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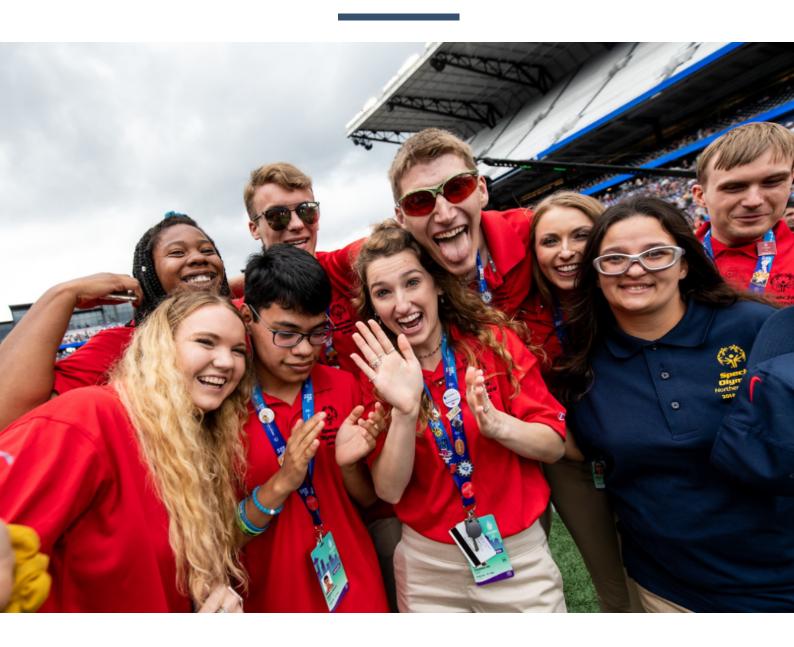




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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We thank you for helping us make 2018 a great and memorable year for the 26,841 athletes of Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA). Through the sports training and competition, health promotions, and community awareness, Special Olympics Georgia continues to benefit the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

2018 was an exciting year that saw an increase in both athlete participation and in the number of athletes screened through Healthy Athletes initiatives, while most State Games saw an increase in the number of coaches, unified partners, and volunteers. We are very excited and proud of the volunteer growth shown in 2018. We saw an increase of 2,200 statewide volunteers. Our Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) had another great year, raising over \$1 million for the third year in a row. We are very grateful of the on-going support, and as we look forward to 2019 we are excited and hopeful that this growth will continue. We anticipate 2019 to be filled with even more competitions, dedication, friendships, and awareness.

Special Olympics Georgia attended Special Olympics USA Games on June 30- July 6, 2018 in Seattle, Washington. The Coca- Cola Company hosted an exciting send-off event at their headquarters in Atlanta. We were very proud to have 34 SOGA athletes and unified partners compete in four of the offered 14 sports, bringing home one gold medal in team basketball, two bronze medals in unified golf and soccer, and one fourth place ribbon in volleyball. USA Games was such a memorable accomplishment for our athletes and we were so honored to be represented by them.

In 2018, we celebrated Special Olympics International's 50th anniversary and the mission is just as strong and as vital now as it was when it was founded in 1968. We are looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2020 and we continue to strive to create a world of acceptance and inclusion for all.

As we look ahead to 2019, we hope you will continue to be a friend, a fan, and a supporter of SOGA and our 26,841 inspirational athletes.

Sincerely,











SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA (SOGA) PROVIDES YEAR-ROUND SPORTS TRAINING AND ATHLETIC COMPETITION IN 26 OLYMPIC- TYPE SPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. OFFERED IN TRAINING AND COMPETITION IN 26 SPORTS AS WELL AS FIVE STATE COMPETITIONS. PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS PROVIDES ATHLETES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP PHYSICAL FITNESS, SHARE FRIENDSHIPS, INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND GAIN CONFIDENCE TO CARRY WITH THEM THROUGH OUT LIFE. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP BRING PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES INTO THE LARGER SOCIETY UNDER CONDITIONS WHEREBY THEY ARE ACCEPTED. RESPECTED, AND GIVEN THE CHANCE TO BECOME USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. WHEN WE ACHIEVE THIS GOAL THROUGH OUR SPORTS PROGRAM, WE DEMONSTRATE THAT SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAS A UNIQUE VALUE.

