



## Special Olympics: Looking ahead to the next 50 years and beyond!

When Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded Special Olympics in 1968 she took a rebellious stand against the injustices faced by people with intellectual disabilities. Her solution was simple: give people with intellectual disabilities a chance to demonstrate their abilities, determination and value through sport. **Fifty years later, Special Olympics has grown from a summer camp held in Mrs. Shriver's backyard to a global movement reaching more than five million individuals with intellectual disabilities in 170 countries.**

Despite this amazing feat, **there are two hundred million people with intellectual disabilities who continue to face an uphill battle for inclusion.** The fight against complacency, ignorance and stigma Mrs. Shriver initiated 50 years ago is still just as critical today. For some, it is a lack of access to healthcare, for others education, and still others the threat of ongoing discrimination, ridicule, derision and even neglect and abuse.

We need rebels, heroes, and fighters like you NOW. Join us in INNOVATING health care and sport opportunities; UNIFYING society by breaking down barriers; and EMPOWERING people with intellectual disabilities to live their fullest potential. **Our athletes are done taking no for an answer. Are you?**



### Where we've been and where we'd like to go:

1968-2017

Training & competition for people with intellectual disabilities.

SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS  
50<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

2018 & Beyond

A transformative movement  
*driven by* people with  
intellectual disabilities, to  
spread joy, courage, and  
friendship with the world.

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