

Special Olympics North Dakota is part of a worldwide movement dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training, healthy athlete initiatives and leadership development. Every year, Special Olympics athletes in North Dakota have an opportunity to take part in any of the fifteen sports offered: alpine skiing, aquatics, athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, cross country skiing, figure skating, gymnastics, powerlifting, snow shoe racing, soccer, speed skating, volleyball, and flag football. They have opportunities to take part in local, district, state, national and world level competitions. Special Olympics sports brings out pride, courage and joy in athletes, while inviting families and entire communities to join in the celebration.

As Special Olympics moves closer to its fifth decade, we are gaining a new understanding of the importance of the Movement. In the relationships formed and in the examples set by the athletes the world sees a new way of thinking, feeling and acting. Special Olympics inspires people to accept, include and value people with Intellectual Disabilities.

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#### 2016 State Competition Athlete Statistics

Winter Games	76	Bottineau
Basketball	388	Minot
Summer Games	506	Fargo
Soccer/Bocce	367	Grand Forks
Bowling	574	Mandan

Additional Statewide Competitions: 58  
 Statewide Volunteers: 5,039  
 Coaches: 308

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## Annual Report 2016

**Special Olympics**  
 North Dakota



## Our Mission

To provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for persons eight years of age and older with intellectual disabilities, giving them the opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

## Celebrations at a Glance

- Special Olympics North Dakota served more than 1,600 athletes in year-round sports training and competition, with the help of more than 5,000 volunteers in 2016.
- The number of certified coaches increased by 6.6%; youth volunteer numbers went up 8.3% in 2016.
- An increase of 18 bocce doubles and six soccer teams increased the total participants of the State Soccer/Bocce Tournament to 425, a 16% increase from 2015.
- The Law Enforcement Torch Run program involved more than 200 Law Enforcement volunteers and raised more than \$127,000 through events and promotions such as t-shirt sales, Truck Convoy, Applebee's Tip-a-Cop Promotion, & five Polar Plunges where more than 250 participants braved the chilly North Dakota waters to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.
- The State Summer Games in Fargo were expanded to a three-day event, featuring a Parade of Athletes down a closed Broadway Street covering 3 blocks and ending at the Civic Center where Opening Ceremonies were presented.
- The 7th annual Dancing for Special Stars event was held in Grand Forks in April, raising more than \$79,000, and for the second year in Minot in October raising more than \$13,000.
- In May, SpartanNash partnered with SOND to host a scan promotion during the first two weeks of the month. This brought exposure of SOND to the areas where the grocery stores are located.
- The first ever Special Olympics College Rivalry game in North Dakota was at Benton Bunker Fieldhouse between NDSU and UND's SO College Club. There was also a volleyball demonstration with SO athletes and partners at NDSU in front of a crowd of more than 1,000.
- In June, NDSU hosted a clinic and showcase event for 3 high schools in Fargo who participated in flag football. Close to 20 athletes and partners participated in the event with volunteer support from the NDSU football program.
- The ND High School Boys State Class B Basketball Tournament featured two Special Olympics basketball teams for a half-time exhibition during the 7th and 5th place games with more than 3,000 spectators in the stands.
- Community celebrations were held in August in Bismarck and Jamestown, with University of Mary and University of Jamestown women's soccer teams running drills and interacting with SOND athletes and their families.
- Spread the Word to End the Word was on March 2nd. Ten high schools, colleges and universities gathered nearly 1,500 pledges from their student bodies.
- Four athletes from North Dakota were selected to represent Special Olympics USA at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria in March 2017.

## Special Olympics North Dakota 2016 Annual Report All Funds Combined Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Total current assets	\$749,908
Net property and equipment	280,889
Net other assets	36,015
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,066,812</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	
Total current liabilities	\$75,553
Long-term indebtedness	93,582
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>169,135</b>
Total net assets	\$897,677
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,066,812</b>

(Source - 2016 Audited Financials)

Cost per athlete: \$1,000

### INCOME:

Contributions	\$523,253
Grants	57,356
Special Events	278,544
Interest/Other*	380,835
	<b>\$1,239,988</b>

\* Reflects net of gaming

### EXPENSES:

Program Services	\$820,260
General & Admin	70,424
Fundraising	318,772
	<b>\$1,209,456</b>

