Bub City
The Buchanan Family
Foundation
Capital Strategies Investment
Group LLC
Sandra Carlock-Ortiz
Caterpillar Inc.
Central Illinois Iron Pigs
Motorcycle Club

Chicago Cubs
Chicago Office Technology
Group
Chicago Park District*
Chicago Wolves Charities
Coal City Early Childhood
Center
Gerald and Dorothy Cole
Foundation+
G. Anthony Coletta
Comcast Sportsnet*
Bob and Terri DiMeo+
Robert M. De Dobbelaere
Double D Warehouse*
Fabrication Technologies Inc
Freeman Company*
GCS Credit Union
General Parts International
Ronald Genty
Dean N. Goodenough
Health Resource Service
Management Inc
Hollywood Inc
Idealease Inc
IGI Parents Booster Club
iHeartMedia*
Jefferson County Mental
Health Board #708
David P. Johnson
Jones Lang Lasalle Americas
Jumer's*
Eugene C Kieffer Charitable
Organization**
Kenshoo Inc
Knight Hawk Coal LLC
Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus #577
Kohl's
Goldberg Kohn Foundation
L & W Supply Corporation
Labor Management
Cooperation
Frank S. Ladner
Lake Forest College*
Lamar Companies*
Landshire, Inc*.

Lane Tool & MFG Co
Lockton Chicago Series of
Lockton Companies LLC
Thomas J. Logan
Madison County Mental
Health Board
Marathon Administrative Co
MAT Leasing Inc
Mathis and Sons Inc
Dennis P. McCrary
McDonald's*
James P. McKenna
Mesirow Financial
Justin Mier
Shon and Jenny Morris
MT Transit
Nelarusky LLC
Northern Illinois Parrot Head
Club
Northstar Lottery
P&G Manufacturing Co.
Palos Sports Inc.
Richard C. Perna
Thomas J. Pradd
Presence Health
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
The Private Bank and Trust
Company
Richmond Capital Mgmt Inc.
Rivers Casino
Rockford Park District*
Estate of Virginia E Russett
Trust
Scott Credit Union
Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
Solving IT International Inc.
Sparkfactor*
St. Clair Bowl*
Stand Up for Downs
Margaret Stillwell
Sterling Partners
Sternberg Lighting
Richard Strle*
Eric Tanaka
Texas Roadhouse**
Towers Watson Investment

“My favorite part about
Special Olympics is that
everyone gets a chance!”

– DEMING FANSLAU, ATHLETE

Services
Trans Union
Jean L. Tyska Ttee
David Van Eekeren
Village of Bridgeview*
Wabash and Ohio Valley
Special Education District*
WRB Refining LLC
WSIL TV3*
Zimmerman Ford Inc.

\$2,000 to \$4,999

104.3 The Party WCBH*
3D Exhibits Inc.
Agrium US Inc
Alexander's Steakhouse*
Allsup
Alongi's*
Alpine Kiwanis Charities Fund
Inc*
Ammerall Beltech Inc.
Andreas Foundation
ARCO Construction Company
Inc.
Ed Arneri
Michael H. Arthur
Avanti's Italian Restaurant*
The Bank of Edwardsville
BCU
Beck & Associates*
Beecher High School
Belleville Family Sportsplex*
Biagi Plumbing Corporation
Boston Consulting Group
Brian K. Tatro
Broadway Armory*
Business Professionals of
America Illinois Association
BWM Global Inc
John R. Carroll
Centene
Chestnut Mountain Resort*
Chicago Board Options
Exchange
Chicago District Golf
Association*

Chicago Water Taxi*
Chicagoland Speedway*
Cicero Public School District
99*
Clover Technologies Group
LLC
Clune Construction Company
Tom Costello
Decatur Ambucs
Deerfield High School*
Dialamerica Marketing Inc
Diamond Rigging Corporation
Dillon Foundation
Earthwerks
Eby-Brown
Fred & Helen Ellis Charitable
Foundation
Enterprise Holdings
Foundation
Exceptional Childrens
Charities Inc
FCE Benefit Administrators
Fever River Racing
First Midwest Bank
Fitzsimonds Charitable Trust
Flooring Resources
Corporation
Forum Financial Management
LLC
Gale Street Inn*
Donald E. Gereau
Glenwood High School*
Grainger Charitable Program
Great Lakes Equipment Sales
Inc
Green Mazda
Gymkhana*
Harlem Consolidated High
School*
Harrisburg Middle School
Healthcare Service Corp
Hal Hempten Foundation
Herrin Community School
District
David Herbst
Hersey High School*

