

Special Olympics would not exist today - and could not have been created - without the time, energy, commitment and enthusiasm of the more than 500,000 Special Olympics volunteers. Special Olympics relies on volunteers at all levels of the movement to ensure that every athlete is offered a quality sports training and competition experience.

Our volunteer pool is dedicated and diverse. Volunteers include: civic and fraternal groups, high school and college students, amateur and professional athletes, corporate employees, sports officials, coaches, teachers, parents and retired persons.

Volunteers can get involved at the state/provincial, national or international level, or offer their services locally at a Special Olympics Program in their community. Some volunteers offer a few hours of their time a year at specific events, while others work several hours a week year-round.

Volunteering for Special Olympics can create lifelong friendships and rewards of immeasurable value. As a Special Olympics volunteer you will take pride in knowing that you are an important part of a global movement that provides athletes with mental retardation an opportunity to experience the excitement, joy and personal fulfillment associated with sport training and competition.

Volunteer with Special Olympics and make a difference in the lives of more than 1 million athletes, their families and your community.