Special Olympics Kansas

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

From the President & CEO

Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS) had a very good year in 2012. We truly appreciate our various constituent groups: athletes, coaches, volunteers, family members, donors, staff and the Board of Directors for sharing their time and talents. Their collective efforts have moved SOKS forward in the diversity and delivery of services provided, while focusing on providing a better quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities. SOKS is fortunate to have more than 34,000 individuals involved in various roles, and to all of those folks a sincere thank you.

Some of the highlights in 2012 include:

- Greater participation in training and competitions;
- Additional Young Athlete trainings;
- Increased athlete screenings by health care professionals in Healthy Athletes; and
- The Law Enforcement Torch Run exceeded $500,000 raised for the first time.

The list could go on and on. We have done many exciting things in 2012, but I believe we will see even more innovation moving forward.

SOKS has many driven and energetic individuals involved and it's only natural that good things will occur. Thank you for giving your time, energy and support.

Best regards,

Chris Hahn
President & CEO

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SPORTS CLINICS

* *University of Kansas* Men's Basketball Team hosted the annual Wilt Chamberlain Special Olympics Clinic for 100 athletes
* *Kansas State University* hosted 100 athletes for skills training and a baseball game
* *Bethel College* Men's Basketball Team hosted athletes
* *Southwestern College* Men's and Women's Golf Teams hosted 50 athletes for golf skills
* *Washburn University* Student Athlete Advisory Committee hosted a bowling event for 30 athletes
* *Kansas City Royals* hosted 80 athletes
* *Kansas City Chiefs* hosted 80 athletes

LETR EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

* Captain Todd Martens, McPherson Police Department inducted into LaMunyon Hall of Fame
* Raised $502,322 through events, torch runs, merchandise sales and donations
* More than 900 Law Enforcement Officers participated during the year
* The LETR Truck Convoy in Western Kansas ranked #3 in the nation in participants and funds raised
* Master Patrol Officer Shawn Farris , Leawood Police Department was awarded the John Carion Unsung Hero Award at the Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference

GLOBAL MESSENGERS

Six Special Olympics athletes completed the StrengthsExplorer program. The program provided training in presentation skills, speech-writing and public speaking. Athletes will represent SOKS at events, fundraisers and charity fairs. The six athletes earning their designation of Global Messenger are:

Allison Nichols – Topeka Jr. Blue
Josh Alters – Topeka Shawnee
Jennifer McCue – Douglas County Jayhawks
Becky Saathoff – Douglas County Jayhawks
David Hunter – JCPRD Rangers
Ashley Spriggs – New Hope Bulldogs

YOUTH ACTIVATION

Kansas High School STUCO leaders participated in youth activation activities during their annual summer workshop with 165 Special Olympics athletes. The groups participated together in bowling, soccer skills, basketball and flag football. Bekah Henderson, SOKS Global Messenger addressed the STUCO leaders. She talked about how bullying and derogatory words have affected her life.

Special Events

SOKS Sports & Fitness

Let me win ....

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- Flag Football was added as a new sport at the regional level
- Three softball teams (New Hope of Pittsburg Bulldogs, Wichita Air Capital Flyers and Wichita Independents) competed at the Special Olympics North America National Championships in Oklahoma City. This was the first time Kansas teams have participated in this event
- Aquatics state meet reached all-time high with 381 athletes

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

It was announced at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting that Special Olympics Kansas is one of six state programs selected to participate in Healthy Communities. With funding from the Golisano Foundation, the program aims to reduce the disparity in health care between SOKS athletes and other individuals with intellectual disabilities, and the non-disabled population, and provide increased access to community health resources. Healthy Communities will launch in six targeted cities in Kansas over the next three years. Components of the SOKS program include health and wellness events, fitness programs, provision of nutritional information to athletes and families, creation of a network of health care professionals to provide follow-up care, development of a group of health care volunteers, and educating caregivers about accessible health care.

HEALTHY ATHLETES

Statistics show that 63% of athletes are overweight or obese; 58% failed a hearing test or had blocked ear canals; 37% needed new prescription glasses; 11% were diagnosed with eye disease; and 76% had signs of gingivitis with 20% requiring urgent dental care. In 2012, 122 professional health care volunteers helped conduct 613 health screenings. Additionally, 214 athletes participated in Shape-Up activities. The screenings and activities totaled $113,040 in free services to athletes and participants. In the past nine years, SOKS has provided $920,990 of free screenings to athletes, funded in part by The Employees Community Fund of Boeing, Wichita and The Walmart Foundation.

