

EXPANDING PLAY. EXPANDING POSSIBILITY.



Partnered with the Providence Bruins to introduce **Floorball** as an official sport for athletes. Building on the P-Bruins’ long-standing commitment to Special Olympics Rhode Island, this exciting collaboration extends beyond financial support to include hands-on involvement from players and staff—bringing the sport to life in meaningful ways.



Revitalized our **Unified Pickleball** program, after a pause since 2020, through partnerships with Ocean State Pickleball and Centerline Pickleball Club. Dedicated staff at both facilities teamed up with athletes to teach fundamentals, sharpen skills, and create a fun, inclusive environment for friendly competition.



Promoted **fitness as a lifestyle**, creating meaningful opportunities for athletes to incorporate movement into everyday life—from low-impact walking to strength training—while laying the groundwork to expand these offerings in 2026.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES. AMPLIFYING VOICES.



Celebrated the selection of Team Rhode Island for the **2026 Special Olympics USA Games** with a powerful reveal as athletes opened their “golden ticket” letters—captured on video and shared across social media in a joyful montage of tears, cheers, and celebration. We also began spotlighting USA Games athletes at signature fundraising events.



Recognized a major milestone as the Law Enforcement Torch Run’s 24-Hour **Super Plunge event surpassed the \$1 million mark** in funds raised since its 2013 inception by Richmond Police Chief Elwood Johnson.



Launched monthly **podcast, Beyond the Medal – Stories of Strength & Achievement**, featuring in-depth conversations that highlight the strength, resilience, and defining moments of the Special Olympics community. Hosted by our President & CEO Ed Pacheco alongside dynamic athlete leaders, each episode spotlights guests who advance acceptance, respect, and inclusion.

SMART SYSTEMS. STRONGER IMPACT.

- Introduced an online athlete and volunteer registration process in early 2025, bringing all forms online to improve efficiency, reduce touchpoints, and accelerate engagement.
- Launched an online Intranet for Coaches and Local Program Directors, providing quick access to medical forms previously kept in binders, with additional resources being added for broader online access.

AMPLIFYING STORIES OF INCLUSION



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS RHODE ISLAND - *FOUNDED 1968*

OUR MISSION is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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Dear Supporters,

Thank you.

Because of your incredible philanthropy and volunteerism throughout 2025, Special Olympics Rhode Island continued to advance the power of inclusion.

Each year, I'm asked to share my favorite Special Olympics moments, but choosing just one is impossible. Every interaction with our athletes reflects our volunteer slogan: "Give a little, Gain a lot." There is so much to gain by being part of our athletes' lives. Time is the greatest gift anyone can give to another person, and it demonstrates how deeply we value those around us. The athletes of Special Olympics Rhode Island epitomize this through the joy and happiness they openly share with all of us.

In 2025, we improved systems to better support athletes and volunteers through digital and online processes, celebrated the Torch Run Super Plunge surpassing \$1 million since its inception, and proudly launched our first-ever Beyond the Medal: Stories of Strength and Achievement podcast.

We have no plans of slowing down in 2026 as we prepare for even more exciting initiatives and investments in our athletes. Remember, the greatest gift you can give is your time. In doing so, you will change lives—including your own.

With gratitude,



Edwin R. Pacheco
President & CEO
Special Olympics Rhode Island

YOUR IMPACT

ATHLETES



3,807

UNIFIED PARTNERS



1,741

COMPETITIONS



2,631

COACHES



227

VOLUNTEERS



1,167

FINANCIALS

\$2,579,967
TOTAL REVENUE

\$2,447,617
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

\$2,209,132
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,594,321
PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$367,973

FUNDRAISING, EDUCATION &
AWARENESS EXPENSES

\$203,858
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

8,454+
DONATIONS

6,866+
DONORS

\$231.60
AVERAGE GIFT SIZE

OFFICIAL SPORTS

ALPINE SKIING
ATHLETICS
BASKETBALL
3X3 BASKETBALL
CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
CYCLING
FLOORBALL
GOLF
MATP
PICKLEBALL
POWERLIFTING
SNOWBOARDING
SNOWSHOEING
SOCCER
SWIM
TEN PIN BOWLING
TENNIS
UNIFIED BASKETBALL
UNIFIED BOCCE
UNIFIED CORNHOLE
UNIFIED CROQUET
UNIFIED CROSS COUNTRY
UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL
UNIFIED GOLF
UNIFIED SOCCER
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