Thank You For Your Service… SOSD will be saying farewell to the following Board Members. We appreciate you and will miss you.

Maynard Konechne  
Kimball

Julie Williams  
Gettysburg

Welcome to the Board! We are most grateful for the commitment these outstanding individuals have made to Special Olympics South Dakota!

Marilyn Ruhlman  
Brookings

Phillip Konechne  
Kimball

Dr. Mark Harlow  
Rapid City

TORCH Editor  
Johna Thum - Special Events Director

Special Olympics South Dakota (SOSD) is an accredited program of Special Olympics Inc. The Special Olympics Mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children (8 years and older) 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.
Co-Athletes Of The Year
Betsy Daniel, Wentworth;
Taylor VanWell, Watertown
The Outstanding Athlete Award is presented to a Special Olympics athlete who has demonstrated the true spirit, courage, sharing and joy of Special Olympics.

Betsy Daniel - Betsy has inspired fellow athletes to enjoy competitions and not dwell on winning or losing.

In 2009 she ran across the state with the Law Enforcement Torch Run. She was also a member of Team South Dakota, participating in soccer at the 2010 National Games, held in Lincoln, NE.
Betsy’s smile is absolutely contagious, and her hugs are worth a thousand words. She absolutely lights up every room she enters. She is JUST THE BEST!

Taylor VanWell - Taylor has participate in Special Olympics for about five years. Taylor has blossomed from a quiet boy into a fine young man who is a joy to have around.

Taylor was voted MVP of his team at the 2009 State Softball Tournament. When he received the award, he felt another athlete who played more then him deserved it more. His coaches had to convince him that he truly was deserving of the honor. Congratulations, Taylor!

Family Of The Year - The Ayres Family, Brookings
This award is given to a family who demonstrates unique and outstanding support of Special Olympics athletes.

The Ayres Family continues to go above and beyond in their support of Special Olympics. Daughter Sarah competes on the Special Olympics Brookings team. At competitions, Sarah is lucky to have her parents (Jill and Larry), as well as her sisters (Anna and Abby) in the stands cheering her on.

Both sets of grandparents also attend most events. The entire Ayres family is a fan of not only Sarah, but Special Olympics in general... donating their time, talents, money and support. Special Olympics is better because of this remarkable family.

Don Baker Award - Jim and Doris Hornby, Brookings
The “Don Baker Award” is the highest award presented by SOSD. It is given in honor of Don Baker, a volunteer and official starter for Special Olympics events. This award is given annually to an individual, organization, business, or institution who has given outstanding support to Special Olympics.

There are a few things synonymous with Special Olympics, including fun, laughter, and Jim and Doris Hornby. They have donated countless hours to fundraising events, attending competitions, and participating in board meetings. Doris and Jim’s love for and commitment to Special Olympics is second to none. They truly do represent the highest values of the human spirit.

Ron Stewart Coach Of The Year Award - Brian Jacobsen, Hayti
The “Ron Stewart Award” is given in honor of Ron Stewart of Rapid City who was a Special Olympics Coach for over 25 years. This award is given to a coach who has given their time to encourage Special Olympics athletes to achieve their fullest potential.

Brian has been a coach for Special Olympics for almost 20 years. He is exceptionally compassionate, and loves to see his athletes succeed as well as have fun.

Brian also encourages athletes on the opposing teams, pushing everyone to strive to do their best. Congratulations, Brian!

Lyle Farrand Volunteer of the Year Award - Jessica Spencer, Brookings
The “Lyle Farrand Award” is given in honor of Lyle Farrand of Sioux Falls, who in 1968 was instrumental in starting Special Olympics South Dakota. This award is given to an individual who has made a tremendous impact on Special Olympics.
Jessica has volunteered for Special Olympics Brookings for over two years, but has been a fan and supporter for many years. She is affectionately known as the “med lady”.

When Jessica isn’t busy ensuring the health and safety of our athletes, she is one of our number one cheerleaders and errand runners.

Jessica is respected by the athletes and is a valuable asset to the Special Olympics Brookings program!

