

**Special Olympics**  
Nebraska – Our Fiftieth Year

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2022



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# YEAR IN REVIEW



Carolyn Chamberlin  
President & CEO

This was a very special year for Special Olympics Nebraska as we celebrated our **50th Anniversary**. Fifty years of offering life-changing programming to athletes across Nebraska. When we began 1972, Special Olympics Nebraska looked very different than it looks today. We offered 3 sports and served 500 athletes. Today, we offer 19 sports, year-round competition and serve 6,000 athletes! We also have grown to offer annual free health screenings, inclusive school programming, and athlete leadership training.

We could not have reached this milestone without the support of our community. Thank you to our dedicated and passionate volunteers and sponsors that allow us to continue to grow and serve the amazing athletes of Special Olympics Nebraska year after year.

**Together, we celebrated 50 years of creating champions, and we're not done yet!**



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# OUR TEAM

## STAFF

**Carolyn Chamberlin** - President & CEO

**Arissa Bavari** - Urban Youth & Schools Program Manager

**Kailyn Davis** - Executive & Development Assistant

**Dave Demyan** - Director of Sports & Competition

**Amanda Gubbels-Svendsen** - Program Support & Database Manager

**Stephanie Guido** - Accounting & Operations Manager

**Odessa Hambric** - Unified Sports Manager

**Taylor Hill** - Director of Volunteer Services

**Katie Kellar** - Vice President of Development

**Kerli Kuuseoks** - Accounting Assistant

**Amanda Mancuso** - Marketing & Communications Manager

**Nate Parks** - Vice President of Program

**Dylan Sendgraff** - Director of Regional Field Services

**Stephanie Sorensen** - Director of Health & Community Services

**Rose Swenson** - Events & Law Enforcement Partnership Manager





## BOARD

### BOARD CHAIR

**Greg Harris**  
Quantum Workplace

### TREASURER

**Tiffany Paben**  
Deloitte

### CHAIR ELECT

**Sherie Thomas**  
Omaha Police Department

### SECRETARY

**Marc Wisdom**  
Pinnacle Bank

### AT LARGE MEMBERS

**Taylor Dieckman** - Koley Jessen, P.C, L.L.O.

**Brian Fox** - Nebraska Medicine Director

### Tayler Hand

Special Olympics Nebraska Youth Activation Committee

**Tyler Keyser** - Koley Jessen, P.C, L.L.O.

**Dan Masters** - Nebraska School Activities Association

**Steve Merfeld** - Creighton University

**Ronny Miller** - Gallup Credit Union

**Luke Paladino** - First Nebraska Trust Company

**Chad Samuelson** - Genentech

**Michaela Schenkelberg** - University of Nebraska Omaha

**Brian Schweiger** - US Bank

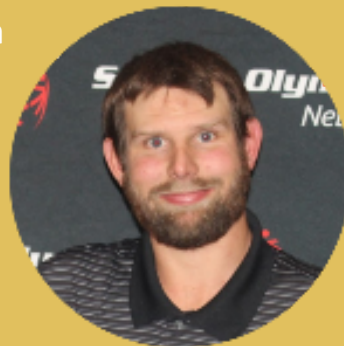
**Wyatt Spalding** - Special Olympics Nebraska Athlete

**Josh Todd** - Union Omaha

**Melonie Welsh** - Munroe-Meyer Institute

"Special Olympics taught me how to be a better man, and an amazing athlete."

