



Launching into the Next 50 Years

The Gift of Giving



As 2018 comes to a close, please consider Special Olympics as a recipient of your year-end generosity. A gift from the heart, in any amount, is greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Gifts of cash, stock, real estate, and life insurance policies make a huge difference in the lives of our athletes, their families, volunteers, and our staff. Special Olympics North Dakota has had an amazing year and you can help make it even better. With your generous support, we are able to provide sports training, competitions, health opportunities, and other programs that

benefit athletes, their families, and our community. Every dollar matters. Every dollar goes to helping Special Olympics athletes. Athletes like Shale from Mandan; RoxAnne from Valley City; Nicole from Dickinson; and Todd from Fargo are among 1,600 people whose lives have changed because of Special Olympics. Thank you for all you do to help our athletes! <http://bit.ly/2P5013p>

Special Tax Credit Will Support Our Future!

We are planning for the launch into the next 50 years of Special Olympics while honoring our humble beginning in 1972 by founder, Dr. Roger Kerns. The Circle of Champions Endowment is a capital campaign to honor the legacy of Dr. Kerns. In 2011, North Dakota passed a law allowing a generous tax credit for individuals and businesses who give specific types of gifts to North Dakota charities. This endowment is eligible for this tax credit. Please consider becoming a co-founder to the Circle of Champions Endowment and give a gift that will impact thousands of people in our state and receive the gift of a tax credit. We would like to thank our current co-founders for their generous and forward-thinking gifts: Dr. Julie Blehm, Norval Meagher, Dan & Jolene Mikkelsen, and Gary Tharaldson! For more information click on <http://sondchampions.com/>

2018 Memorials

Special Olympics North Dakota deeply appreciates receiving donations in memory of friends and loved ones. Memorial gifts have been received in remembrance of:

Curtis Aalund

Tim Kiefler

Denny Alldridge

Shirley Kvidt

Tim Berhow

Nancy Trygg

Hal Jordet



Upcoming Events

January

- 13 Snow Sports Invitational- Valley City
- 25-26 State Winter Games- Bottineau

February

- 2 District II Basketball Tournament- Grand Forks
- 2 District III Basketball Tournament- Jamestown
- 9 District I Basketball Tournament- Minot
- 12 Special Night Out
- 14 Giving Hearts Day
- 16 Polar Plunge- Bismarck
- 17 Snowshoe-a-thon- Valley City
- 23 Polar Plunge- Grand Forks
- 23 Trivia Night- Fargo

March

- 1-2 State Basketball Tournament- Minot
- 5-22 Special Olympics World Games- Abu Dhabi
- 23 Polar Plunge- Dickinson
- 17 Polar Plunge- Minot

April

- 9 Dancing for Special Stars- Grand Forks

Celebrations



2018 State Award Winners :

Holly Sabinash, Valley City - Female Athlete of the Year

Josh Martinez, Wahpeton - Male Athlete of the Year

Dave Meske, Fargo - Coach of the Year

Victoria Hoggarth, Fargo - Youth Service

James & Katie Cox Family- Family of the Year

Genevieve Spicer, Grand Forks - Outstanding Area Volunteer

Dan Bower, Minot - Outstanding State Volunteer

KnightRiders Swim Team, Grand Forks-
Outstanding Area Organization

Spartan Nash- Outstanding State Organization

Shanley High School, Fargo - School of the Year

Cathy Foy, Grand Forks - Continuous Service

Janet Wing, Minot – Continuous Service

Angela Schon, Bismarck – Continuous Service

Dakota Dental Associates, Grand Forks-Continuous
Service

AppleCore/Appleebee's-LETR Flame of Hope Award

Kaia Watkins, Fargo - Daryl Bjelde Memorial Award

Dave Johs, Bismarck - Roger Kerns Character Award

Patty McGlynn, Grand Forks – Hall of Fame

Dave Schultheis, Grand Forks – Hall of Fame



For the first time in Special Olympics North Dakota history, the State Soccer/Bocce Tournament featured a youth division, ages 8-15.



The State Bowling Tournament held November 3-4 in Mandan, showcased the skills of nearly 600 athletes.



Special Olympics North Dakota and Law Enforcement Torch Run hosted the 2018 Truck Convoy for Special Olympics on Saturday, September 8th. A highlight of the event was the live auction where drivers bid in for the right to be the Lead Dog and Tail End positions of the Truck Convoy!



Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bars once again partnered with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and sponsored the Tip-A-Cop on Sept. 18-19! More than 60 law enforcement personnel from 17 different agencies volunteered their time, hosting guests in Applebee's across the state to raise awareness and tip money for Special Olympics.



Dancing for Special Stars in Minot was held October 23rd at the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The winning couple was Liz Vibeto and Ben Johnson.

Thank you to all of our recent sponsors!

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Finish Line teams up with Special Olympics through the holiday season!

Stop by the Fargo and Grand Forks Finish Line stores through December 30 to support Special Olympics North Dakota. While doing your holiday shopping you will be asked if you want to make a donation! Can't make it to the store? You can still donate by visiting: www.finishline.com/youth-foundation



Happy Holidays!