YOUNG ATHLETES

In 2012, 212 youngsters between 3-7 years of age, participated in the Young Athletes Program. The program focuses on developing basic skills crucial to cognitive development, and encourages participation from siblings and parents. The Kansas State Council Knights of Columbus helps to fund this program

2012 Financial Highlights

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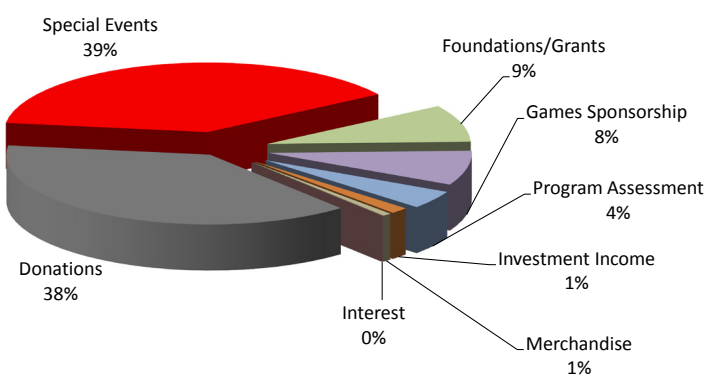
Audited Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year Ending December 31, 2012

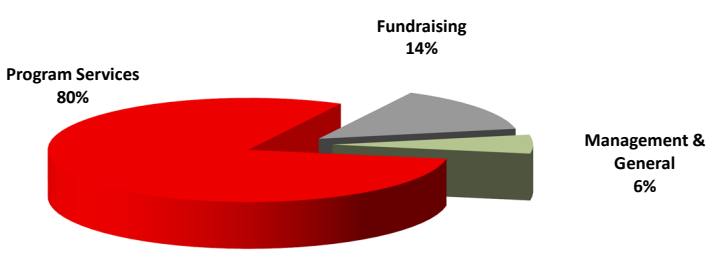
Revenues

Special Events	$ 961,839
Donations	$ 948,594
Foundations/Grants	$ 213,937
Games Sponsorship	$ 198,802
Program Assessment	$ 104,762
Investment Income	$ 35,834
Merchandise	$ 17,336
Interest	$ 715
Operating Revenue	$2,481,809
In-Kind	
Product	$ 188,886
Volunteers	$ 1,044,741
Total Revenues	**$3,715,437**



Expenses

Program Services	$1,895,605
Mgmt & General	$ 139,524
Fundraising	$ 339,367
Total Expenses	**$2,374,495**



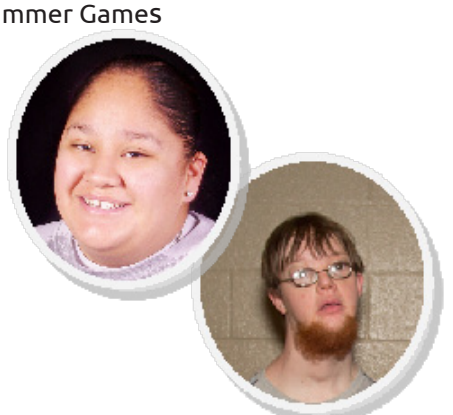
Making the Difference!

The Outstanding Service Awards honor those who have made a significant difference in the lives of athletes, programming, and our mission. SOKS is proud to recognize their accomplishments.

- Family of the Year – ***Family of Bekah Henderson***, Topeka Junior Blues
- Business of the Year – ***Emporia's Radio Stations,*** Emporia
- Coach of the Year – ***John Lair***, New Hope Bulldogs, Pittsburg
- Special Event Volunteer of the Year – ***Ruth Ann Bean***, Overland Park
- Program Volunteer of the Year – ***Aaron Thompson,*** New Hope Bulldogs, Pittsburg

MOST INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETES

Sarah Utech, McPherson Bullpups
Summer Games



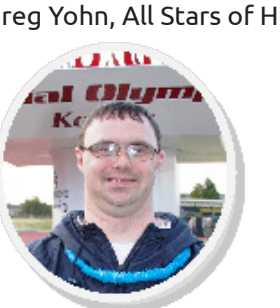
Matthew Weems, Topeka Jr. Blues,
State Basketball/Cheerleading

HALL OF FAME ATHLETES

Lester Wilson (posthumously), New Hope Bulldogs of Pittsburg

Jason Shirley, Wichita Independents

Greg Yohn, All Stars of Hutchinson



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