

2016/17
ANNUAL REPORT



**Special
Olympics**
Manitoba







MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Looking back at my first 9 months in this role, filling the big shoes of the now happily retired Simon Munday in October 2016, I truly can't believe how fast it has gone by. To those that know me, I do typically say that every September, but this is different; it has been a year of change and transition, all the while executing our busy Special Olympics schedule of sport programs, competitions, marketing and fundraising events. I am proud of what our team has accomplished and excited about what lies ahead.

As I write this, more athletes are training and competing in sport programs across our province than a year ago; more coaches and volunteers are trained to support them in achieving their goals; Healthy Athletes Screenings were available to more athletes throughout the year; and more schools are participating in our In the Schools program; we are getting more people with intellectual disabilities off the sidelines and onto the playing field, but we can still do more.

With the support of the federal government we have developed programs and expanded into under-serviced areas of Manitoba. Our many fundraising and marketing efforts, and the support of Sport Manitoba have ensured our athletes have continued access to quality year-round opportunities of their choosing. The partnerships we have with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Motionball are strong and the future holds many possibilities.

As such, Special Olympics Manitoba is financially sound, but we cannot be complacent and will investigate ways to generate new funds in new ways moving forward.

Before wrapping up this message, I believe it's important to mention a couple of highlights of the year. First of all, the Provincial Summer Games in Brandon; our first ever multi-day games. Hundreds of athletes and coaches from all our Regions, as well as a small team from Saskatchewan, demonstrated the true meaning of sport and competition... celebrate your successes, learn from your loses and support one another...they did this in front of the many families and fans from the community cheering them on. The City of Brandon and the Westman Region were tremendous hosts and the legacy of new volunteers and the potential for new programming in the area is exciting.

And then there's Austria, and the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Team Canada was there and ten athletes and coaches from Manitoba were a part of it. Representing our province and country in the sports of snowshoeing, alpine skiing and floor hockey. These Games brought the world together and demonstrated how the transformative power and joy of sport has no borders; what a great opportunity.

In closing, I want to acknowledge, that not only was I in a new role, other staff took on new responsibilities, new staff were hired and the rest had to manage all that; as did our athletes, coaches and volunteers, families and supporters, sponsors and partners. To everyone...a sincere thank you and here's to continuing to learn, challenge and push ourselves to enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual disability through sport.

Jennifer Campbell



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OUR MISSION

Special Olympics Manitoba is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability (ID) through sport.



WINTER WAVES SWIM MEET – Pan Am Pool
November 19, 2016 – 93 ATHLETES
(Canada Games qualifier)

IncrediBOWL 2016 – Thunderbird Bowl
November 26, 2016 – 48 ATHLETES

**SWAN VALLEY FLOOR HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT**

January 13 & 14, 2017 – 64 ATHLETES
*First floor hockey tournament held over the course
of two days.*

WestURN CURLING BONSPIEL – Brandon, MB
March 11, 2017 – 45 ATHLETES

MISSION IMBOCCEBALL 2017 – Winkler, MB
Bocce Tournament
June 3, 2017 – 38 ATHLETES
(Provincial Games Qualifier)

2016-2017 BY NUMBERS

TOTAL ATHLETES **1766**

IN THE SCHOOLS ATHLETES: **446**

Total Coaching Volunteers: **551**

Total Non-Coaching Volunteers: **1210**



CENTRAL REGION

175 Athletes

50 Coaches

11 Regular Programs

1 ITS Program

EASTMAN REGION

133 Athletes

26 Coaches

7 Regular Programs

4 ITS Programs

INTERLAKE REGION

100 Athletes

35 Coaches

6 Regular Programs

1 ITS Program

NORMAN REGION

40 Athletes

15 Coaches

7 Regular Programs

PARKLAND REGION

54 Athletes

23 Coaches

10 Regular Programs

WESTMAN REGION

214 Athletes

70 Coaches

19 Regular Programs

WINNIPEG REGION

1050 Athletes

332 Coaches

50 Regular Programs

46 ITS Programs

Special Olympics is more than an event – Special Olympics Manitoba delivers year-round, world-class, sport programs to people with intellectual disabilities daily in communities across Canada.



WHEN YOU THINK OF MANITOBA, images of mountains and snow-capped peaks don't immediately enter your mind. So it was a surprise to some to see Manitoba represented in the sport of Alpine Ski on Team Canada this past March at the 2017 Special Olympics Canada World Winter Games in Austria.

With a lot of training and pushing past limits, Alpine Ski athlete Michael Milani, and his coach Ron Struch, proved that Manitoba was here to play. Both were selected to Team Canada after an impressive showing at the 2016 National Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Michael brought home a silver and a bronze medal, proving that hard work and talent can overcome even the tallest

mountain (or lack thereof). In all, Ron helped coach Team Canada athletes to a total of 25 medals in Alpine Ski – impressive to say the least.

