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COVID-19 IMPACT

While COVID-19 continued to hinder large gatherings in 2021, we were able to maintain our numerous virtual connections while slowly and safely opening up opportunities for teams to gather in-person. We saw the gamut of emotions from our athletes, coaches, volunteers and youth leaders as we prepared for another year of uncertainty; however, even an unrelenting pandemic couldn't stop our champions from advocating for a more inclusive future.

Embracing differences in all individuals, regardless of their abilities, creates strong, more unified and accepting communities for everyone. This year, Minneapolis Public Schools served as a significant leader in our school-based initiatives as they became the first to implement district-wide Unified programming in the state of Minnesota. They will continue to forge ahead in 2022, growing the program and serving as a model for school and community inclusion through the Unified Champion Schools program.

We cannot do the work of inclusion alone; it takes hundreds of coaches, Unified partners, event volunteers and students to drive this change and create communities that welcome individuals of all abilities. In 2021 we were thrilled to re-connect with more volunteers, re-engage with our athletes, activate more student leaders, and offer more competitions and health screenings to further build communities of acceptance and inclusion.



5,935ATHLETES

2,495RETURN TO PLAY

PARTICIPANTS

4,340

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOL VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

6,748
SO TOGETHER EXPERIENCES

17,510
VOLUNTEER HOURS







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UNIFIED SCHOOLS

Special Olympics Minnesota's Unified Schools program is an education and sports based strategy powered by an engaged youth community. The program aims to increase athletic and leadership opportunities for students with and without intellectual disabilities, while creating inclusive school communities.





\$6,200,000+

2021 REVENUE



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