Athlete Leader  
**Kyle Bugge**  
Bellevue

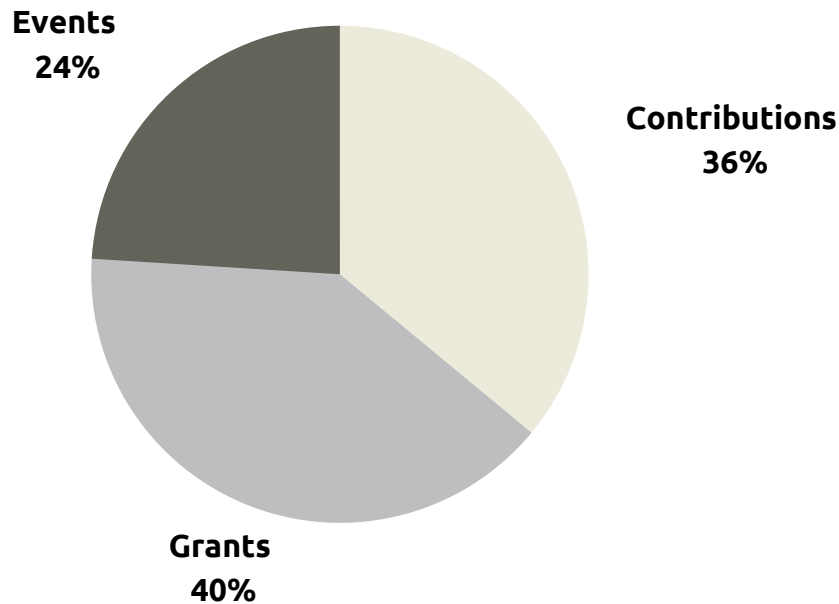




## 2022 Revenue

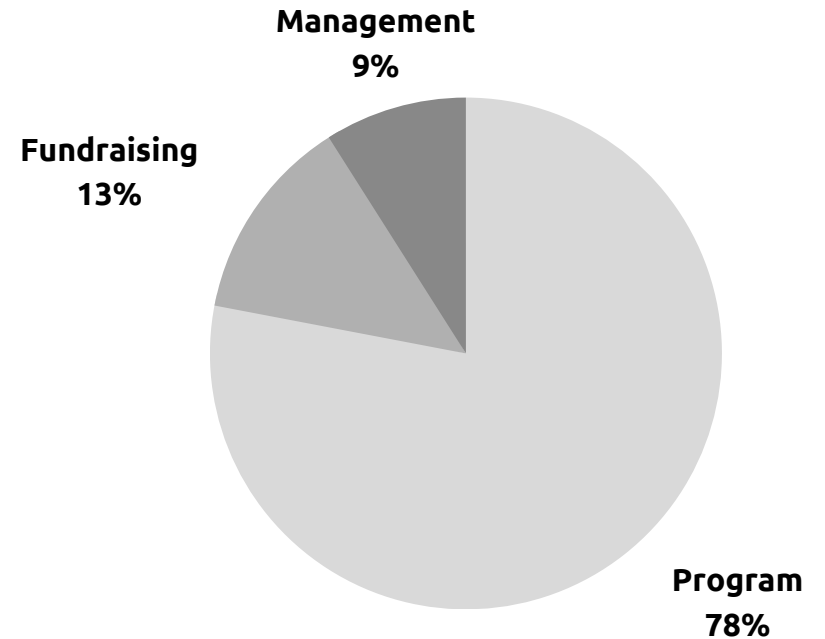
**\$2,402,055**

*(Investment Revenue loss \$280,778)*



## 2022 Expenses

**\$2,553,494**



“In the past I had trouble showing my true potential. Special Olympics has given me so many opportunities to develop my leadership skills, which has changed my life.”

Athlete Leader, Rachel Mulligan, Papillion





## \$1,000+

### AK-SAR-BEN CHAPTER

Ameritas Life Insurance Group  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Bison, Inc.  
Boer Commodities  
Al Brown  
Kim Cafferty  
Kathleen Cannon  
Steph Caron  
Jeffrey Casey  
Carolyn Chamberlin  
Michael & Linda Collins  
Cooperative Producers, Inc  
Creighton University  
Jerry and Ann Crouse  
Todd & Stacy Darnold  
Deloitte & Touche  
David Demyan  
Taylor Dieckman  
Doug Diercksen  
Amy Drayton  
Kay & Ken Drwal  
Reuben Dupsky  
Pam & David Duzik  
Elevance Health  
Jeannette Elms  
Lois Feddersen  
Five Nines Technology Group  
Brian Fox  
Fremont Area Community Foundation  
Fremont Contract Carriers, Inc.  
Gage County United Way

Gamma Beta Chapter  
Grand Island Saddle Club  
Marcia Greiner  
Mike & Katie Grier  
Haku  
Sandi Hansen  
Sherri Harnisch  
Hawkins Family Foundation  
Dan and Brandi Herold  
Hirschbach  
Ashley Horgan  
Dr. Christopher & Jessica Horstman  
Kirk & Laurie Hovendick  
Wood Hull & Susan Sucha MD  
Ironwood Builders LLC  
Jeff & Kari Jorth  
Kearney Area Community Foundation  
Timothy Keigher  
Bill Kenedy  
Tyler Keyser  
Kiewit  
Kiewit Companies Foundation  
Steven & Brenda Kimes  
Milton Kleinberg  
Daniel and Pat Kline  
Koley Jessen PC LLO  
Kevin & Mary Claire Kresl  
L. June Webb Unitrust  
Richard & Janet Labenz  
Lawlor's Custom Sportswear  
Steve & Amy Lindsay  
Chris & Tammy Loeffler  
Ben & Allison Lorenzen  
Lynn Marchese  
Ruth Markhofer  
Craig McGarry