Highland Park High School*
Michael C. Hillstrom
Hilton Worldwide- Memphis
Shared Services
HMS Host/Host International
Inc.
Hollister Inc
Joe J. Holtschlag
Homewood Flossmoor Parks
Sports Complex*
House of Trucks Inc
The James Huntington
Foundation
Steven Hurtt
Icon Mechanical
IL-Forno Pizza & Pasta
IlliniCare Health Plan
Illinois Footgolf Association
Invesco
John B. Johnson
Joliet Park District*
Jim Kadela
Kalish Electric Co
Kelso-Burnett Co
Key West Metal Industries Inc.
Kim Foltz
Kind Bar*
Kiwanis Club of Wood River
Township
Kiwanis International Division
33
David J. Klawitter
Thomas Klein
Gerald A & Karen A
Kolschowsky Foundation Inc
Knights of Columbus #1098
Knights Of Columbus #11582
Knights of Columbus #12497
Knights of Columbus #13034
Knights of Columbus #1496
Knights of Columbus #2191
Knights of Columbus #5918
Knights of Columbus #891
Knights of Columbus Hall
Knights Of Columbus Ladies
Auxiliary #4239**

The Lambs Farm Inc*
La Salle-Peru Township High
School*
LaGondola Spaghetti*
Lake Zurich Rotary Club
William R. Ledvora
Lettuce Entertain You
Enterprises*
The Ronald & Fifi Levin Family
Fund
Lincolnland AMBUCS
Lincolnshire Morning Star
Rotary
Lion's Club*
Litton Ambulance Service*
Logan County EMS*
The Luse Company
Magnetrol International Inc
Marina Cartage Inc
James J. Marshall
Ruth Mathis
Richard L. Michel
Gordon H and Karen M
Millner Family Foundation
Edward A. Mlotek
Modern Woodmen of
America
Monnett Precision Grinding
Monsanto Fund
Moraine Valley Community
College*
MUFG
National Christian Foundation
Greater Chicago
NECA-IBEW Local 701
NEIU*
Lois Nelson Memorial Fund
Ken Neumann
Noland Sales Corporation
North Central College*
Northwest Suburban Special
Recreation Association*
Obert Custom Farming
Olin Corporation Charitable
Trust
Packaging Coordinators Inc

Scott Paddock
PalletMaxx Inc.
Jamie Parisi
Parkside Junior High School
PCS Administration (USA) Inc.
PepsiCo*
Pontiac High School
Porsche Cars North America
Porte Brown LLC
Procter & Gamble
Pyramis Global Advisors
Fidelity Asset Management
Jeffrey P. Ray
Stan Razny
Refreshment Services Pepsi*
Rend Lake Search and Rescue
Team*
River Front Chrysler Jeep
Dodge
River Radio*
Gary Sagui
Salty Dawgs Motorcycle Club
SBC Heating & Air
Conditioning Inc.*
Kathy A. Schniedwind
School District 204*
Frank and Hilary Schmitz
Schwab Charitable Fund
Tricia M. Shannon
Shannon Trucking Co
Shelby Electric Cooperative
Inc.
Shoreline Sightseeing*
Simmons Employee
Foundation
SIPCA
Gregory J. Sobczak
South Elgin High School*
South Suburban Mitsubishi of
Monee
Southern Illinois Dirt Dawgs
Southern Illinois Univeristy
Edwardsville*
Southern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale Athletics*

Rosemarie Spandau
Stagg High School*
Wayne L. Steinkamp
James C. Stephen
Stephen R. and Susan Wilson
Summit Cold Storage
Tarter Builders LLC
Lisa Taylor
Bernita L. Thigpen
David A. Thompson
Tie National LLC*
William Tomazin, Jr.
Touchstone Energy
Treasurer of St Clair County
Tribler Orpett & Meyer
Trinity Council #4776 K of C
Twomey Foundation
U of I Foundation
Vacationland*
Valley Construction*
Grant F. Vanker
Veolia Environmental
Services*
Village of Fox Lake*
Thomas G. Wake
Walmart Distribution Center
#6092
Warrensburg Latham High
School*
West Valley Graphics & Print
Inc.
West-Lincoln Broadwell
School Dist #92*
WGEM*
Wilber and Associates PC
Withers Broadcasting*
Michael E. Wurtz
Stanley J. Yasinski
Y101 Radio*
Zeller Realty Group*

*In-Kind only

**Cash & In-Kind

+ILSO Foundation Gift

Officers**Jim Corrigan, Chair**

Investment Advisor
Ausdal Financial Partners

**Jenny Fortner, Vice-Chair/
Chair Elect**

Managing Director
Goldman Sachs & Co.

