



Dave Dorn



After 19 years of dedicated service, Dave Dorn is retiring as President & CEO of Special Olympics Minnesota. Under Dave's leadership, Special Olympics Minnesota has grown into a trailblazing organization within the global movement, consistently delivering innovative programming. His time at the helm has been marked by exceptional growth, increased visibility and the expansion of inclusive opportunities for athletes across the state. Dave's leadership was instrumental in securing the bid to host the 2026 USA Games—a monumental achievement that will leave a lasting legacy for the state and organization.

A native of the Twin Cities, Dave returned to Minnesota after attending Gonzaga University in Washington state. With a background in electrical engineering and an MBA, Dave built a diverse career that spanned telecommunications, consumer electronics and financial services before bringing his wealth of experience to Special Olympics Minnesota.

Dave's time as Special Olympics Minnesota's CEO was not without its challenges, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, which temporarily halted all Special Olympics Minnesota events and fundraisers. Through resilience and innovation, Special Olympics Minnesota emerged stronger, a reflection of Dave's commitment to the mission.

Throughout his tenure, Dave has remained focused on the heart of the organization—its people. He credits the incredible athletes, their families, staff, volunteers and community partners for the organization's success. "The best part of this job has always been the people," Dave shares. "I always want to be where our athletes are. They are who inspires me most."

While stepping down from his role, Dave plans to remain active in the movement as a volunteer and consultant for the 2026 USA Games. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Katie, their seven children, and four grandsons, while continuing to support Special Olympics Minnesota in new ways.

Special Olympics Minnesota and its board of directors are incredibly grateful for Dave's vision, dedication and commitment to Special Olympics Minnesota. His influence and impact will be felt for generations to come.