Medical Solutions  
Steve & Mary Jo Merfeld  
Michael Messerole  
Messina Enterprises  
Joe & Tina Meyers  
Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation  
Rob & Brenda Miller  
Tricia & Rick Montague  
Munroe-Meyer Institute  
Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply  
NE Chapter  
Nebraska Sheriffs Association  
Tom Nesbitt  
Forrest and Kristi Newburg  
Shelly Nourse  
Omaha Police Department  
Marie Otis  
Tiffany Paben  
Luke Paladino  
Pattern Life  
Peed Foundation/Sandhills Global  
Police Officers Association of Nebraska  
Annie Pope  
Jai Pope  
S Michael Rasmussen  
Regan & Mike Mackintosh Family Fund  
Royal Engineered Composites, Inc.  
Pat Ryan  
Sam's Club #8146  
Chad & Katie Samuelson  
Scheels  
Jeff & Jen Shannon  
Shelby-Rising City Public School  
State Troopers Assoc. of Nebraska  
Desiree Stednitz  
Bob & Judith Stubblefield

Loren and Teresa Sweley  
Team Auto Center  
The Landen Foundation  
Toyota Dealer Match Program  
Turner Construction  
UNF Charitable Gift Fund  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
UNMC  
USTA Missouri Valley  
Jim and Marlene Wagner  
Mark & Rita Walz  
Werner Enterprises  
Western Nebraska Pioneers Baseball  
Westminster United Presbyterian Church  
Bill & Judy Wimmer  
Scott & Tracy Wimmer  
Marc and Tara Wisdom  
Clayton Wulf  
Pam & Ray Ziebarth





## \$5,000+

- Albertsons Companies Foundation
- Abel Foundation
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Brooks Sports, Inc.
- Buildertrend
- Carrie Braxdale
- Charles Schwab
- Gary & Patricia Rezac
- Heuermann Foundation
- J Peter Ricketts
- Jack & Gretchen Dinsdale Foundation
- Jennifer and Ryan Buscher
- Manota Simon Foundation
- Michelle King
- Midlands Community Foundation
- Mutual of Omaha Foundation
- Pacific Life Foundation
- Reginald & Marie Tronccone
- Runza
- Valmont Foundation
- Wal Mart

## \$10,000+

- Bellino Fireworks
- Corwin Toyota
- Greg & Jessica Harris
- IREM
- Jason & Molly Carpenter
- Kimmel Charitable Foundation
- Knights of Columbus
- Mammel Family Foundation
- Nomi Health
- Pinnacle Bank
- Public Risk Management
- Quantum Workplace
- Rotella's Italian Bakery Inc
- RTG Medical
- Union Bank & Trust Co
- US Bank

## \$20,000+

- Anonymous
- Armstrong McDonald Foundation
- Gallup Organization
- Hawks Foundation
- Jersey Mike's
- Moglia Family Foundation
- Omaha Police Welfare Benefits
- SpartanNash Foundation
- William & Ruth Scott Family Foundation

## \$50,000+

- Sherwood Foundation

## \$100,000+

- Douglas County
- Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Special Olympics International





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# CHAMPIONS TOGETHER GIVING SOCIETY

Special Olympics Nebraska is proud to recognize the individuals whose contributions make what we do possible. Our **Champions Together Giving Society** members have pledged a minimum of \$1,000 a year for 5 years to support our sports, health, education, and leadership programs. Thank you to our Champions Together members:

Linda Ballan  
Bender Electric  
Carrie Braxdale  
Steph Caron  
Jason & Molly Carpenter  
Jeffrey Casey  
Carolyn Chamberlin  
Carrie Clure  
Jerry & Ann Crouse  
Todd & Stacy Darnold  
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Five Nines Technology Group  
Brian Fox  
John Fullenkamp  
Mike & Katie Grier  
Josh Hannum  
Ken Hansen

