**ATHLETES**

**OUR VISION:** Rich high quality athlete experiences

- **19,153** athletes trained/competed
  - **341** competitions
  - **46** invitational
  - **21** sports offered
    + 3 emerging sports

**ATHLETE GENDER**
- **Female:** 8,835
- **Male:** 10,318

**ATHLETE AGE**
- **22+:** 9,575
- **16-21:** 4,337
- **8-15:** 4,676
- **6-7:** 565

**HEALTHY ATHLETES**
- **690** screenings

**YOUNG ATHLETES**
- **231** participation

**UNIFIED SPORTS**
- **75** unified competitions

Launched 4-year plan to grow Interscholastic Unified Sports statewide. Goal is 150+ high schools offering bocce, track and field and/or soccer.

**ATHLETE LEADERSHIP**

- Hosted 2 Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs) University trainings.
- Held second statewide Athlete Congress.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING:**
- 40 athletes were trained in: Global Messenger, Athlete Representative or Technology courses.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**OUR VISION:** Comprehensive, well-trained and committed volunteer base

- **30,000+** volunteers participated
  - **2,575** year-round youth
  - **11,201** year-round adults
  - **528** local program leadership roles
  - **16** sports directors

**COACHES**
- **4,749** certified
- **2,037**

**TRAINING SCHOOLS/CLINICS HOSTED**
- **46**

**COACHES/OFFICIALS/CLINICIANS TRAINED**
- **402**

**FOUNDATION**

**OUR VISION:** Strong foundation through leadership, trust and financial growth

**COST OF PARTICIPATION FOR ATHLETES AND THEIR FAMILIES**

- **$0**

Due to hundreds of thousands of dollars of in-kind support and the generosity of our donors and volunteers, no athlete ever pays a penny to participate.

**LETR events include:**
- 7 Polar Plunges
- The Beaver Stadium Run
- Tip-a-Cop and Torch Runs.

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

*This annual report includes unaudited numbers.*
Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual 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 Olympics athletes and the community.

Allow us to better explain some of the terms included in our 2014 Annual Report:

- **Screenings**: Volunteer health care professionals provide free health screenings and education to our athletes in the form of eye, ear, dental and podiatry care, as well as physical therapy.

- **Healthy Athletes**: Is dedicated to providing health services and education to Special Olympics athletes, and changing the way health systems interact with people with intellectual disabilities.

- **Young Athletes**: Is a unique sport and play program for children ages 2 to 7 with intellectual disabilities. The focus is on fun activities that are important to mental and physical growth.

- **Global Messengers**: Are Special Olympics athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits they have gained by participating in Special Olympics.

- **Athlete Representatives**: Are responsible to represent all registered athletes in their Area/County program as a member of the Management Team.

- **ALPs University**: Athlete Leadership Programs University offers training to Athlete Leaders twice a year to further their knowledge base and provide certification in Communications, Sports and Governance.

- **Athlete Congress**: Hosted every 2 years, is a forum for Athlete Representatives to present recommendations to the SOPA Board of Directors for organizational change.

- **Local Program Leadership Roles**: The individuals who act as managers for our 56 city/county programs, and comprise our management teams, are primarily volunteers. They raise funds, oversee volunteers, help recruit athletes, and provide training and competition opportunities.

- **Sports Directors**: Sport Directors are experts who serve as an extension of the state sports staff, serving as the technical liaison on sport rules, training techniques and competition management.

- **PIAA**: The PIAA or Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. includes almost all of the public and many of the private junior high/middle schools and senior high schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- **Unified Sports**: Special Olympics Unified Sports creates an opportunity for people without intellectual disabilities to join in the sports experience by playing on a team with athletes with intellectual disabilities.

- **Interscholastic Unified Sports**: School-based Unified Sports program where students with and without intellectual disabilities are combined for school activities, youth leadership programs, and athletic competitions.

- **Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)**: The Law Enforcement Torch Run unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in a year-round effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics.