

# Charles Nilles

**Special  
Olympics**  
Illinois



**Sport: Swimming**  
**Hometown: Willowbrook, IL**  
**Age: 20**

**1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?**

Charlie has been participating in Special Olympics since Spring 2017. Charlie then participated in state Special Olympics tournaments ever since, and has been a gold, silver, and bronze medal winner ever since!

**2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?**

Now I compete more and I will meet new people!

**3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?**

I used to not know how to dive, but now I am a good diver. I also used to get nervous but not so much anymore.

**4. What makes you most proud?**

Having my friends and family and other people watch me swim.

**5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?**

I have a job at the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce where I pack welcome bags to people moving into Hinsdale, then my mom and dad help me deliver the packages.

**6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?**

I love watching trains! I love riding the trains with my mom, dad, and my teachers from grade school! I know all the schedules for all the lines. I also love Wheel of Fortune. My friend, Bridget, made me a wheel of fortune wheel and we play all the time.

**7. Who do you admire most and why?**

A lot of people!



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**8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?**

Having fun and a lot of my friends and family want to come watch me swim!

**9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?**

I'm training with Hinsdale Swim Club. I swim five to six times a week for about an hour and 40 minutes each practice.

**10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?**

2022 will be my first USA Games and I am happy!

**11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?**

Yes, at the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce. I pack welcome bags and my mom and dad help deliver them. I was hired in August 2021.

**12. Are you currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?**

I am a student at District 86 Transition Center