D. J. Mertens “Champion” of the Year Award - Al Stockman & State Farm Insurance, Spearfish and Rapid City
The “DJ Mertens Award” is given in honor of DJ Mertens who was instrumental in establishing and developing Special Olympics South Dakota. This award is presented to a business, organization or media outlet which has made a major contribution to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Al has been lining up employees and friends to work the throwing events at the Black Hills Area Spring Games for many years. When the weather is too bad to hold the games outdoors, instead of canceling the 50 mile trip to Spearfish this crew comes anyway to do what they can. Thank you Al and team for your dedication!
The 28th annual State Softball Tournament was held in Huron on September 25 and 26, 2010. Athletes competed in slow pitch, T-ball, and Unified Softball. SOSD is grateful for the contributions of the following groups and individuals: SD Knights of Columbus, Huron Knights of Columbus, Dennis Schmitz, Bill Davis, Jan Lentz, City of Huron, Huron Parks & Recreation, National Guard, Charles Unterbrunner and all our dedicated volunteers. YOU’RE THE BEST!

**Slow Pitch A**
- 1st: Black Hills Workshop 01
- 2nd: Sioux Falls Bad News Bears
- 3rd: Watertown 01
- 4th: Brandon Groove
- 5th: Mitchell 01

**Slow Pitch B**
- 1st: Brookings Black
- 2nd: Sioux Falls Hurricane
- 3rd: Yankton Kool Kats
- 4th: Sioux Falls Twins
- 5th: Sioux Falls Sluggers

**Slow Pitch C**
- 1st: Sioux Falls Dream Team
- 2nd: Huron Center For Independence
- 3rd: Sioux Falls Fireflies
- 4th: Watertown 02
- 5th: Brookings Red

**Tee Ball D**
- 1st: Yankton Wild Things
- 2nd: Black Hills Workshop 02
- 3rd: Yankton High Flyers

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In Memory of Francis Lorenz ** Porter Distributing ** Prostrollo Motors VFW Auxiliary ** Pro Realty (Pat Kisely) ** Sanford Home Medical Equipment Shoenard Ford ** Wells Fargo ** Coca-Cola Company

Thank You!
Over 460 athletes, representing 21 delegations attended this tournament in Aberdeen on November 12 - 14, 2010. Singles, doubles, and team events were contested. This was our 23rd annual event.

In addition to our competitive events, athlete’s enjoyed the Friendship Banquet and the Victory Dance. A highlight of the dance was the naming of the 6th Annual Gert Lutz Memorial Spirit and Sportsmanship winner. For many years, Gert Lutz was an unheralded, behind the scenes supporter of the State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.

Gert spearheaded numerous fundraising efforts and volunteered countless hours supervising the lanes. With Gert’s passing in the spring of 2004, Special Olympics South Dakota lost a true friend. Heads of Delegations nominated one athlete from their team who consistently demonstrates courtesy, sportsmanship and love for the sport of bowling.

Congratulations to Rapid City athlete Robert Catherman (below - pictured with former Board Member Bob Arnold), our 2010 award winner!

Thank You
Organizing Committee
Kim Benning * Amy Buechler
Tevan Fischbach * Barb Gauer
Missy Hill * Dustin Berglund
Molly Johnson * Tina Lutz
Jamie Walton
Cliff, Donna, Al and the rest of the Village Bowl Staff... You’re the Best!

Bowling
Kim Benning - Announcer
Amy Buechler - Medical

Facilities
Wright & Sudlow - Barriers

Friday Karaoke
Reinke Entertainment
Pepsi Cola - Refreshments

Saturday Dance
Aberdeen ABATE - Security
Pepsi Cola - Refreshments
Reinke Entertainment
Academy Trophy - Spirit Award
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Thank You!
The State Unified Bowling Tournament was held at the Eastway Bowl in Sioux Falls on November 20, 2010. Participation in this event has grown steadily from 90 athletes and unified partners in 2005 to 185 this past November. Because of this growth, the 2011 tournament will be expanded to two days, with doubles bowled on Saturday and team on Sunday.

