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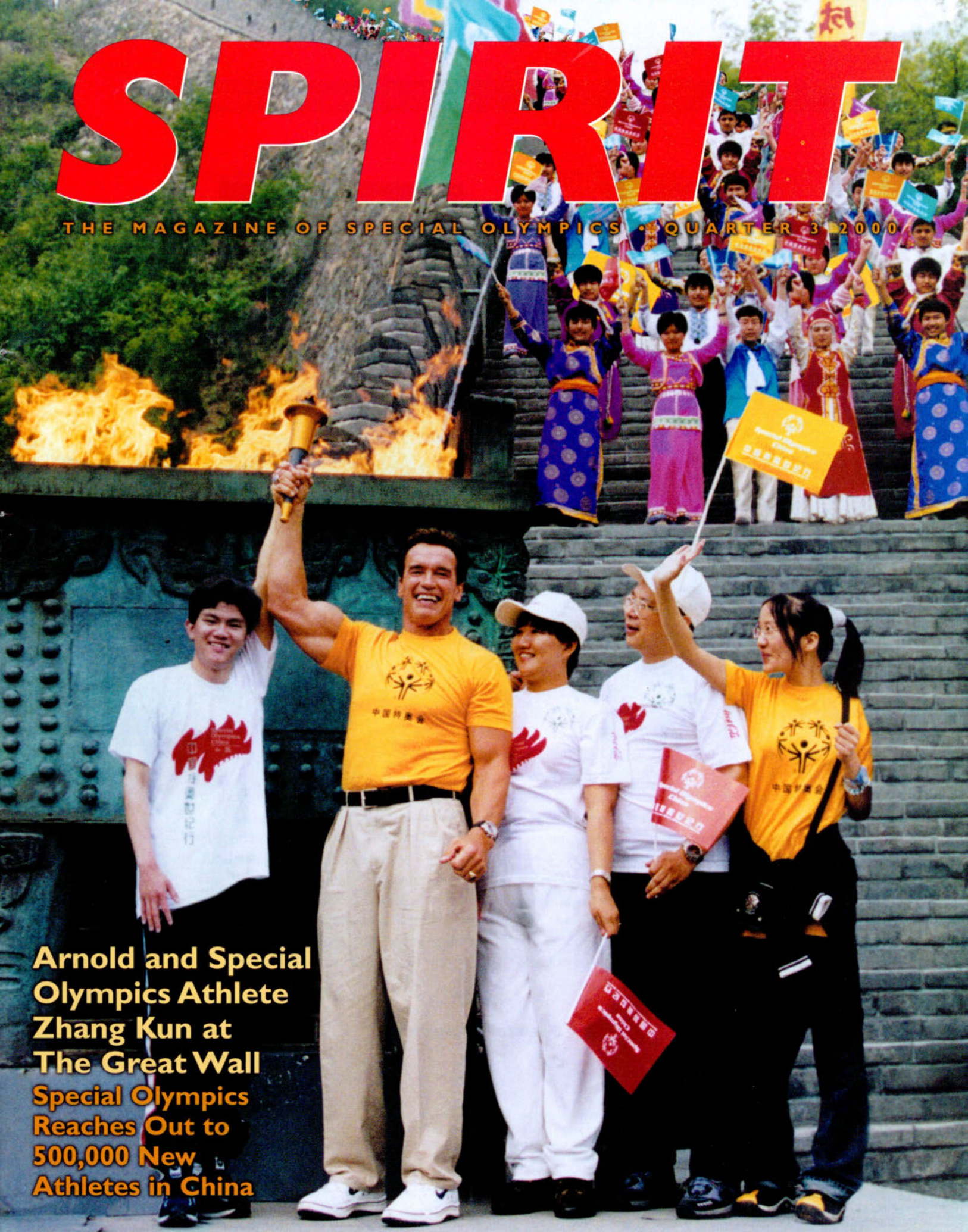
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**Arnold and Special
Olympics Athlete
Zhang Kun at
The Great Wall
Special Olympics
Reaches Out to
500,000 New
Athletes in China**





A Very Special Christmas from Washington, D.C.

FACT SHEET

What: A holiday music concert in Washington, featuring contemporary artists such as Jon Bon Jovi, Macy Gray, Wyclef Jean, B.B.King, John Popper, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Stevie Wonder, among others to be announced.

This is the second live concert event and ensuing telecast of performances by music artists who have donated their efforts to raise money for Special Olympics over the past ten years. Royalties from the sales of these music albums have raised more than \$65 million for Special Olympics Programs around the world.

Who: Hosts President and Mrs. Clinton, 350 invited guests, including 12 Sargent Shriver Global Messengers, and Special Olympics Inc. board members, athletes, and families.

Where: Washington, D.C.

When: The 90-minute concert, taped December 14 for broadcast by Turner Network Television (TNT), will air December 19, 8PM EST (U.S.)





NEWS RELEASE



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A Very Special Christmas from Washington, D.C. to Premiere on TNT Tuesday, December 19, at 8 p.m. ET/PT

Jon Bon Jovi, Macy Gray, Wyclef Jean, B.B. King, John Popper, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Stevie Wonder Among Artists to Perform at Concert Celebrating Special Olympics

Top contemporary artists including Jon Bon Jovi, Macy Gray, Wyclef Jean, B.B. King, John Popper, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Stevie Wonder, among others to be announced, will perform favorite holiday songs at *A Very Special Christmas from Washington, D.C.*, a concert to celebrate the achievements of Special Olympics. The 90-minute concert special will premiere on Turner Network Television (TNT) Tuesday, December 19, at 8 p.m. ET/PT. The event and taping will take place on December 14 in Washington to honor the spirit of Special Olympics along with the athletes and families who inspire us all.

The concert special is the second live event and ensuing telecast of performances by music artists who are from "A Very Special Christmas" series of benefit albums. Royalties from the sales of these music albums, bearing inspirational Keith Haring artwork, have raised more than \$65 million for Special Olympics Programs around the world.

"This Christmas concert offers Special Olympics the chance to not only recognize the achievements of the athletes but also honor the families who every day fight for the rights of their children that others take for granted," said Special Olympics President and CEO Timothy P. Shriver. "We're thrilled to be able to carry their message to an audience of millions."

"The artists' performances and the presence of luminaries who have helped guide Special Olympics to great heights ensure that the special concert will be a most memorable event on TNT," said Steve Koonin, executive vice president and general manager of TNT.

Since the Christmas Record Grant Program's creation in 1987, funds from the Grant Program have helped Special Olympics reach more athletes in rural areas, inner city schools, and minority populations within the United States. In addition, the Christmas Record Grant funds support development of Special Olympics in areas around the world as far reaching as China, Uganda, Russia and Brazil where the need is greatest.

A Very Special Christmas from Washington, D.C. is executive produced by Bobby Shriver and Timothy Shriver and produced/directed by Joel Gallen and Tenth Planet Productions. Sandy Shapiro is executive producer for TNT.

