**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**  
**REACH REPORT | 2018 SUMMARY**

**Athletes**

- **Athletes Served**: 23,197  
- **20 Years of Consecutive Growth**  
- **Athlete Participations**: 50,373

**Competitions**

- **Competitions**: 200  
- **Unified**: 13  
- **Young Athlete Culminating Events**: 69

**Volunteers**

- **Coaches and Key Volunteers (Class A)**: 24,677  
- **Certified Coaches**: 4,201  
- **Event Volunteers (Class B)**: 7,945

**Program Leaders**

- **Geographic Regions**: 11  
- **Full Time Staff**: 76  
- **Board Members (Includes 3 Athlete Members)**: 38  
- **Foundation Board Members**: 22

**Revenue**

- **Revenue**: $17 Million  
- **Cash and In Kind (Unaudited)**: $17 Million

**Expense Allocation**

- **Program**: 80%  
- **Fundraising**: 16%  
- **Management & General**: 4%

**Athlete Leadership**

- **Athlete Leaders**: 162  
- **Appearances**: 730

**Athlete Ethnicity**

- **White/Caucasian**: 53%  
- **Hispanic/Latino**: 18%  
- **African-American**: 12%  
- **Non-Disclosed/Other**: 15%

**Athlete Gender**

- **Male**: 64%  
- **Female**: 36%

**Youth Initiatives**

- **Unified Champion Schools**: 278  
- **89% Offering All 3 Components**: 17,233  
- **Young Athletes Served (Includes Peer Partners)**: 350  
- **Schools Engaged in Fundraising**: 400

**Health Initiatives**

- **Clinics Offered**: 40  
- **Screenings & Impressions**: 22,086

**Disciplines Offered**

- FUNfitness  
- Health Promotion  
- Healthy Hearing  
- MedFest  
- Special Olympics - Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes  
- Special Smiles  
- Sun Safety Education

**Since 2013**

- **17,951 Total Screenings**  
- **13,266 Sports Physicals (MedFest)**

**Sports Offered**

1. **Athletics (Track and Field)**: 13,189 (27%)  
2. **Basketball**: 8,963 (18%)  
3. **Bowling**: 6,347 (13%)  
4. **Softball**: 3,158 (7%)  
5. **Volleyball**: 2,600 (5%)

**Sports with Largest Growth (Over the Past 5 Years)**

- **Basketball**: 27%

**Top Five Sports (Participation)**

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A Simple Idea

Individuals with intellectual disabilities can excel in sports. This idea was the spark that ignited the first 1968 International Summer Games held in Chicago and grew into the Special Olympics movement of today.

Fifty years later, Illinois hosted the world once again to commemorate the first Games, light the Eternal Flame of Hope monument and launch the next 50 years of the movement with the first-ever Special Olympics World Cup and Global Day of Inclusion.

Illinois is proud to have been the birthplace of those first Games, host to the 50th Anniversary celebrations and to be a leader in the future of the Movement where our athletes are the leaders of a Unified World.

Free to Participate

Special Olympics Illinois (SOILL) applies 80% of dollars raised to program expenses. This exceeds the benchmarks set by the Better Business Bureau (65%) and the National Charities Information Bureau (60%).

Special Olympics Illinois is able to do this while not charging athletes and families to participate.

Keeping Healthy

Through our Health programs, Special Olympics is the largest health organization in the world for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Not Just for Children

While the majority of individuals served are school age (age 2-22), SOILL also serves more than 8,000 individuals over age thirty.

Athletes as Leaders

Athlete Leadership empowers athletes to develop skills and utilize their voices and abilities to undertake meaningful leadership roles, influence change in the Special Olympics movement and create inclusive communities.

Athletes are encouraged to be involved in leadership roles across all areas of the organization including serving on the Board of Directors and/or competition and fundraising event committees; as team captains and managers; as coaches; as healthy lifestyle ambassadors; as volunteers; as fundraisers; and most importantly, as advocates for other Special Olympics Athletes and themselves. Leadership training is provided through the Athlete Leadership program to develop skills and foster opportunities for involvement.