A huge thank you to Eastway Bowl for another outstanding event!

Thank You!

Our Sponsors

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Thank You!
It’s time again to kick off this year’s P&G brandSAVER program! Keep an eye out for your P&G brandSAVER coupon books in your local newspaper on Sunday, December 26, 2010. This year’s promotion is based on coupon redemption: Special Olympics receives 3 cents for every coupon used. There is no limit to the gift, so the more you redeem the coupons or encourage your friends and family the greater the money raised for Special Olympics. And don’t forget the savings for you -- the P&G brandSAVER coupon book includes more than $94 in savings on many of your favorite brands! The coupons expire January 31, 2011, so don’t wait too long to start clipping and saving! This is a great opportunity to raise money for Special Olympics and to continue to spread our message of respect, acceptance and inclusion. Find your P&G brandSAVER coupon book in the following newspapers:

- Aberdeen American News
- Brookings Register
- Mitchell Daily Republic
- Rapid City Journal
- Sioux Falls Argus Leader
- Watertown Public Opinion
- Winner Advocate
- Yankton Press & Dakotan

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**16th Annual Heroes Behind The Badge**

This holiday blood drive is a friendly competition between the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue and Sioux Falls Police Department to see who can recruit the most blood donors.

The contest kicks off December 27th and will run through January 7th. The public is encouraged to come into either Sanford Medical Center (333-6444) or Avera McKennan Hospital (322-7111) donor rooms and designate their blood donation to the department of their choice. Donors can choose a specially designed “police” or “fire” t-shirt for donating blood at the donor rooms (while supplies last) and a certificate for an appetizer at Texas Roadhouse (compliments of Texas Roadhouse).

As the charity of choice for the Sioux Falls Police Dept., SOSD will receive a donation of $350.00 if they should win.

Last year it was the Sioux Falls Fire Department taking home the victory over the Sioux Falls Police Department with 375 donations vs. 346 donations.

“Each year this event has helped hundreds of patients in our community at a time when blood is needed the most,” states Ken Versteeg, Executive Director, Community Blood Bank. “We continue to see a decrease of 20 – 30% in blood donations during the holidays. This challenge between the two departments provides the public a chance to say “thank you” to police and fire personnel and make a significant impact on many lives.”

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood. Please bring an ID with you at the time of donation. For more information call (605) 331-3222.

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**Attention knitters and crocheters**

The idea for a scarf project resulted from an opportunity to provide a gift of welcome for the athletes of the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Boise, Idaho. A call went out for 5,000 Red Heart delft blue & white scarves, and by Games time nearly 60,000 scarves had arrived from every state in the U.S. and from 12 countries around the world.

Handmade scarves donated as a result of the 2011 Special Olympics USA Scarf Project will be a symbol of unity, support, compassion and empowerment, as the Special Olympics athletes, coaches, families, volunteers and supporters wear them with pride in knowing they have become part of the Special Olympics family.

Handmade scarves will be distributed to our State Basketball Competition.

Please either ship or deliver your scarves no later than February 22, 2011. Deadline to receive scarves is March 1, 2011.

Guidelines and instructions can be found on our homepage at www.sosd.org
By LETR Director Sgt. Joel Perry

As I look back on 2010 there are so many things to be thankful for and celebrate. As a State, we have had more participation in all aspects of our activities. Our athlete participation is up, our community involvement is up, and our fundraising continues to astound! Now more than ever, the LETR is so proud to be a part of such an awesome movement. The inspiration we receive from our athletes is the fuel to motivate us to do our best for them.

This past year South Dakotans have participated in Polar Plunges, Poker Runs, purchased Harley Davidson Tickets, held basketball tournaments, pulled Fire Trucks, drove 18 wheelers in the World’s Largest Convoy, sold t-shirts, ran for miles, and many other crazy things to raise awareness and funds for our athletes. Through these efforts, an incredible record setting $400,000 was raised for our athletes. At the 2010 LETR International Conference, we were awarded third in the world for per capita fundraising, an awesome accomplishment.