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Special Olympics is an international year-round program of sports training and competition for individuals with mental retardation. One million athletes in more than 160 countries train and compete in 25 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics gives people with mental retardation continual opportunities to develop fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy as they participate in the sharing of gifts, and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community. Athletes and their families are not charged a fee to participate in Special Olympics.

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What is Special Olympics?

Special Olympics is an international program of year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than one million children and adults with mental retardation.

The Special Olympics oath is ... *Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.*

Our leaders are ... Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Founder and Honorary Chairman; Sargent Shriver, Chairman of the Board; and Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D., President and CEO.

Our mission is ... to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with mental retardation by 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.

Our goal is ... for all persons with mental retardation to have the chance to become useful and productive citizens who are accepted and respected in their communities.

The benefits ... of participation in Special Olympics for people with mental retardation include improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, a more positive self-image, friendships, and increased family support. Special Olympics athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job, and in the community. Families who participate become stronger as they learn a greater appreciation of their athlete's talents. Community volunteers find out what good friends the athletes can be. And everyone learns more about the capabilities of people with mental retardation.

The Spirit of Special Olympics—skill, courage, sharing, and joy—transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race, or religion.

Special Olympics began ... in 1968 when Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the First International Special Olympics Games at Soldier Field, Chicago, Illinois, USA. The concept was born in the early 1960s when Mrs. Shriver started a day camp for people with mental retardation. She saw that individuals with mental retardation were far more capable in sports and physical activities than many experts thought. Since 1968, millions of children and adults with mental retardation have participated in Special Olympics.

Around the world ... there are accredited Special Olympics Programs in more than 160 countries. Special Olympics Programs are continually being developed around the world.



In the United States ... Special Olympics Programs are established in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. About 25,000 communities in the United States have Special Olympics Programs.

Through the Special Olympics Model School District programs, public school districts include Special Olympics in their physical education curriculum and provide extracurricular and interscholastic sports to elementary and secondary students with mental retardation. The Special Olympics Mega-Cities program coordinates Special Olympics training and competition in schools, community recreation programs, group homes, and institutions in 11 large metropolitan areas.

To be eligible to participate ... in Special Olympics, an athlete must be at least eight years old and identified by an agency or professional as having one of the following conditions: mental retardation, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment, or significant learning or vocational problems due to cognitive delay that require, or have required, specially-designed instruction.

The Special Olympics Unified Sports™ program ... brings together athletes with and without mental retardation of similar age and ability to train and compete on the same teams. Founded in 1987, Special Olympics Unified Sports fosters the integration of persons with mental retardation into school and community sports programs.

Special Olympics provides year-round training ... and competition in 25 official sports. Special Olympics has developed and tested training programs that are outlined in a Sports Skills Guide for each sport. More than 140,000 qualified coaches train Special Olympics athletes.

By assigning athletes to divisions ... determined by their ages and ability levels, Special Olympics gives every athlete a reasonable chance to win. Athletes from *all* divisions may advance to State, National, and World Games.

For athletes with profound disabilities ... Special Olympics created its Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), developed by physical educators, physical therapists, and recreation therapists. MATP emphasizes training and participation rather than competition. MATP is part of the Special Olympics commitment to offer sports training to *all* individuals with mental retardation.

Special Olympics competitions ... are patterned after the Olympic Games. More than 16,000 Games, meets, and tournaments in both summer and winter sports are held worldwide each year. World Games for selected representatives of all Programs are held every two years, alternating between summer and winter.

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More than 500,000 volunteers ... organize and run local Special Olympics programs, serving as coaches, Games officials, drivers, and in many other capacities. Anyone can learn how to participate through the many training programs Special Olympics offers for coaches, officials, and volunteers.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., ... Special Olympics guides local, area, state, and national programs around the world. A volunteer board of directors determines international policies and is comprised of business and sport leaders, professional athletes, educators, and experts in mental retardation from around the world.

Giving cooperation and support ... to Special Olympics are the national governing bodies and/or international sports federations of each sport played in Special Olympics. Major sports organizations and a host of world leaders also support Special Olympics and its goals.

Special Olympics is the only organization authorized by the International Olympic Committee to use "Olympics" worldwide.

For more information about your Special Olympics Program, call 800-700-8585, or visit the Special Olympics website at www.specialolympics.org or AOL keyword: Special Olympics



FACT SHEET

A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RECORDS

- The *A Very Special Christmas* series that was launched in 1987 under the A&M Records label has been enjoying “record” success for more than a decade.
- More than \$65 million has been generated for Special Olympics by the music album series.
- Record Producer Jimmy Iovine came up with the idea for the musical holiday tribute in 1986 as a way of memorializing his father, Vincent, who died during the holiday season. Iovine’s wife, Vicki, who was a devoted Special Olympics volunteer, suggested that the record proceeds benefit the organization.
- Bobby Shriver agreed to oversee the record project and has since served as the Executive Producer for the records.
- Performing artists enthusiastically donate their talents in an extraordinary array of music, including pop, rock, rap, gospel, and jazz.
- Released in 1987, *A Very Special Christmas* sold more than a million copies in its first year, generating millions of dollars.
- In 1992, *A Very Special Christmas 2* was released and enjoyed enormous critical and commercial success.
- The third album, *A Very Special Christmas 3*, was released in 1997 on the 10th Anniversary of the Series.
- The fourth album, *A Very Special Christmas Live from Washington DC*, was released in 1999 and is a compilation of songs from a live concert at the White House in 1998.
- Two albums, *Jazz to the World* (1995) and *World Christmas* (1996) produced by Capitol Records in back-to-back years, turned out to be a valuable gift to Special Olympics.
- Disbursed in grants, the royalties raised each year by the Christmas albums play a crucial role in everything Special Olympics does, from providing sports equipment and skill guides, to starting up entire new Special Olympics programs and initiatives around the world.
- Special Olympics Programs worldwide apply for these competitive grants which are awarded based on individual program needs. Within the United States, funds from the grant program have helped Special Olympics reach more athletes in rural areas, inner city schools, and minority populations.

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- Recent grants have gone to support strategic growth initiatives in Brazil, China, Egypt, Russia and South Africa where the need is the greatest. Program Development and athlete recruit initiatives also were funded in Paraguay, Zimbabwe, France, Spain, and Central Asia.



Special Olympics Christmas Record Grant Program

Christmas record royalties have been a major source of funding for Special Olympics Programs around the world since 1987, the year the first record album — *"A Very Special Christmas"* — was produced. In 1999, the sixth album — *"A Very Special Christmas, Live From Washington, D.C."* — was released. The newest album, fourth in the *A Very Special Christmas* series, was recorded live in concert at the White House at a celebration of the Special Olympics 30th Anniversary.

The Special Olympics Christmas Record Grant Program was created to disburse record sale proceeds as grants to Special Olympics Programs for projects that encourage growth, enhance the quality of a Program's services, develop new initiatives, or provide creative new ways to advance the Special Olympics movement.

