



**Special Olympics Illinois
Chief Development Officer
Normal & Chicago, IL**

Special Olympics Illinois is actively recruiting for a Chief Development Officer.

Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. It is the world's largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities, with more than 4.9 million athletes in 172 countries – and over a million volunteers. Since 1968, Special Olympics has been changing attitudes about the talents of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit entity accredited by Special Olympics, Inc. and is headquartered in Normal, IL with a secondary office location in Chicago. Special Olympics Illinois offers year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and over 13,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. To assist in these efforts, Special Olympics Illinois also oversees the ILSO Foundation, a supporting Foundation providing an alternative revenue stream.

Reporting to the President & CEO of Special Olympics Illinois, the Chief Development Officer is an essential member of the senior leadership team in fulfilling the Mission and Vision of the organization and is responsible for guiding the development and implementation of SOILL's comprehensive fundraising efforts. This individual will cultivate a culture of philanthropy in leading a team of 11 development professionals and be responsible for overseeing revenues of approximately \$15-\$20 million. A key opportunity for the new Chief Development Officer will be efforts to transform SOILL's philanthropic strategy from one that has historically been special event dependent, to a more robust multi-faceted approach with increased emphasis on individual, planned/estate and major gifts.

Ideal candidates will possess:

- Bachelor's degree required. Master's degree in a relevant discipline preferred
- 10+ years' increasingly responsible professional experience (nonprofit organization preferred) with demonstrated success in a Development function (with multiple donor sources) or corporate giving environment
- Tangible experience of having expanded and cultivated existing donor relationships
- Ability to influence and engage a wide range of donors and build long-term relationships
- Broad functional experience in areas of strategic planning and marketing, business and market development, market research and planning and promotions/advertising
- Professional and resourceful style; the ability to take initiative and multitask
- High energy and passion for Special Olympics' mission
- Ability to construct, articulate, and implement annual strategic development plan
- Strong organizational and time management skills with exceptional attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal skills, maturity and good judgment and be capable of communicating well, in both written and oral formats, with a diverse range of individuals



Please direct confidential inquiries, resumes and referrals to:

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