As we look to this next year, I see much potential for continued growth. We have added several new recruitment ideas and fundraising efforts. We are committed to ensuring our LETR becomes a blueprint for success, our athletes deserve it. We are driven to going beyond the call of duty, and to truly personalize our partnerships with Special Olympics. We look to increased Law Enforcement participation, as well as inviting South Dakotan’s to join us under the Law Enforcement Torch Run flag. We will never be able to match the inspiration and courage that our athletes demonstrate to us, but we pledge to give our best in 2011.

Thank you to all who have participated this last year, we look forward to seeing you in 2011.

Pictured is John Weverka, Brookings, the winner of the 2010 Law Enforcement Torch Run Harley Davidson raffle. Tickets for the 2011 drawing go on sale in January for $100 each. With only 350 tickets available, purchase yours early!

The Torch Run began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas (USA), Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. The Torch Run has evolved into the largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics.

At its most basic level, the Torch Run is an actual running event in which officers and athletes run the “Flame of Hope” to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, State Games, National, and World Games.

At its most fully developed, the Torch Run initiative encompasses a variety of fundraising vehicles in addition to the Torch Run itself. Our local law enforcement personnel host multiple fundraising projects each year, including Polar Plunges, T-shirt sales, Truck Convoys, Tip-A-Cops, Fire Truck Pulls, and various other zany endeavors.

Thank you LETR Personnel for all you do!
It’s almost 2011, it’s winter, and yes… it’s “Polar Plunge” time again. That means “Freezin’ For A Reason” is back and 2011 is going to be an amazing year for us with three new plunges on tap across the state. This year’s new jump sights will be in Huron, Brandon and Madison.

2010 was another record breaking year for the Polar Plunges and we hope to add to that in 2011. There will be many new and exciting things happening at the events this year. Remember, we have three ways to get involved in a Polar Plunge: 1. Plunge as an individual, 2. Plunge as a team, or 3. Register as “Too Chicken To Plunge”. For more information, check out the link on our webpage at www.sosd.org or contact Todd Bradwisch – Torch Run Liaison at 605-331-4117 or email me at tbradwisch@sosd.org. Come on out to the jumps and cheer us on because we truly are “Freezin’ For A Reason” here in South Dakota for our athletes of Special Olympics South Dakota.

**BASH TO THE COLONIES**

**Location:** Lewis & Clark Lake Yankton, SD

**Date:** August 27 – 28, 2011

**Description:** Sailboats race the length of Lewis and Clark Lake in Yankton. All day event for all types of sailboats. Over 50 boats are expected. Prepare for great food, fun and games, including a corn hole tournament.

**Directions:** 1st entrance into Marina & Resort 4 miles west of Yankton on Hwy 52.

**Admission:** Free - Everyone welcome!

**For more information:** 605.665.2680 www.bashtothecolonies.com

All proceeds to benefit SOSD

**Special Olympics Get Into It** consists of online resources that include lessons, activities, videos, athlete stories and supplemental materials. At the core of Get Into It are age-appropriate lessons designed to be taught in the context of class periods. Activities with ties to service learning are completed in a classroom or community setting, as part of a club, an after school activity or a community based event and include involvement with local Special Olympics Programs whenever possible.

Visit the website below for important information: https://getintoit.specialolympics.org/
The World’s Largest Truck Convoy, was held in Sioux Falls September 24 & 25, 2010. This annual event unites Law Enforcement Personnel and Truckers in an effort to raise funds for Special Olympics Athletes. Along with the actual convoy, multiple activities were held during this two day celebration, including a Texas Hold’em tournament, lead truck bidding, truck show, auction, raffle, and the awards presentation.

There were 79 registered truckers paying a minimum of $100 to participate in the 15 mile trek through the heart of Sioux Falls, raising over $30,000 for Special Olympics South Dakota! Thank you to the participants and their families, our sponsors, Law Enforcement Torch Run officers, athletes and their families, the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds and our wonderful volunteers who helped make the 2010 World’s Largest Truck Convoy a huge success.