The idea for the *A Very Special Christmas* series came from producer Jimmy Iovine as a way to memorialize his father, who had died during the holiday season. Iovine's wife, Vicki, suggested the record benefit Special Olympics, the organization for which she was working as a volunteer. Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss, the "A" and "M" of the albums' label, A&M Records, made the first album possible, with an advance and an offer to wholly sponsor the making of the album. The first album, *"A Very Special Christmas"* sold one million copies in its first year and set a very successful precedent. The six albums that fund the Special Olympics Christmas Record Grant Program include, *"A Very Special Christmas"* (1987), *"A Very Special Christmas 2"* (1989), *"Jazz To The World"* (1995), *"World Christmas"* (1996), *"A Very Special Christmas 3"* (1997), and *"A Very Special Christmas, Live From Washington, D.C."* (1999).

Record grants have funded a wide variety of initiatives, including: outreach to indigenous populations in rural North America; start-up funds for the "Adopt-a-School" program in Shanghai, China; and Program expansion in densely populated urban areas, such as Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and Miami, and Cairo, Egypt. Because of these grants, coaches and trainers from all over Africa participate in top-notch training programs, and athletes from Texas to Turkey receive the equipment and coaching they need to practice their sports. In Jordan, New Jersey, Brazil, and Australia—and nearly anywhere else you go in the world—Special Olympics is changing lives because of the generosity and dedication of those who create and purchase these holiday music albums.

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Summary of 2000 Christmas Record Grant Awards

AFRICA

- **Special Olympics Zimbabwe**

Additional funding for 1999 National Board and Coaches' Training Record Grant initiative was approved. Funds were used to evaluate the new Special Olympics programs and competitions offered at the regional level, as a follow up to the training of new coaches and program coordinators.

- **Special Olympics South Africa**

Special Olympics South Africa is in the second year of a four-year outreach campaign that will increase the number of athletes from 2,000 to 20,000 by 2004. These funds are being used to launch a new sports-code accreditation system, which has already established new sports training programs in athletics, football, golf and floor hockey. In addition, the recruitment and training of new Board members will continue.

ASIA-PACIFIC

- **Special Olympics China**

Special Olympics China has launched an ambitious outreach campaign to recruit and train 450,000 new athletes by 2004. To assist with this ambitious effort, Special Olympics, Inc. is providing technical advice with the structuring of a national office, the development of regional offices, the training of staff members, program leaders and coaches.

EUROPE-EURASIA

- **Special Olympics Atlantique**

Record Grants funds are being used to launch a new Special Olympics Atlantique Program with the training of coaches and program leaders, event managers and family members, which will result in 2,000 new athletes by the end of 2001.



- **Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia**

Funds are being used to develop the Special Olympics movement in five republics of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. A Resource Center in Kazakhstan will be established to provide technical training for a new Board of Directors, Program leaders, coaches and event managers. An estimated 8,000 new athletes and 1,000 new families will join the movement by the end of 2003.

- **Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia**

A second-year grant continues to promote Special Olympics as an integral part of a well-established, adapted physical education program at 20 Eastern European universities. Grant funds were used to conduct training for key university curriculum administrators during the 2000 European Summer Games.

- **Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia**

Special Olympics Hungary hosted a regional MATP Seminar for national trainers from 15 European Programs, as well as 15 Hungarian coaches. Following the seminar, the national trainers will launch MATP initiatives that are expected to reach 1,000 new athletes.

- **Special Olympics Kazakhstan**

The two-year Strategic Growth initiative has resulted in 2500 new athletes joining Special Olympics Kazakhstan. Grant funds were used to expand and improve the regional management structure, provide technical training for the regional management teams, improve communication among the local programs, and expand the number of competition opportunities for athletes.

- **Special Olympics Latvia**

The focus of this grant initiative will be the training of new coaches and Program leaders who will seek to recruit and train 2,000 new athletes by the end of 2001.

- **Special Olympics Moldova**

Special Olympics Moldova is seeking to recruit 175 new athletes by the end of 2000. Grant funds will be used to recruit and train 40 new coaches, event managers and program leaders, using the Special Olympics Coaching Education curriculum.

- **Special Olympics Russia**

Special Olympics Russia is in the second year of a four-year outreach campaign that will reach 36,000 new athletes by the end 2003. Grant funds will be used to further develop eight regional organizations and programs, to recruit and train provincial program leaders, coaches and athletes, and to organize local and provincial competitions.

- **Special Olympics Spain**

Grant funds will be used to train provincial program leaders and coaches, who will seek to train and recruit 3,000 new athletes by the end of 2001.

- **Special Olympics Turkey**

Funds from the Christmas Record Grant will support efforts to recruit and train new Board members, hire and train professional staff for the national office, and recruit and train new program leaders and coaches throughout Turkey. It is projected that 4,000 new athletes from every region of Turkey will join the movement by the end of 2003.

LATIN AMERICA

- **Special Olympics Brazil**

Grant funds are used to support the expansion of the national Board, launch a national public awareness and fundraising campaign, and establish 10 new Special Olympics programs in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Special Olympics Brazil is committed to reaching 60,000 athletes by 2004.

- **Special Olympics Paraguay**

Record Grant funds were used to expand the Special Olympics athletics program and to introduce the sport of futsal. 95 coaches from 65 communities were trained and 360 new athletes joined the movement.

- **Special Olympics Honduras**

The Special Olympics program was expanded from six regions to all twelve regions of the country. Grant funds were used to produce training materials for local Program management teams, and support on-site visits by Outreach Director to rural communities to train teachers and start new Special Olympics programs.

MENA

- **Special Olympics Egypt**

To continue the support of the Special Olympics Egypt outreach initiative by further developing professional leadership in the Delta and Upper Egypt regions, and training coaches, program leaders and event managers. As a result of this four-year Record Grant initiative, Special Olympics Egypt is projected to reach more than 15,000 new athletes by 2002.

NORTH AMERICA

- **Special Olympics Arizona**

Record Grant funds will be used by the Chinle Unified School District No. 24 to establish a new Special Olympics Equestrian training program for 50 new athletes.

- **Special Olympics D.C.**

Grant funds are used to continue support of the D.C. public school and adult programs, with a focus on increasing participation from the Hispanic community.

- **Special Olympics Georgia**

Record funds are being used to establish a pilot program for reaching adults through an after-school program, which focuses on sports development and ALPS (Athlete Leadership Programs). More than 100 new athletes and 100 Unified Partners will join the movement by July 2001.

- **Special Olympics Massachusetts**

Funds support the "Special Olympics Brockton City of Champions --- Sports for All" project, designed to reach 520 new athletes through the expansion of school and community-based training programs.

- **Special Olympics Mexico**

Funds support the hiring and training of a National Director to oversee the expansion of the national program to all regions of the country.

- **Special Olympics Michigan**

Funds continue to support a multi-year Unified Sports League at Western Michigan University. This program is a collaborative university and community initiative offering Special Olympics athletes and student "Partners" an opportunity to train and compete in golf, bowling, soccer, basketball, softball and aquatics. In addition, Western Michigan University is conducting research on athlete performance, the development of social skills and friendships.

