



## What is Special Olympics?

Special Olympics helps people with intellectual disabilities develop self-confidence and social skills through sports training and competition throughout the year with 16 sports in Minnesota. Competitions are held at various levels: Local and Regional Competitions, State/Provincial Games, Special Olympics National Games held in both the US and World Games. Special Olympics, like Lions Clubs International is an international organization, currently offering opportunities in over 170 countries.

For decades, Special Olympics has optimized the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle through sports to improve the wellbeing of individuals with an intellectual disability. To this day, we continue to use this as the main focus.

The mission of Special Olympics Minnesota offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year round sports training and competition. Through Special Olympics athletic, health and leadership programs, people with intellectual disabilities transform themselves, their communities, and the world.

Special Olympics  
Lions Clubs International  
**Opening Eyes<sup>®</sup>**



Lions Clubs International Foundation has partnered with Special Olympics since 2001, their generous support has made it possible to expand Special Olympics' Opening Eyes initiative globally. The contribution not only maintains and improves all aspects of the initiative, but also helps provide volunteer support to the organization.

The mission of Special Olympics – Lions Clubs International **Opening Eyes<sup>®</sup>** is to improve the quality of life for the millions of individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities by optimizing their vision, eye health and visual skills through quality eye care.

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