For more information about the Truck Convoy, please log on to www.sdconvoy.org

**Thank You, Truckers!**

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- Gary Lusk - Sioux Falls Kenworth
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The 40th Anniversary Challenge Match Campaign, which began on 8/08/08 has been completed!

The $500,000 total put up by Avera Health, Citibank, First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard, and the South Dakota Community Foundation has been matched. Individuals and businesses rallied to commit both cash donations and future pledges to match the $500,000 amount.

Athletes, coaches, volunteers, board members, and staff sincerely thank all those that have given to the campaign. You have truly made a difference in the lives of every one involved with Special Olympics across the state of South Dakota!

If indeed a picture says a 1,000 words, then need I say more? We are growing and busting at the seams!

Avera Health and Sammons Financial / Midland National Life have combined resources to the tune of $200,000 in donations toward making our dream of a new office space a reality… But we need your help! These monies must be matched through private or other corporate donations (in the form of cash or future pledges). If you are interested in contributing to this exciting project, please contact Darryl Nordquist, Development Director at 605.376.8613 or dnordquist@sosd.org for more information.

Estate Planning

Are you aware of the many ways you can give the joy and pride of Special Olympics even when you are gone? Leave your legacy and consider Special Olympics in your estate planning.

Contact Darryl Nordquist, Development Director for more information.

“I would love to help Special Olympics athletes for many years to come.”

The Special Olympics South Dakota Life Enhancement Assistance Program (LEAP) is an income assistance program. Participants, through their local groups, can qualify for financial assistance to selected events. The program’s goals are to increase participation in SOSD events by helping local groups with expenses related to their team’s participation.

LEAP support is now being offered at SOSD’s six state events. Through continued support of our donors, LEAP will expand as a partnership program with local groups across the state in an effort to get more participants involved in SOSD’s many beneficial events.

LEAP is a Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) eligible program. If you would like to know more about the LEAP program from either a donor standpoint or local group support, please contact Darryl Nordquist, Development Director.

Take a LEAP and join us
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In Memoriam May - December 2010

In Memory of Richard J Auld
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Thom Lockrem

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Susan Mathison

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Sioux Falls  
Bowling

Marla West  
Spearfish  
Bowling

Kathie Herrera  
Vermillion  
Aquatics

Matt Bosch  
Aberdeen  
Athletics

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Holiday Greetings:

After 18 years and 9 months serving as the CEO for Special Olympics South Dakota I have decided to retire at the end of this year. It was a hard decision, but once the decision was made I’m really looking forward to spending more time with my husband, children and especially my seven grandchildren. As well as having the opportunity to become more involved in my favorite projects.

I will miss the athletes, families, coaches, volunteers and donors. Each and every one of you will always have a special place in my heart. It has been my honor to serve as the CEO for Special Olympics South Dakota the past 18 years.

I am so very proud of all the program changes and opportunities that we have offered individuals with intellectual disabilities over the years. For example when I started our total staff was three, we rented office space, had no computers, no cell phones and limited funding on hand. Correspondence was by mail or phone. Financially we were struggling, but still we were able to offer athletes opportunities to participate in area and state competitions throughout each year.

Now we have our own office space, five full time employees, one part time employee, and one office volunteer. We offer more competitions, Unified Sports Competitions, host Healthy Athlete Screenings, offer ALP’s Training, opportunities for athletes to compete in National Special Olympics Summer Games and World Games. We complete volunteer screenings and offer shared fundraising projects with local programs, as well as having challenge match campaigns for sponsorships.

I could add so much more, but in the end this all was and is because of you the athletes, the coaches, the families, the volunteers, the donors, the SOSD staff, as well as past and present members of the Board of Directors.

I know that there will be many exciting things to come. Please never discount the Special Olympics Spirit you all have and the Special Olympics Spirit we have shared. It Is Fantastic!

Happy Holidays,
Carol Husby
CEO/Executive Director