Suzanne Thompson,

Immediate Past Chair
Retired - Special Education
Teacher
Grundy County Special
Education

Jim Pieper, Treasurer

Chief Accounting Officer
TransUnion

**Jean Ortega-Piron,
Secretary**

Retired - Deputy Director
Illinois DCFS

**Tom Murray, Governance
& Membership**

*Retired - Executive Vice
President*
Sargent & Lundy

Board Members**Dave Breen**

President & CEO
Special Olympics Illinois

Karen Atwood

President
Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Illinois

Eric Baumann

Athlete
START/Choate

Jim Bednar

Knights of Columbus

Jerry Cole

CEO
Waste Gasification
Systems

Tom Cox

Managing Director
Seneca Partners, LLC

Mary Anne Ehlert

Founder & CEO
Protected Tomorrows

Tim Flaherty

*General Manager, ACS
Operation, Advanced
Components & Systems*
Caterpillar, Inc.

Tom Gillhouse

Retired – Athletic Director
Deerfield High School

Jim Ginsburgh

Retired - Vice President
Enterprise Systems, BP

Terry Hancock

*President – Teamsters 731,
Vice President – Teamsters
Joint Council 25*

Arlene Hosea

*Director, Campus Dining
Services*
Illinois State University

Russ Laine

Chief of Police
Algonquin Police Dept.

Adriana Llamas-Kogelis

*Division Vice President,
Online + Social Media*
Sears Holdings
Corporation

Kristen McInerney

Athlete
SEASPAR

Sarah Meents

Athlete
C-U Special Recreation

Scott Paddock

President
Chicagoland Speedway
& Route 66 Raceway

John Penn

*VP & Midwest Regional
Manager*
Laborers International
Union of North America

Jorge Ramirez

President
Chicago Federation of
Labor

Chad Rollins

Asst. Executive Director
William BeDell ARC

Sharon Rossmark

President and CEO
Zayos Global Ventures, LLC

Angelo Russo

Partner
McGuire Woods LLP

Tom Schell

Executive Director
South Chicago Parents
and Friends, Inc.

Kathy Schniedwind

*Retired - Head Athletic
Trainer*
Illinois State University

Mark Sheehan

Owner
Sheehan Construction

Bernita Thigpen

Tax Managing Director
KPMG

Tom Thompson

*VP–Global Restructuring
Group*
RBS Citizens N.A. /Charter
One Bank

Brian Vandenberg

Exec VP & General Counsel
Origin Healthcare
Solutions

“It’s been a very important part of my life. I get more out of it than the athletes do.” – BOB GAVELEK, VOLUNTEER

Foundation Board

Hub Arkush

General Manager & Editor
ChicagoFootball

Ray Bock

President & CEO
Conversion Energy
Systems Inc.

Dave Breen

President & CEO
Special Olympics Illinois

Frank Burke

Managing Director
Aon

Jerry Cole

CEO
Waste Gasification
Systems

Anthony Coletta

Senior VP Corporate
Finance
Prudential Capital Group

Robert DiMeo

Managing Director & Co-
Founder
DiMeo Schneider &
Associates

Dan Doheny, Chair

Chief Financial Officer
Reyes Holdings

Doug Donovan

SVP
GE Capital

Jerry Dyson

Broker
@ Properties Gold Coast

Jenny Fortner

Managing Director
Goldman Sachs & Co.

Phil Fowler

Director
Tribler Orpett & Meyer P.C.

Don Gereau

CEO
GT Mobility

Julie Gustafson

Senior Vice President
U.S. Trust, Bank of America
Private Wealth
Management

Mike Kuhlín

Director of Communications
Voyage Financial Group

Dan Lange

Senior Vice President,
Illinois Region Head
Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Jay Leonard

Vice President
Bernstein Global Wealth
Management

John McDonough

President & CEO
Chicago Blackhawks

Jamie Parisi

Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Managing Director
CME Group

Jim Pieper

Chief Accounting Officer
TransUnion

Ed Rafferty

Superintendent (retired)
Schaumburg School
District

David Shane

Partner in Charge, Financial
Services Practice
FGMK, LLC

Special Olympics Illinois

State Headquarters

605 E. Willow Street, Normal, IL 61761
309-888-2551

Northern Office

500 Waters Edge, Suite 100, Lombard, IL 60148
630-942-5610

Southern Office

1318 Mercantile Drive, Highland, IL 62249
618-654-6680

Find us online and connect with Special Olympics Illinois as an athlete, coach, donor or fan

Website: www.soill.org



Official Partners





Created by the
Joseph P. Kennedy,
Jr. Foundation for the
Benefit of Persons with
Intellectual Disabilities.

www.soill.org

“Special Olympics transformed my life by helping me become a better athlete. I have learned to help out on a team, inspire others to do their best, never give up on good sportsmanship and always have fun.”

– ERIC BAUMANN, ATHLETE