- **Special Olympics Missouri**

Funds continue to support a three-year outreach campaign in the greater St. Louis City school districts, focused on increasing participation of minority students, developing Partners Clubs, and expanding Unified Sports programs. The goal is to enroll 1950 new athletes by 2002.

- **Special Olympics Nevada**

Working towards establishing Special Olympics community-based training centers in all seventeen state school districts to ensure that athletes in school can transition to adult training programs upon graduation. Special Olympics Nevada is committed to reaching 3,225 athletes by the year 2002.

- **Special Olympics Pennsylvania**

SO Pennsylvania is working to establish community-based adult programs throughout the city of Philadelphia in order to reach 1,390 new athletes over a period of four years. The grant would also support the expansion of school-based programs.

- **Special Olympics Wisconsin**

Grant funds continue the support of a multi-year outreach initiative to reach 550 new athletes in the Greater Milwaukee Area by developing expanded programs within the Public Schools and the community Adult Recreation programs.

MULTI-REGIONAL

- **Global Winter Sports Management Seminar**

Special Olympics will be organizing a high-level Games Management Seminar during the 2001 World Winter Games in Anchorage, Alaska. 25 state and national winter sports experts will be trained and certified in Games Management, and will organize at least two winter sports competitions within one year of the seminar.

- **Special Olympics Online Training and Competition Network**

To continue to support the development of a web-based online sports network that will track athlete training results and allow athletes in different sites to compete, thus increasing competition opportunities available to athletes from rural areas and those with mobility difficulties that limit their ability to travel to competitions.



Language Guidelines

Words matter. Words can open doors to enable persons with disabilities to lead fuller, more independent lives. Words can also create barriers or stereotypes that are not only demeaning to persons with disabilities, but also rob them of their individuality. The following language guidelines have been developed by experts in mental retardation for use by anyone writing or speaking about persons with disabilities to ensure that all people are portrayed with individuality and dignity.

Appropriate terminology:

- Refer to participants in Special Olympics as **Special Olympics athletes**, rather than Special Olympians or Special Olympic athletes
- Refer to individuals, persons, or people **with mental retardation**, rather than mentally retarded people or the mentally retarded
- A person **has mental retardation**, rather than is suffering from, is afflicted with, or is a victim of mental retardation
- Distinguish between adults and children with mental retardation. Use **adults** or **children**, or **older** or **younger athletes**
- A person **uses a wheelchair** rather than is confined or restricted to a wheelchair.
- **Down syndrome** has replaced "Down's Syndrome" and mongoloid
- Refer to participants in Special Olympics as **athletes**. In no case should the word appear in quotation marks
- When writing, refer to persons with a disability in the same style as persons without a disability: full name on first reference and last name on subsequent references. Resist the temptation to refer to an individual with mental retardation as "Bill," rather than the journalistically correct "Bill Smith" or "Smith"
- A person is **physically challenged** or **disabled** rather than crippled.
- Use the words "**Special Olympics, Inc.**" when referring to the worldwide Special Olympics Program

Terminology to avoid:

- Do not use the label **kids** when referring to Special Olympics athletes. Adult athletes are an integral part of the program
- Do not use the word **the** in front of Special Olympics unless describing a specific Special Olympics event or official
- Do not use the adjective **unfortunate** when talking about persons with mental retardation. Disabling conditions do not have to be life-defining in a negative way



- Do not **sensationalize the accomplishments of persons with disabilities**. While these accomplishments should be recognized and applauded, people in the disability rights movement have tried to make the public aware of the negative impact of referring to the achievements of physically or mentally challenged people with excessive hyperbole
- Use the word **special** with extreme care when talking about persons with mental retardation. The term, if used superfluously, can become cliché in contiguous references to Special Olympics.



Special Olympics Sargent Shriver Global Messengers

During the first 30 years of the movement, the athletes of Special Olympics have shattered a number of stereotypes through their heroics on the athletics fields and in their communities. Special Olympics athletes have demonstrated that they are not merely the beneficiaries of the movement, but also a vital ingredient in shaping the future of the movement. They are leaders.

In providing the leadership that guides Special Olympics, the athletes have proven to be the movement's most effective spokespersons. Through their appearances in the media and speaking before civic and business groups, several hundred Special Olympics Global Messengers—who receive thorough media training—are carrying forth the themes that are most important to the athletes in Programs around the world.

Twelve international Global Messengers are selected every two years to serve as the primary spokespeople on behalf of the worldwide movement, appearing in national and international media and delivering addresses before large audiences. These Global Messengers hail from different regions of the globe and reflect the vast scope and reach of the movement.

The concept for the Global Messengers grew out of Special Olympics year-long 30th Anniversary celebration in 1998. Twelve athlete spokespeople were selected to help “build the bridge to the next generation of athlete heroes” with appearances at high-profile events throughout the anniversary year. Their efforts met with such enormous success, that it was decided to establish a similar program on a more permanent basis.

Attached are photos and biographical information on each of the twelve Global Messengers, all of whom are attending this evening's concert. For additional information or interview requests, contact Betty Ann Hughes, Senior Media Relations Manager, at (202)-824-0338 or at bhughes@specialolympics.org.



SARGENT SHRIVER GLOBAL MESSENGERS



Goran Babic

Special Olympics Bosnia and Herzegovina

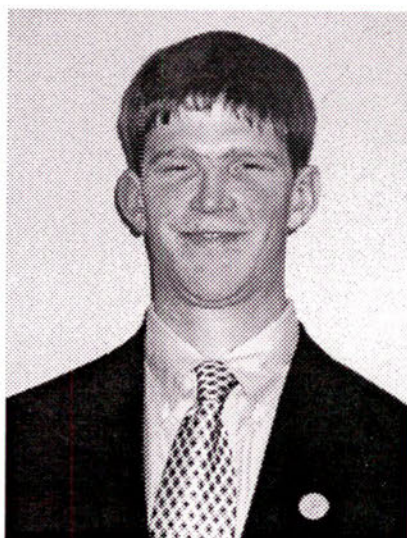
- Competed in the 100-meter races in athletics at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games
- Survived Bosnian war
- Was the featured guest of an hour-long ABC-TV news special



Cindy Bentley

Special Olympics Wisconsin, USA

- Attended the first Special Olympics International Summer Games in 1968
- Appeared on *The Maury Povich Show*
- Governor Thompson's appointee to the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities



Troy Ford-King

Special Olympics Ontario, Canada

- An extra in the movie "The Loretta Claiborne Story"
- A participant in the "Athletes on the Move" program
- An accomplished Special Olympics Alpine skier



Kealoha Laemoa

Special Olympics Hawaii, USA

- Member of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Hawaii
- Gold medalist in bocce and athletics
- Writer for local newspaper, *The Molokai Dispatch*