As a coach for the past 14 years, he says it's not all about the wins and the medals. What keeps him going is so much more. "To me, Special Olympics means that the athletes have proven that there is no limit to what they can achieve. It is also about seeing these athletes develop as people. They learn about themselves and their capabilities. It thrills me to see athletes develop self-esteem and make new friends," said Ron.

Special Olympics, at its base, is about the power of sport and the opportunity that it provides. However, it's more than just competing. It's the opportunity for athletes to do more, see more, and be more than they may have ever thought possible. To travel, to make friends, to build self-esteem, and to feel like they truly belong.

When asked what his favorite part of being on Team Canada was, Michael responded, "The whole experience was great. The flying on an airliner jet across the North Atlantic Ocean. Seeing the buildings in different towns. Seeing the ski hill in the Alps. It was awesome!" It was more than just being able to compete on the world stage. It was being able to experience flying across the ocean for the first time and experiencing a culture different from our own.

This is what Special Olympics provides. From the hills of Manitoba, to the mountains of Austria, it brings together athletes from all over the world with one goal in mind: providing an opportunity for these athletes to achieve their dreams.

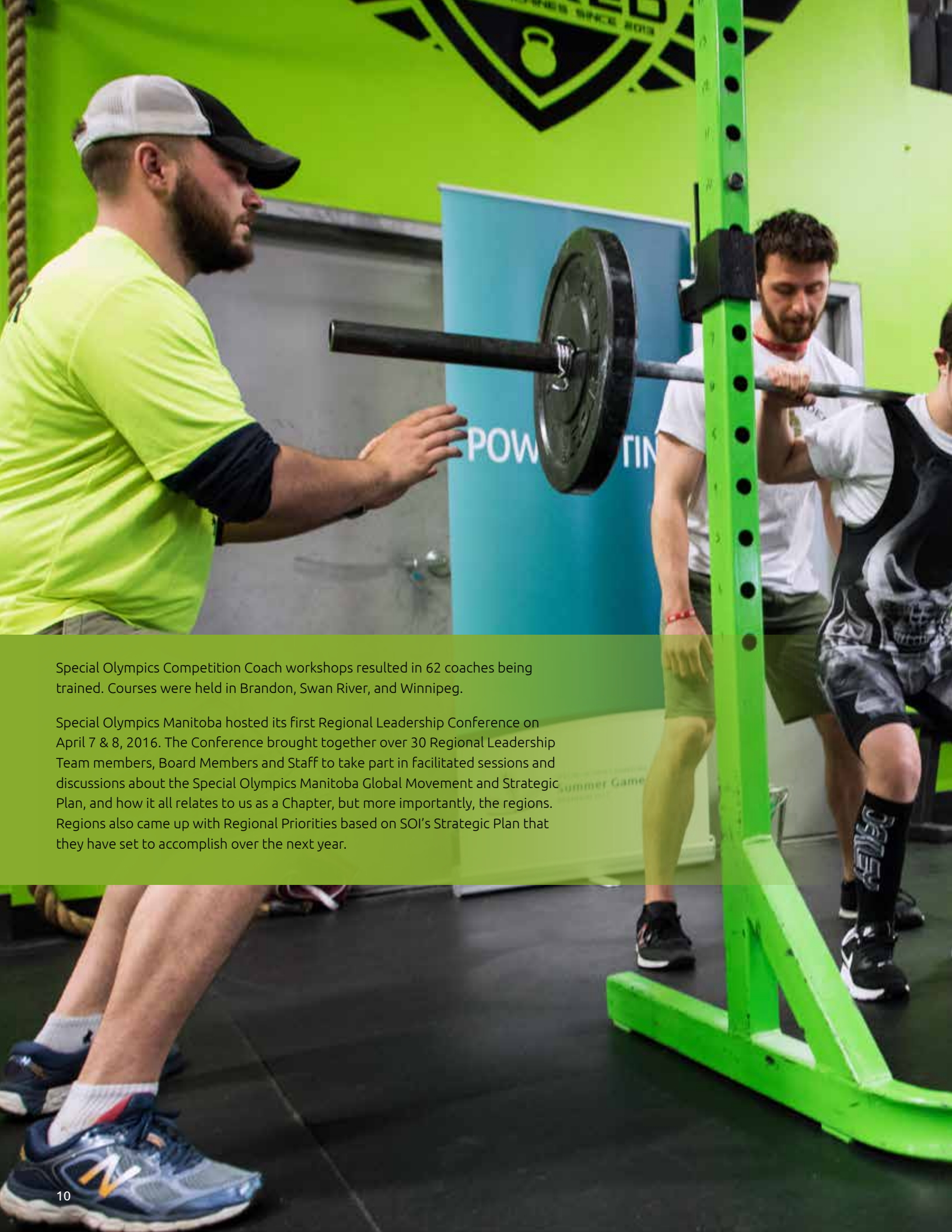




Special Olympics Manitoba programs cater to all ages and a wide range of abilities.