26,841 athletes were registered with SOGA in 2018.

2018 STATE GAMES

STATE INDOOR WINTER GAMES & SOUTHEAST POWERLIFTING COMPETITION

January 12-14, Marietta, GA

Athletes: 1950 (1% increase)

Coaches: 786

Unified Partners: 191

Volunteers: 1264

Sports featured: Basketball,
Bowling, Floor Hockey, Artistic
Gymnastics, Powerlifting

STATE MASTERS BOWLING COMPETITION

August 17-19, Warner Robins, GA

Athletes: 1093 (8% increase)

Coaches: 282

Unified Partners: 202

Volunteers: 436

Sports featured: Bowling (Singles, Unified Team, and Ramp)

STATE SUMMER GAMES

May 18-20, Emory University

Athletes: 1886 (7% increase)

Coaches: 608
Unified Partners: 327
Volunteers: 2322.

Sports featured: Swimming,
Gymnastics, Soccer, Tennis, Long
Distance running/ walking,
Athletics, Flag Football, Table
Tennis, Volleyball

STATE FALL GAMES

October 19-21, Gainesville, GA

Athletes: 1438 (6% increase)

Coaches: 411
Unified Partners: 275
Volunteers: 622

Sports featured: Bocce, Cycling, Golf, Softball

STATE HORSE SHOW

October 19-21, Gainesville, GA

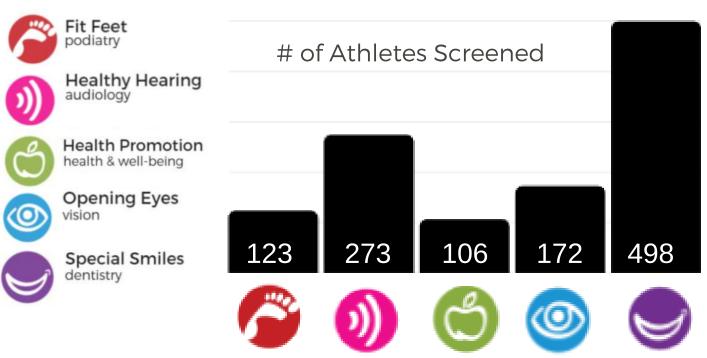
Athletes: 241 (3% increase)

Coaches: 43
Handlers: 114
Unified Partners: 48
Volunteers: 156

Sports featured: Equestrian

The Programs of 2018

Over 250 healthcare professionals volunteered their time to provide free healthcare screenings, treatment, and referrals to athletes at all five state game competitions. Athletes, not only received care, but were educated on the importance of various health measurers. The Healthy Athletes Program offers a fun and welcoming healthcare environment for athletes, while working to improve healthcare policies and programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. There was a 5% increase in the number of athletes screened from 2017 to 2018.



UNIFIED SPORTS

Special Olympics Unified Sports® is an initiative that combines approximately equal numbers of Special Olympics athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (called Partners) on sports teams for training and competition. Unified Sports furthers Special Olympics Georgia's commitment to foster inclusion in school and community sports programs by bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. These teams train and compete with other Unified Sports teams in 20 sports. 2018 was SOGA's second year partnering with Atlanta United FC as our professional Unified soccer partner. A SOGA athlete and Unified Partner were honored by being chosen as the MLS All Star MVP duo. 2018 saw a 17% increase in the



THE ATHLETES OF 2018



Morgan McNeal

Morgan had a very exciting 2018! Over that Summer she was a member of the Basketball team that traveled to Seattle to represent Georgia at the USA Games, in which they won the Gold Medal, defeating the number one seed North Carolina! She not only excels in Special Olympics Georgia sports but in High School sports as well. She is a member of the varsity girls Basketball team and a valuable member of the school Tennis team. Morgan always has a positive attitude and is always striving to better herself. She is a great representation of what it means to be a Special Olympics Athlete.