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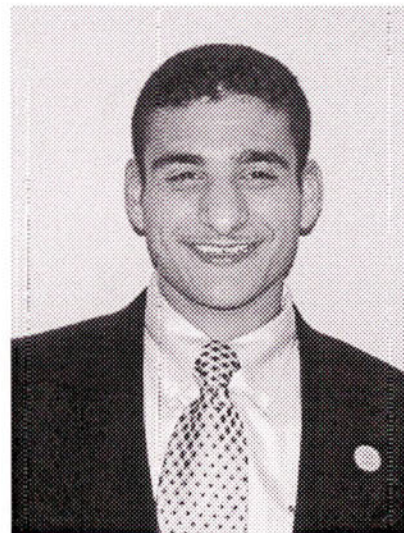
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Henry Moretti

Special Olympics Rhode Island, USA

- A television talk-show host for Special Olympics Rhode Island magazine
- Competed in four Special Olympics World Games
- A sports reporter for Special Olympics



Mohammad Nassar

Special Olympics Jordan

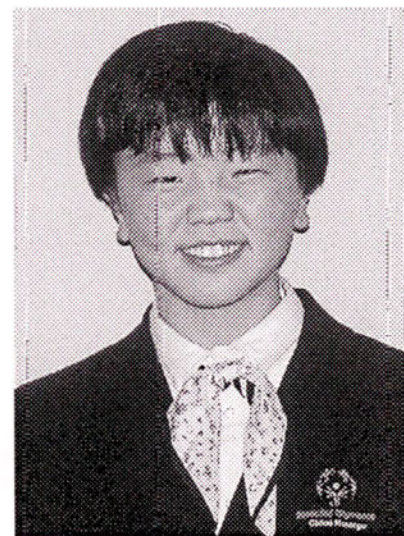
- An accomplished floor hockey competitor
- Assisted with promoting the Special Olympics movement in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Spoke at the Peace Games Training Camp in November 1999



Miguel Quiroz

Special Olympics Venezuela

- Assists with promoting the Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Programs
- A competitor in aquatics, basketball, and tennis at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games
- Has been competing in Special Olympics for 10 years



Jia Sirui

Special Olympics China

- Will speak at the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics China Games
- Gold medalist in the balance beam competition
- Ran along the Great Wall of China with Arnold Schwarzenegger carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope

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Victor Earl Stewart

Special Olympics Texas, USA

- A volleyball competitor at the 1995 and 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games
- An inspirational speaker for athletes and volunteers
- A native of Houston, Texas



Theo Tebele

Special Olympics Botswana

- An avid competitor in equestrian sports for more than 11 years
- Fluent in English and Setswana
- An ardent public speaker for Special Olympics



Constantinos Triantafylou

Special Olympics Hellas (Greece)

- An eleven year bowling and aquatics competitor for Special Olympics Hellas
- Has Appeared on various television talk shows and speaks at seminars
- A regular participant at Special Olympics press conferences



Katy Wilson

Special Olympics Georgia, USA

- Special Olympics Georgia Female Athlete of the Year for 1999
- Special Olympics spokesperson for the 2000 T.J. Maxx Tour of Gymnastics Champions
- Appeared on CNN's Sports Illustrated and ABC's Wide World of Sports

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Special Olympics Sargent Shriver Global Messengers 2000-2001

Goran Babic – Special Olympics Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goran Babic, 35, competed in the 100-meter races at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games as a member of team Bosnia-Herzegovina, sponsored by Oracle Corporation. A **compelling speaker**, Goran appeared on an hour-long ABC-TV Special where he was interviewed about his experiences during the war in Bosnia—throughout the war, Goran lived in a residential school in Pazaric on the front line.

Cindy Bentley – Special Olympics Wisconsin, USA

Cindy Bentley, 43, attended the very first Special Olympics International Games in 1968 in Chicago and has competed in both the 1995 and 1999 World Summer Games. Cindy has won medals in basketball, track, speed skating, volleyball and tennis. A **seasoned public speaker**, Cindy has appeared as a guest on the Maury Povich show, appeared in several promotional videos, and is presently Governor Thompson's appointee to the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Troy Ford-King – Special Olympics Ontario, Canada

Troy Ford-King is an accomplished Special Olympics Alpine Skier from Ontario, Canada. He has been a member of the Greater Toronto Area "Athletes on the Move" Athletes Speakers' Bureau since its inception in 1996. Special Olympics Ontario's most **talented speaker**, Troy has given over 50 presentations to elementary and secondary schools in the Toronto area. Troy also participated as an extra in the Toronto filming of the movie, *"The Loretta Claiborne Story"*.

Kealoha Laemoa – Special Olympics Hawaii, USA

Described as a **"motivational and enthusiastic leader"**, Kealoha Laemoa, 23, has been involved with Special Olympics for five years. Kealoha has competed in five state games in athletics events and in bowling. As a Special Olympics Hawaii Global Messenger, Kealoha has **made presentations** to educators both in Hawaii and on the mainland. Kealoha has a reputation as an **effective recruiter** of new athletes and coaches. She also has been the subject of several **newspaper feature** stories.

Henry Moretti – Special Olympics Rhode Island, USA

Henry Moretti, 40, is a "leader among a generation of athletes that is changing attitudes about competition and the abilities of people with mental retardation." Henry has participated in several regional and in four Special Olympics World Games as both an athlete and **sports reporter**. Henry also is a **skilled interviewer** who works as a television talk-show host for the Special Olympics Rhode Island magazine.

Mohammad Nassar – Special Olympics Jordan

For six years, Mohammad Nassar, 16, has participated in local, national and regional Special Olympics games. At the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Mohammed competed in athletics and field hockey. Mohammed ably **demonstrated his commitment** to promoting the Special Olympics movement in the Middle East and North Africa when he spoke at the Peace Games Training Camp in November 1999.



Miguel Quiroz – Special Olympics Venezuela

Miguel Quiroz, 27, has been involved in Special Olympics for more than 10 years and has competed at both national and Special Olympics World Games in aquatics, basketball and tennis. Miguel is a big supporter of Special Olympics' Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs). As a **capable public speaker**, he travels throughout Venezuela speaking to groups about Special Olympics and promoting ALPs among other athletes.

Jia Sirui – Special Olympics China

Jia Sirui, 16, is serious about sports. She is a gold medalist in the balance beam and 100-meter and bronze medalist in the vault. Known as **"one of the best Special Olympics athlete representatives in China,"** Jia was selected to speak at the Opening Press Conference of the Special Olympics China Millennium March with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics China Games in Beijing. Jia is committed to developing the Special Olympics movement in her native China, which has the world's largest population with mental retardation.

Victor Stewart – Special Olympics Texas, USA

Victor Stewart, 24, is a dedicated and determined Special Olympics supporter: "...while God has given me my talent, it is Special Olympics which has helped me to use it to the best of my ability," he says. A native of Houston, Texas where he is in popular demand for speaking engagements, Victor is a **charismatic public speaker, adept at addressing diverse audiences** of businessmen, coaches, volunteers, and athletes. Victor has competed in volleyball at both the 1995 and 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games. He was also featured on a Wheaties Box, along with other Special Olympics athletes.

