

Special Olympics
Charles County

Annual Report 2005

Special Olympics Charles County offers year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to children (eight years and older) and adults with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation). We currently offer training in Aquatics, Athletics (track and field), Basketball, Bowling, Bocce, Equestrian, Golf, Softball, Skiing (downhill, cross country, and snowshoeing), Soccer, and Volleyball.

Many of our team sports are also involved in the Unified Sports® program. Unified Sports teams are composed of an equal number of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. Team members should be of similar age and ability levels.

Athletes train for a minimum of eight weeks and must compete in at least two qualifiers before moving onto the culminating state competition. We had athletes/ teams participate at Special Olympic Maryland competitions in all the sports we offer.

National Competitions

Charles County sent a four-man team to the 2005 National Unified Sports Bowling Tournament and a two man team to the 2005 National Golf Tournament.

Athlete Congress

Athlete Congress is a program in which athlete representatives meet and decide on ways to make Special Olympics Maryland a better program. Although the Congress cannot change the sports rules for the sports, they can decide to change other competition related issues. Athletes discuss the issues and vote, similar to U.S. Congress. Their decisions are then forwarded to the Special Olympics Board of Directors for final approval. Each county is allowed two representatives who serve for a two-year term. Our delegates are Shana Sharar and Christine Hoehl.

Area/County Management Team (Volunteer Charles County Board of Directors)

The Area/County Management Team consists of the following positions:

★ Area/County Director	Marilyn Borrell
★ Assistant Director	George Hoehl
★ Sports/Training Coordinator	Billy Nairn
★ Finance Coordinator	George Hoehl
★ Fundraising Coordinator	Marilyn Borrell
★ Competition Coordinator	Billy Nairn
★ Volunteer Coordinator	Dianne Roberts
★ Family Coordinator	Marilyn Borrell
★ Public Relations Coordinator	Tina Kozloski
★ Group Home Outreach Coordinator	Terry Harper
★ School Outreach Coordinator	Marilyn Borrell
★ Administration Coordinator	Pat Sharar
★ Medical Coordinator	Pat Sharar
★ Special Olympics Athlete Representatives:	Terry Harper, Jr., Randy Harper
★ Athlete Congress Delegates:	Shana Sharar, Christine Hoehl,