Sandi Hansen  
Sheri Harnisch  
Greg & Jessica Harris  
Dan & Brandi Herold  
Hexagon Lincoln  
Dr. Christopher & Jessica Horstman  
Kirk & Laurie Hovendick  
John & Polly Huebert  
Wood Hull & Susan Sucha MD  
Jeff & Kari Jorth  
Timothy Keigher  
Bill Kenedy  
Daniel & Pat Kline  
Kevin & Mary Claire Kresl  
Patrick Lawlor  
Julie Lazure  
Steve & Amy Lindsay  
Chris & Tammy Loeffler  
Lynn Marchese  
Steve & Mary Jo Merfeld  
Rob & Brenda Miller  
Tricia & Rick Montague  
Kevin & Cindy Mowery  
Tom Nesbitt

Forrest & Kristi Newburg  
Marie Otis  
Joseph & Therese Paladino  
Luke Paladino  
Jennifer Potmesil  
Sara & Scott Reynolds  
J Peter Ricketts  
Ron & Diane Ross  
Pat Ryan  
Chad & Katie Samuelson  
Donald & Deb Schauer  
Dale Scott  
Jeff & Jen Shannon  
Desiree Stednitz  
Erin Stoll  
Adrian Thompson  
Joel & Leslie VanderVeen  
Jim & Marlene Wagner  
Mark & Rita Walz  
Bill & Judy Wimmer  
Scott & Tracy Wimmer  
Todd & Barbara Wimmer  
Clayton Wulf



"Thank you Special Olympics Nebraska for making me shine and making me the woman I am today."

Athlete Leader  
Kristina Davey  
Omaha





## SPORTS



**Unified Partners**  
2170

**Athletes**  
3844



**Athlete Experiences**

2820

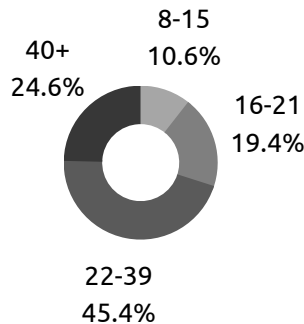


**Competitions**  
511

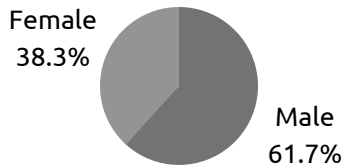


**Teams**  
86

**Athlete Age**



**Athlete Gender**



## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers**  
3500



**Law Enforcement**  
213

**Certified Coaches**  
450

## EDUCATION

**School Partners**  
230

**Banner Schools**  
27



**Total Students Impacted**  
123,000



## HEALTH



**Healthy Athletes Screenings**  
609

**Clinical Directors**  
14

**Unified Fitness Participation**  
908

## YOUNG ATHLETES

**Young Athletes Programs**  
27



**Little Feet Meets**  
6

## LEADERSHIP

**Athlete Leaders**  
184







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# 2022 USA GAMES



From June 5-12, 2022, Team Nebraska joined thousands of Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across the nation, for the **2022 Special Olympics USA Games**.

## T E A M N E B R A S K A

### DELEGATION

- 25 Athletes
- 7 Unified Partners
- 9 Coaches
- 2 Youth Ambassadors

### SPORTS

- Basketball
- Bocce
- Bowling
- Golf
- Powerlifting
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track

### MEDAL COUNT

- 14 Gold
- 7 Silver
- 6 Bronze





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# WAYS TO GIVE

For every inspiring Special Olympics athlete in Nebraska there are many more waiting for their chance. **Donate today** and help us get one more athlete off the sidelines and into the game.



## EMAIL

donations@sone.org



## PHONE

402.331.5545



## MAIL

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## WAYS TO DONATE

### ONE-TIME GIFT

Make a one-time tax-deductible donation, preferably by phone, email or mail, to help transform lives across the state at no cost to our athletes.

### MATCHING GIFTS

The quickest way to double your gift! Use our matching gift tool at [www.sone.org](http://www.sone.org) to find available matching gift opportunities and steps to apply to make your gift impact more athletes.

### MONTHLY GIVING

Special Olympics Nebraska training and competitions happen every day. Monthly giving is easy, convenient, and will make an impact all year long.

### MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Many families wish to direct donations to support our athletes at the memorial service in lieu of gifts or flowers.

### STOCK TRANSFER

If a cash donation is not currently of interest, please consider the tax benefits of a stock transfer to Special Olympics Nebraska. Your tax or legal advisor can provide you with specifics of this option.

### PLANNED GIVING

Explore the many ways you can support Special Olympics Nebraska through your estate plans and leave a legacy of acceptance, inclusion and tolerance.



let me win,  
but if I cannot win,  
let me be  
**B R A V E**  
in the attempt



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