Theo Tebele – Special Olympics Botswana

For the past 11 years, Theo Tebele has been racing horses for Special Olympics Botswana. Theo has competed at both national and international events in equestrian sports. He is an **effective speaker** on behalf of Special Olympics and is fluent in both English and Setswana.

Constantinos Triantafylou – Special Olympics Hellas (Greece)

Constantinos Triantafylou, 25, has been competing in bowling and aquatic events with Special Olympics Hellas (Greece) for 11 years. Constantinos is a **practiced public speaker** who regularly participates at press conferences, television talk-shows and seminars.

Katy Wilson – Special Olympics Georgia, USA

Katy Wilson, 19, has competed in Special Olympics gymnastics events for 12 years. In 1998 she was selected as Special Olympics Georgia Female Athlete of the Year and in 1999 she won the gold medal in gymnastics (balance beam and vault) at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. Katy is an experienced and skillful speaker who has addressed a wide variety of public organizations and groups. Katy is no stranger to the camera either—she has appeared on several television shows, including CNN's *Sports Illustrated "Page One"* with Jim Huber and ABC's *Wide World of Sports*. Most recently, Katy was the Special Olympics spokesperson for the TJ Maxx 2000 Tour of World Gymnastics Champions, the first time that Special Olympics athletes ever performed in a national sports tour.



Special Olympics Families

Miyares Family

Andy (Athlete), Anna Maria (Mom), Carlos (Dad)

The Miyares family of Special Olympics Florida - Miami-Dade is the kind of family every county program wishes they had. Led by sixteen-year old athlete, Andy, the Miyares family is a backbone of Dade County's Program. Andy's mother, Anna, serves as the families' chairperson and is one of the most active fund-raisers in the county. She has acquired computer systems, in-kind donations, and financial contributions from the community. She also initiated the Program's first aquatics invitational that began last summer and serves as a head of delegation and chaperone for the Dade County Program.

Andy's father, Carlos, also performs a variety of volunteer tasks in addition to being a Special Olympics Unified Sports™ partner with his son. But the family involvement doesn't stop there: siblings, cousins, and friends have all become involved. Because of the family's outstanding commitment and leadership, Special Olympics Florida presented the Miyares family with the 1997 Family of the Year Award.

At the heart of the involvement is Andy. Andy stays busy year-round, participating in aquatics, tennis, and basketball skills. Andy was recently presented with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's annual "Inspiration Award." The award was given during the 2000 Sports Hall of Champions Banquet in Miami. Andy was recognized for his athleticism, courage, and attitude, and for exemplifying the best of Special Olympics and the human spirit.

The dedication, mentoring, love and support that the family shows towards Andy is also shared with his fellow athletes. The Miyares treat every athlete as if they were a part of their family. They have made a lasting impression on Special Olympics in Dade County for their commitment to Special Olympics.

Andy also almost qualified for the Paralympics in Aquatics.



Martha Beck & Adam Beck (son)

Dr. Martha Beck is a respected author, counselor, parent of three, and friend of Special Olympics. Dr. Beck holds three degrees from Harvard University, all in the social sciences, and has taught a variety of subjects at Harvard and the American Graduate School of International Management. She speaks frequently about the psychological and social issues relating to children with disabilities. Her articles on these topics have appeared in many publications, from Parenting magazine to Reader's Digest. She is a contributing editor to Redbook and Real Simple magazines, and appears weekly on the television program, Good Morning Arizona. She is the author of *Expecting Adam* and *Breaking Point: Why Women Fall Apart and How They Can Re-create Their Lives*. Dr. Beck has spoken at several Special Olympics events in the past year and has repeatedly brought audiences to tears and laughter.

John and Martha Beck had two Harvard degrees each when they conceived their second child. Further graduate studies, budding careers, and a growing family meant major stress. When Martha learned that their unborn son had Down Syndrome, she battled nearly everyone over her decision to continue the pregnancy. She still cannot explain many of the things that happened to her while she was expecting Adam, but by the time he was born, Martha, as she puts it, "had to unlearn virtually everything Harvard taught her about what is precious and what is garbage." Dr. Beck's book *Expecting Adam* is an uplifting and compassionate account of being gifted with a son with mental retardation who opens her heart to the deep intuitions that love can bring.

Dr. Beck's presentation is one that appeals to many audiences -- parents of children with mental retardation, coaches of Special Olympics athletes, community leaders, academics, and truly the public in general. She can inspire, educate, entertain, and set an example at the same time.

Dr. Beck's son, Adam, is a Special Olympics Arizona athlete. He is 12 years old, in the seventh grade, and attends Desert Mountain Middle School. Adam has been involved with Special Olympics for four years. He participates in basketball, swimming, baseball, bowling, soccer, and would like to try floor hockey. Adam is also a trumpet player and last year served on the 6th grade student council at Whispering Winds School. This summer he traveled with his mother to Jamaica as a Goodwill ambassador. He got to meet both the Prime Minister and Governor General. Dr. Beck says Adam pays little attention to her work as there are many other things 12-year-olds find more interesting.

Mrs. Beck says Adam's speech can be difficult to understand and he is aware of this. He tries very hard to articulate clearly. He interviews best in a taped situation that allows for editing and slower response times. Adam is comfortable working with media as he's been interviewed several times by major media including a two day shadowing that was done by Reader's Digest.

The Becks are a white middle class family of 5 currently living in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Maxwells

*Special Olympics athlete **Christine Maxwell**, a freshman college student at National Louis University in Evanston, Illinois, competed in gymnastics at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games. In 1998, she and her father, Joe, won a silver medal at the Special Olympics Unified Sports™ Bowling competition in Reno, Nevada. Special Olympics is a family affair for the Maxwell clan:*

- Her sister Becky's husband ran the Torch for the Buffalo Grove (Illinois) Police Department as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Christine's sister Suzy and her husband bowl every Thursday in the Unified Sports Bowling Program
- Her uncle in Moline, Illinois coordinates the Spring Games for his area program
- Mr. Maxwell is spearheading a pilot program through his business, which will raise funds for Special Olympics Programs

Thirteen members of the Maxwell family attended the 1999 Special Olympics World Games in support of Christine!

The Lucas Family

Ashley (Athlete), Renee (Mom), Brittany (Younger Sister)

It's not unusual to see the solitary figure of a woman jumping up and down on the sidelines, screaming for her daughter Ashley as she races toward the finish line. The unmistakable voice of Renee Lucas means a great deal to her 11-year-old daughter and all of those within earshot. This proud, beaming mother is extremely dedicated to her daughter, particularly, when it comes to Special Olympics. Special Olympics has played a vital role in their lives.

Ashley has participated in Special Olympics for the past 4 years. She attends Slowe Elementary school in the District of Columbia.



Special Olympics

Fact Sheet

A Very Special Christmas Recording Artists

The following is a list of the artists who have so generously donated their talents to the *A Very Special Christmas* Album Series. The asterisks (*) indicate that the recording artist is performing in the *A Very Special Christmas From Washington, D.C.* on December 14, 2000.

