

CHARITIES
Special Olympics



The Mission:

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual or physical disabilities giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other special Olympic athletes and the community.

The Texas Special Olympics offers a year-round sports training and competition program for these special people from age 8 to 80. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of the late President, started the Special Olympics in the early 1960's in her back yard. Texas Special Olympics held its first summer games in 1969. Currently there are 27,610 athletes participating in the Program.

There are local, regional, state, national and world events held throughout the year. This requires a great number of volunteers (manpower) and funding to conduct these events. Donations are solicited from various private companies and organizations like the Knights of Columbus. Your State Charities Program donated over \$25,000 to Special Olympics last year. WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!! You can support the program financially through the purchase of a Special Olympic Pin, or by making a donation, but more importantly you can become a volunteer (Submit Form 4584. Partnership with Special Olympics before Jan 31). There will be many Local, Regional or State activities in your local area that need your support, as a Hugger, scorer, food provider, or cheerleader. Once you have been a hugger at the end of an event or had the pleasure of giving a medal to one of the winners and see the smile on their face and the bright twinkle in their eyes, you will want to return again and again!!!

IF YOU ARE A FAN OF DETERMINATION, YOU ARE ALREADY A FAN OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS!!!
BE A FAN!!!

Special Olympics Contribution Form

All Donations to the Special Olympics Program will be recognized with a Special Olympics Pin. Thank you for your generosity and assisting the Special Olympics Program. Please include your contribution. Make check payable to:

“Texas State Council Special Olympics”

**C/O Knights of Columbus
6633 Highway 290 East, Suite 204
Austin, TX 78723-1157**

Name: _____ Council #: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Contribution Amount: _____ Cash _____ Check No _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Pin Presented (Y / N): _____

Thank you for your generosity - State Officers, State Charities Team and Special Olympics.