We have programs for children (2 yrs+), youth, and adults.

We provide an introduction to sport and physical activity, programs that offer daily training and local competition, and the opportunity to participate in high-performance competition.



Special Olympics Competition Coach workshops resulted in 62 coaches being trained. Courses were held in Brandon, Swan River, and Winnipeg.

Special Olympics Manitoba hosted its first Regional Leadership Conference on April 7 & 8, 2016. The Conference brought together over 30 Regional Leadership Team members, Board Members and Staff to take part in facilitated sessions and discussions about the Special Olympics Manitoba Global Movement and Strategic Plan, and how it all relates to us as a Chapter, but more importantly, the regions. Regions also came up with Regional Priorities based on SOI's Strategic Plan that they have set to accomplish over the next year.



Special Olympics programs are delivered by trained coaches and dedicated volunteers.



Special Olympics uses the transformative power and joy of sport to reveal the full potential of athletes with intellectual disabilities.

PROVINCIAL GAMES

Brandon, MB – 310 athletes, 150 coaches & chaperones, 9 sports, 192 volunteers

Winnipeg, MB (Athletics) – 50 athletes, 19 coaches, 1 sport, 58 volunteers





IN THE SCHOOLS

K-8 Basketball: 117 athletes from 18 schools

9-12 Basketball: 142 athletes from 15 schools

Bocce: 139 Athletes from 13 Schools

SOM's first Unified Event

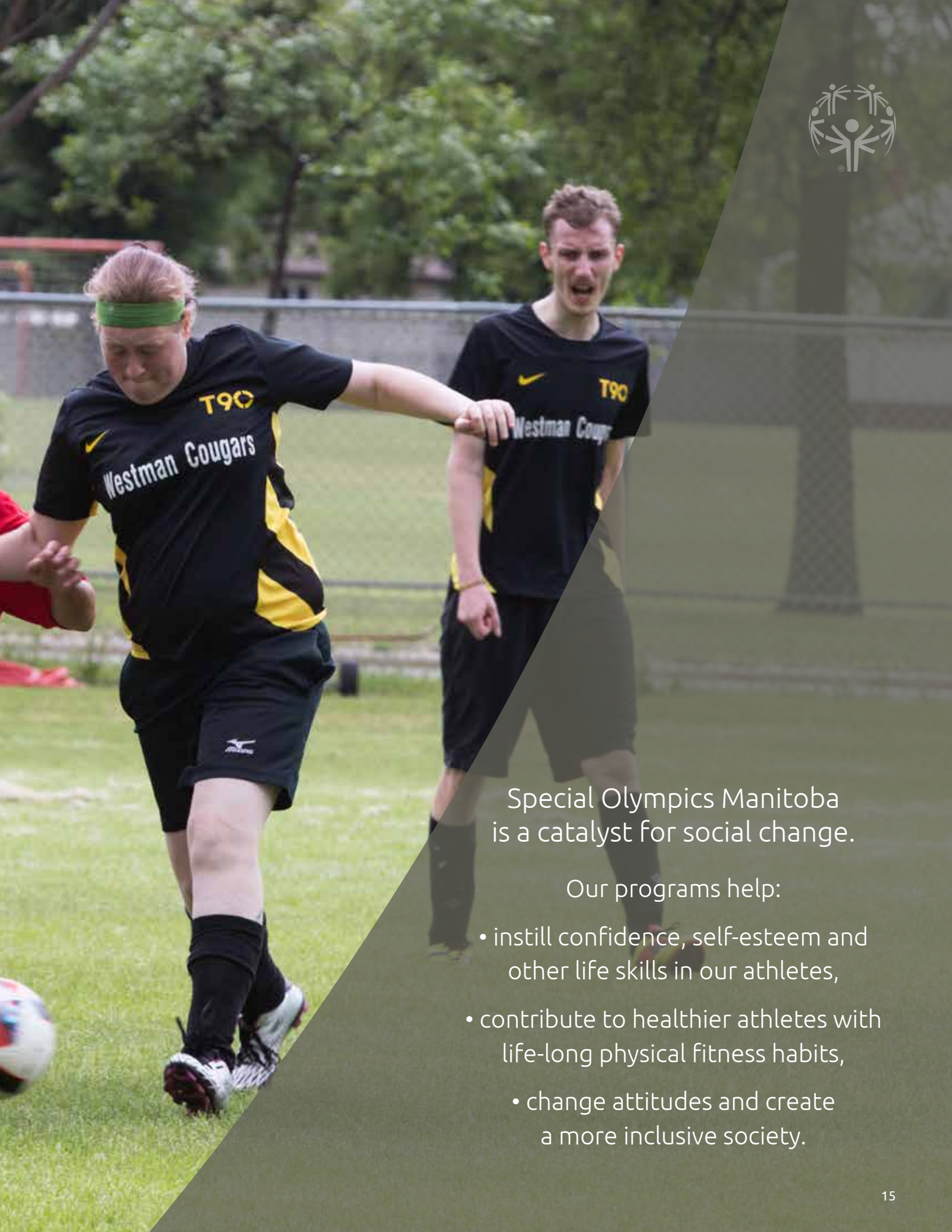
2 teams (1 regular and 1 unified) qualified to attend the 2017 Special Olympics Ontario Provincial School Championships