1999, A Very Special Christmas 4: Live from Washington, DC

Mary J. Blige/Sheryl Crow	Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree
Run-D.M.C.	Christmas In Hollis
Jon Bon Jovi *	Please Come Home For Christmas
John Popper * / Eric Clapton	Christmas Blues
Vanessa Williams	What Child Is This
Eric Clapton	Christmas Tears
Tracy Chapman	O Holy Night
Tracy Chapman/Eric Clapton	Give Me One Reason
Sheryl Crow/Eric Clapton	Merry Christmas Baby
Jon Bon Jovi*	Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)
Mary J Blige/Jon Bon Jovi/Tracy Chapman	Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
Eric Clapton/Sheryl Crow/John Popper	
Run D.M.C./Vanessa Williams	

1997, A Very Special Christmas 3

Sting	"I Saw Three Ships"
The Smashing Pumpkins	"Christmastime"
Natalie Merchant	"Children Go Where I Send Thee"
Rev Run & The Christmas All Stars	"Santa Baby"
featuring: Mase, Puff Daddy, Snoop	
Doggy Dogg, Salt 'n' Pepa, Onyx & Keith	
Murray	
No Doubt	"Oi To The World"
Sheryl Crow	"Blue Christmas"
Blues Traveler	"Christmas"
Enya	"Oiche Chiun (Silent Night)"
Hootie & The Blowfish	"The Christmas Song"
Chris Cornell with Eleven	"Ave Maria"
Mary J. Blige featuring Angie Martinez	"Christmas In The City"
Jonny Lang	"Santa Claus Is Back In Town"
Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds	"Christmas Song"
Steve Winwood	"Christmas Is Now Drawing Near At Hand"
Tracy Chapman	"O Holy Night"
Patti Smith	"We Three Kings"



1992, A Very Special Christmas 2

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers*	"Christmas All Over Again"
Randy Travis	"Jingle Bell Rock"
Luther Vandross	"The Christmas Song"
Frank Sinatra and Cyndi Lauper	"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"
Boyz II Men	"The Birth of Christ"
Jon Bon Jovi*	"Please Come Home For Christmas"
Paul Young	"What Christmas Means To Me"
Aretha Franklin	"O Christmas Tree"
Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love	"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"
Michael Bolton	"White Christmas"
Run-D.M.C.	"Christmas Is"
Extreme	"Christmas Time Again"
Bonnie Raitt and Charles Brown	"Merry Christmas Baby"
Tevin Campbell	"O Holy Night"
Debbie Gibson	"Sleigh Ride"
Vanessa Williams	"What Child is This"
Ann and Nancy Wilson	"Blue Christmas"
Wilson Phillips	"Silent Night"
Sinead O'Connor	"I Believe in You"

1987, A Very Special Christmas

The Pointer Sisters	"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"
Eurythmics	"Winter Wonderland"
Whitney Houston	"Do You Hear What I Hear"
Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band	"Merry Christmas Baby"
The Pretenders	"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
John Cougar Mellencamp	"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
Sting	"Gabriel's Message"
Run-D.M.C.	"Christmas in Hollis"
U2	"Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)"
Madonna	"Santa Baby"
Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band	"The Little Drummer Boy"
Bryan Adams	"Run, Rudolph Run"
Bon Jovi*	"Back Door Santa"
Alison Moyet	"The Coventry Carol"
Stevie Nicks*	"Silent Night"

1996, World Christmas

Papa Wemba and Mino Cinelu	"Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes"
Bob Berg, Jim Beard and Arto Tunçboyacıyan, featuring Zakir Hussain	"We Three Kings"
John Scofield and The Wild Magnolias	"Go Tell It On The Mountain"
Angelique Kidjo	"Zan Vevede"
The Caribbean Jazz Project	"Michaux Veillait"

Cesaria Evora
Deep Forest and Lokua Kanza
Vocal Sampling
Gilberto Gil and Caetano Veloso
with Eliane Elias
Yomo Toro and the Boricua All Stars
featuring Ruben Blades and Dave Valentin
Mino Cinelu and Dianne Reeves
Joshua Redman and Marcus Miller
Gipsy Kings

"Natal"
"Ave Maria"
"We Wish You A Merry Christmas"
"Boas Festas"
"Cascabel"
"Twelve Days Of Christmas"
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
"Navidad"

1995, Jazz To The World

Herb Alpert and Jeff Lorber
Dianne Reeves and Lou Rawls
Fourplay
Diana Krall
Stanley Clarke, George Duke & Everette Harp
Michael Franks
The Brecker Brothers with Steve Khan
Cassandra Wilson
Herbie Hancock and Eliane Elias
John McLaughlin
Holly Cole
Steps Ahead
Anita Baker
Chick Corea
Dave Koz
Dr. John

"Winter Wonderland"
"Baby, It's Cold Outside"
"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"
"O Tannenbaum"
"Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!"
"The Christmas Waltz"
"The Little Drummer Boy"
"I'll Be Home For Christmas"
"O Come O Come Emmanuel"
"Christmas Blues"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
"The Christmas Song"
"What Child Is This?"
"Winter Wonderland"
"Il est Ne, Le Divin Enfant"



Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D. **President and CEO**

Timothy P. Shriver is President and Chief Executive Officer of Special Olympics, Inc. In that capacity, he serves over one million Special Olympics athletes and their families in 150 countries worldwide. He was President of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games Organizing Committee in Connecticut, an event which hosted 7,000 athletes competing in 22 sports before worldwide media.

Prior to joining Special Olympics, Shriver launched and was supervisor of the New Haven, Connecticut Public Schools' Social Development Project, the country's most noted school-based project focused on preventing substance abuse, violence, dropout and teen pregnancy. Before launching the project, Shriver was a teacher in the New Haven public schools and a teacher/counselor in the University of Connecticut's Upward Bound program. In 1984, he won a Field Foundation Fellowship to study at The Yale Child Study Center's School Development Program.

In 1994, Shriver helped launch and currently chairs the Collaborative for the Advancement of Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) at the University of Illinois, a national organization to promote effective school-based prevention programming. He has written extensively on these issues and has co-authored several publications, most recently, *"Promoting Social & Emotional Learning: Guidelines for Educators,"* published by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

In recent years, he has applied his educational interests to film. He is the co-producer of DreamWorks Studios' 1997 release, *"Amistad,"* and Disney Studios' 2000 release, *"The Loretta Claiborne Story."*

Shriver received his undergraduate education at Yale University, a master's degree in Religion and Education from Catholic University, and a doctorate in education from the University of Connecticut. He holds numerous awards and honors including honorary degrees from Loyola University, New England College and Albertus Magnus College. He chairs the National Advisory Board of The Shriver Center at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, and he serves on the Boards of the J.F.K. Library Foundation, and the Education Compact for Learning and Citizenship. In 1997, he was asked by General Colin Powell to co-Chair The America's Promise Task Force on Service.

He and his wife, Linda Potter, reside in the Washington, D.C. area with their five children.