Albert Williams

Born with Down Syndrome, Albert participates in Tennis, Softball, Basketball, and Track. He received the Ray Kroc Award at Alpharetta High School for his persistence, determination and hard work in the face of adversity. The following year he was voted homecoming king by his peers. In 2018, this athlete received the ranking of Eagle Scout. His achievements are an inspiration to people everywhere facing adversity. He teaches others through his actions with good manners and kindness, treating everyone alike.





USA GAMES 2018

SOGA attended Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, Washington on June 30– July 6, 2018. 14 sports were offered and SOGA competed in four: Traditional Basketball, Unified Volleyball, Unified Soccer, and Unified Golf. SOGA was proudly represented by 34 athletes and Unified Partners.

SOGA took Gold in Team Basketball
Bronze in Unified Golf
Bronze in Soccer
Fourth place in Volleyball

THE EVENTS OF 2018

Although sports are the center of our mission, we step off the field to raise funds and awareness for our athletes and individuals with intellectual disabilities so they can benefit from all that SOGA has to offer. Some of our 2018 events included:

- -We went **Over the Edge** on May 5. 52 brave Edgers rappelled down 22 stories of the Overlook III building and raised over \$98,400 for SOGA.
- -Seven lucky ducks were plucked out of the Post Chastain pool on August 10, raising \$82,200 at the 13th Annual **Duck Pluck** in Buckhead.
- The Annual **Shoot for Champions Clay Shoot** raised over \$38,700 for SOGA on September 7th at Garland Mountain.
- -On September 15th, the annual **Toast to Titletown** event was held in Valdosta at The
 Patterson and raised over \$25,300 for SOGA.
- State Premier Sponsor, Marlow's Tavern, held the **Marlow's Golf Classic** on October 15th, bringing in over \$118,400. Since 1998, Marlow's has exceeded \$1 million for SOGA!
- -On October 24, the Annual **Bob Busse Memorial Golf Classic** was held at Ansley's Settindown Creek, and brought in over \$98,300.
- -The annual **Dunwoody Country Club** event raised just over \$113,000 on August 24th for SOGA.













Law Enforcement Torch Run

Raising over \$1 Million for the third year in a row for SOGA athletes, The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) had another great 2018.

-Publix and Proctor & Gamble teamed up with LETR and SOGA to raise over \$820,000 with Torch Icon sales. Thank you Publix and Publix shoppers!

-LETR, SOGA, and the community were freezin' for a reason at **Acworth Beach** while raising over \$159,000 for SOGA athletes at **Polar Plunge**.

-**Dunkin'** partnered with LETR on National Donut Day to raise over \$87,900 at Cops on Donut Shops thoughout 84 Dunkin' locations across Georgia.







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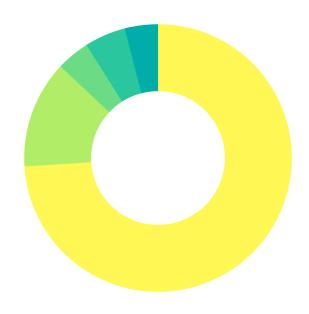
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THE FINANCIALS OF 2018



Field Services/ Sports Training	74%
Development	13%
General & Administrative	4%
Public Education	5%
Public Relations	4%

Contributions	74%
Fundraising	25%
Special Olympics, Inc.	8%
Other Income	6%
In- Kind Contributions	5%
Interest on Note Receivable	1%

EXPENSES

Field Services	\$1,573,807
Sports Training	\$1,643,228
Development	\$587,124
General & Administrative	\$176,747
Public Education	\$209,975
Public Relations	\$185,676

REVENUE

Contributions	\$2,937,994
Fundraising	\$966,969
Special Olympics, Inc.	\$321,534
Other Income	\$250,970
In- Kind Contributions	\$182,374
Interest on Note Receivable	\$45,703

Sponsors and Contributors of 2018

The confidence that stems from the athletic competition both on and off the field would not be enhanced without the generous support of many individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations. These names represent those who believed in and supported the 24,841 athletes of SOGA in 2018. Thank you.

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