K-8 Track: 132 participants from 26 schools

9-12 Track: 130 participants from 16 schools

K-8 Soccer: 62 athletes from 10 schools

9-12 Soccer: 117 athletes from 12 schools



Special Olympics Manitoba is a catalyst for social change.

Our programs help:

- instill confidence, self-esteem and other life skills in our athletes,
- contribute to healthier athletes with life-long physical fitness habits,
- change attitudes and create a more inclusive society.



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Special Olympics is the largest global health organization dedicated to serving people with an intellectual disability. The Healthy Athletes Program delivers education and health screening services to athletes with ID regarding healthy lifestyle choices.





THE SO FIT PROGRAM is designed as a complimentary program to help our athletes prepare for their sport season, and also stay in shape during their off-season. Athletes will train in Flexibility, Power, Strength, Balance, Agility and Core. It is the intent of SO FIT that the athletes will be healthier as a result of their participation, as well as gain the knowledge and confidence to incorporate these exercises into their daily lives. 2016/17 -25 athletes completed the program in Winnipeg, Eastman and Westman Regions.

Athletes, coaches, volunteers and caregivers will learn how to incorporate better food into their lifestyle through Nutrition Sessions. They will be educated on portion sizes, importance of drinking water, quick easy recipes and food myths through fun and interactive lessons led by Sobeys employees from the corporate offices. This past year Winnipeg hosted 4 SOCHEF session where Sobeys employees assisted with cooking/nutrition sessions for athletes.

WINNIPEG WINE FESTIVAL

The 16th annual Winnipeg Wine Festival was pleased to host Wines of Canada as the Theme Country. The Festival ran from April 30 – May 6, 2017. Wines of Canada featuring Wines of British Columbia and VQA Wines of Ontario section at the Public Tastings featured 135 wines from 36 wineries. During the course of the week over 10,000 people visited WineDown Events, the Gala Dinner and three sessions of Public Tasting! The festival has grown to be one of the largest and most respected wine festivals in the country.



STARS 'FORE' SPECIAL O!

On August 24, 2017, 144 golfers, 12 Special Olympics athletes along with sports stars and local celebrities took to the fairways and greens in support of Special Olympics Manitoba. Special Olympics Manitoba is happy to have the Winnipeg Police Association as presenting sponsors for the fourth year.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MANITOBA AWARENESS WEEK

A week long celebration in honour of the passing of Bill 209 proclaiming the second week of June – Special Olympics Manitoba Awareness Week. There were commemorative Law Enforcement Torch Runs in Winnipeg, Eastman and Morden along with a ceremonial flag raising at City Hall.



CWS GOLF TOURNAMENT

– July 18, 2016

\$29,200 raised; 144 golfers

MOTIONBALL

– September 18, 2016

\$100,000 raised; over 40 teams participated

WOLSELEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

– June 14, 2017

Over \$45,000 raised; 148 golfers



On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, Special Olympics athletes, coaches and parents and staff from all 12 provincial and territorial chapters were in Ottawa. They met with Members of Parliament and Senators to provide an overview of our national and local activities, share recent accomplishments, and requested Government support in delivering our mission to enrich the lives of Canadians with an intellectual disability through active participation in sport.

Jennifer Campbell, President and CEO, Kim Morphy, VP Marketing and Development, Darren Hemeryck, VP Sport and Program along with Philip Bialk, SOM bocce athlete and Joe Grande, bocce coach, successfully met with several MP's and Ministers.



Special Olympics is a charitable organization that relies on public, corporate, and government support to deliver low-to-no cost athletic programs in communities across Canada.

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