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Executive Vice President, Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
Founder and Honorary Chairman, Special Olympics, Inc.

As Executive Vice President of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation and Honorary Chairman of Special Olympics, Inc., Eunice Kennedy Shriver has been a leader in the worldwide struggle to improve and enhance the lives of individuals with mental retardation for more than three decades.

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, the fifth of nine children of Joseph P. and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, Eunice Mary Kennedy received a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Following graduation, she worked for the State Department in the Special War Problems Division. In 1950, she became a social worker at the Penitentiary for Women in Alderson, West Virginia, and the following year she moved to Chicago to work with the House of the Good Shepherd and the Chicago Juvenile Court. In 1957, Mrs. Shriver took over the direction of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation.

The Foundation, established in 1946 as a memorial to Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.—the eldest son, who was killed in World War II—has two major objectives: to seek the prevention of mental retardation by identifying its causes, and to improve the means by which society deals with citizens who have mental retardation.

Under Mrs. Shriver's leadership, the Foundation has helped achieve many significant advances, including the following:

- 1961 The establishment of the President Kennedy Committee on Mental Retardation
- 1962 Development of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development
- 1962 Creation of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Awards in Mental Retardation
- 1963 Establishment of fitness standards and tests for individuals with mental retardation, similar to the President's Fitness Awards program, and research to develop these fitness standards for people with mental retardation



- 1964 The initiation of a five-year public information campaign by the National Advertising Council to promote acceptance and understanding of people with mental retardation
- 1964 Changes in Civil Service regulations that allow persons with mental retardation to be hired on the basis of ability rather than test scores
- 1967 The establishment of a network of university-affiliated facilities and mental retardation research centers at major medical schools across the United States
- 1968 The establishment of Special Olympics
- 1971 The creation of major centers for the study of medical ethics at Harvard and Georgetown Universities
- 1981 The creation of the "Community of Caring" concept for the reduction of mental retardation among babies of teenagers
- 1982 Institution of 16 "Community of Caring" Model Centers
- 1984 Receives "Presidential Medal of Freedom"
- 1993 Receives "Freedom From Want Medal" from The Roosevelt Institute
- 1995 Becomes the first living American woman to be portrayed on United States legal tender: the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games silver commemorative coin
- 1990-1997 Establishment of "Community of Caring" programs in 450 public and private schools
- 1998 Inducted into National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York
- 1999 Recipient of 1998 Aetna Voice of Conscience[®] Award and the Juanita Kreps Award
- 2000 Recognized at the inaugural Laureus Sports Awards with the Sport for Good Award.

Recognized throughout the world for her efforts on behalf of persons with mental retardation, Mrs. Shriver has received many honors and awards including: the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Legion of Honor, the Priz de la Couronne Francaise, the Mary Lasker Award, the Philip Murray-William Green Award (presented to Eunice and Sargent Shriver by the AFL-CIO), the AAMD Humanitarian Award, the NRPAS National Volunteer Service Award, the Laetare Medal of the University of Notre Dame, and the Order of the Smile of Polish Children.

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Her honorary degrees include: Yale University, Holy Cross University, Princeton University, Regis College, Manhattanville College, Newton College, Brescia College, Central Michigan University, University of Vermont, and Albertus Magnus College.

On March 24, 1984, when President Reagan awarded Mrs. Shriver the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, for work on behalf of persons with mental retardation, he had this to say:

"With enormous conviction and unrelenting effort, Eunice Kennedy Shriver has labored on behalf of America's least powerful people, those with mental retardation. Over the last two decades, she has been at the forefront of numerous initiatives on behalf of the mentally retarded, from creating day camps, to establishing research centers, to the founding of the Special Olympics program. Her decency and goodness have touched the lives of many, and Eunice Kennedy Shriver deserves America's praise, gratitude and love."

Eunice Kennedy Shriver is married to Sargent Shriver, Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics, Inc. and former Director of the Peace Corps and the Office of Economic Opportunity, and former U.S. ambassador to France. The Shrivens have five children: Robert Sargent Shriver III, Maria Owings Shriver Schwarzenegger, Timothy Perry Shriver, Mark Kennedy Shriver, and Anthony Paul Kennedy Shriver.



Sargent Shriver **Chairman of the Board**

As an international lawyer, and administrator, ambassador, and an advocate for the poor and powerless, Sargent Shriver has compiled an unparalleled record of public service at every tier, from the local level to the world community. A graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Shriver served in the U.S. Navy for five years before ending his military career as lieutenant commander.

After ending his military career, Mr. Shriver worked briefly as an editorial assistant at *Newsweek* magazine before joining the staff of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy as manager of the Chicago Merchandise Mart. Later, he participated in the formation of some of the programs developed and supported by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation.

During his long and prestigious career, Mr. Shriver:

- 1947-48 Conducted with his wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the National Conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency in Washington
- 1955-60 Served as president of the Chicago Board of Education
- 1960 Worked as a political and organization coordinator in the Wisconsin and West Virginia primaries for Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy
- 1961-66 Served under President Kennedy as the organizer and first director of the Peace Corps, where he developed volunteer activities in more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- 1964-68 Served as the first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity under President Lyndon B. Johnson
- 1964-68 Created VISTA, Head Start, Community Action, Foster Grandparents, Job Corps, Legal Services, Indian and Migrant Opportunities and Neighborhood Health Services
- 1965-68 Served as special assistant to President Johnson
- 1968-70 Served as U.S. Ambassador to France



- 1970 Served as chairman of Congressional Leadership for the Future, traveling to 29 states to gain support for 89 Democratic candidates for the House and the Senate.
- 1970 Named a partner, specializing in international law and foreign affairs, in the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson
- 1972 Nominated by the Democratic Party as a candidate for vice president with Senator George McGovern in the presidential effort against incumbents Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew
- 1981 Appointed to the Rockefeller University Council, an organization devoted exclusively to research and graduate education in the biomedical and related sciences
- 1984 Elected president of Special Olympics Inc. by the Board of Directors. As president, he directed the operation and international development of sports programs in countries around the world
- 1990 Appointed Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics Inc.
- 1993 Received the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom From Want Award
- 1994 Received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Clinton on August 8
- 1998 Shriver Hall dedicated in new Peace Corps Building in Washington, DC
- 1999 Shriver Job Corps Center dedicated in Devens, Massachusetts.

Mr. Shriver holds positions in associations including: Director, Arms Control Association and American Council on Germany and Co-Chairman, Friends of VISTA. His association memberships include: National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, Navy League, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus.

His awards include: Veteran of the Year (1956); James J. Hooey Award, Catholic Conference for Interracial Council of New York (1958); Lay Churchman of the Year (1963); National Father of the Year (1964); Notre Dame Patriotism Award (1965); National Brotherhood Award (1966); Hannah G. Solomon Award, National Council of Jewish Women (1972); and The Order of the Smile (1989).

Mr. Shriver has also received more than 24 honorary degrees from universities, including: Yale University, Brandeis University, Boston College, Yeshiva University, the University of Liberia and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

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