Let me win.

But if I cannot win,

let me be brave in the attempt.
Dear Friends,

Looking back to the beginning of 2015, SOKS had just ended the previous year by redefining the priorities for the organization. Going forward, programs to be offered fit into one of three categories: 1) Empower Individuals with Intellectual disabilities; 2) Engage Communities; and 3) Educate Constituents. Today, a full year-after focusing on the priorities, we can say we are a more effective and efficient organization and have increased the quality of the programs.

2015 was the year to create the new Strategic Plan to be implemented in 2016 to carry SOKS through 2020. The new Plan will focus on three goals:

1) Empower athletes to perform at the best by improving quality and access to our programs.
   A. Enhance athlete performance levels by improving the quality of sports programming.
   B. Increase inclusion and broaden access through Unified Sports, Young Athletes and expansion in schools and new areas.
   C. Grow our health program to support athlete participation in sport and society.

2) Change Attitudes Towards People with ID.
   A. Improve external awareness through PR, celebrities and government engagement.
   B. Connect everyone in the Movement so we can harness our power and speak with a collective voice.
   C. Maximize external impact of Games and competitions to showcase athletes' abilities.

3) To Build Capacity, by improving resources and leadership.

As SOKS moves forward to implementing the new Strategic Plan, our Mission is as relevant today as it was almost 50 years ago when Special Olympics was founded. As Nelson Mandela said, “Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does… Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair… It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination.” Sport is still the primary method SOKS utilizes to achieve change, supported by work in health which has become critical to our mission. At the core, Special Olympics Kansas is a sports organization that uses the power of sport as a catalyst for social change. By drawing attention to the gifts of people with Intellectual Disabilities (ID), we break down misperceptions and tackle negative attitudes.

While SOKS has made a tremendous impact, there is clearly much more to do. Ours is an urgent mission, and we must continue to provide opportunities that enable everyone to embrace people with ID as full members of society. When we do that, we show the world that there are millions of different abilities, not disabilities. In the words of a Unified sports partner: “What do you mean? What differences? We are all human -- this is what matters.”

Together, we will achieve!

Chris Hahn
President/CEO
Cody and Kristi

Special Olympics Kansas athletes, families, coaches, staff and law enforcement officers were all a part of a unique and historic event as the Flame of Hope crossed the United States en route from Athens, Greece to the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, CA.

In a hand-to-hand exchange torchbearers ran, walked and biked through Topeka, Wichita, and Kansas City to Dodge City and from there handed off to Special Olympics Colorado. Special guests carrying the torch included sponsors and four SOKS athletes attending the World Games in Los Angeles.

Michael Bottom, Casey Hostetler and Chevi Peters.

In July, 2015, Los Angeles was the stage for 6,500 Special Olympics athletes from 165 nations to compete in 25 Olympic-type sports. Three Kansas athletes competed. Michael won two Silver medals in tennis, Casey won a Silver and a Bronze in tennis, and Chevi Peters won three Gold and a Silver in powerlifting. Chevi was also honored as a featured athlete on ESPN.

Athlete Cody Pierce, Pittsburg, was one of only 10 athletes world-wide selected to run in the Final Leg along with Detective Kristi Powell of Topeka Police Dept.
The impact the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run has on Special Olympics Kansas is pretty amazing.

* In 2015, officers helped raise $540,090.41 through various fundraisers, sponsorships and plunges across Kansas!

* 1,297 LETR members participated in events, including Polar Plunge, Tip-a-Cops, Torch Runs, medal presentations, etc.

* The Torch Run covered 1,563 miles in Kansas, by running, biking, horseback riding, and roller skating carrying the Flame of Hope through local communities en route the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Games! This event promotes awareness of SOKS athletes and programs in local communities.

* Kansas Officers presented 23,316 medals and ribbons to SOKS athletes at regional and state competitions, enduring the heat, the cold, the rain, & the sun to present awards and give high fives!

* Sgt. Chris Moore, Pittsburg Police Department was inducted into the Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame for his contributions to the KS LETR.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Family of the Year 2015
Family of Jason Shirkey
Wichita Independents

Coach of the Year 2015
Ron Just
Dodge City Dodgers

Business of the Year
2015
Stanion

Special Event Volunteer Of the Year 2015
Jennifer Hughes

Program Volunteer of the Year 2015
Tracy Ortiz
Banner Springs

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Roy Baxter
Dodge City Dodgers

Chuck Crawford
Midwest Wildfires

John “J.J.” Fleenor
Topeka Shawnee

MOST INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETES

Michael Bottom
Hutchison Reno County Hawks
State Basketball

Dustin Gunter, Royal Valley Panthers,
with Cpl. Adam Taylor,
Prairie Village PD,
lighting the Flame of Hope at Summer Games
2015 Special Olympics Kansas Reach Report

ATHLETES SERVED 5,165

ATHLETE CHANGE IN THOUSANDS

COMPETITIONS 124

COACHES 2,294

VOLUNTEERS 16,575

UNIFIED SPORTS

HEALTHY ATHLETES

GLOBAL MESSENGERS

ATHLETES

DISCIPLINES

TRAINED ATHLETE SPEAKERS

158

5

18

PARTNERS

SCREENINGS

SUPPORT

LOCAL PROGRAMS

$6,846,793

107

ATHLETE CHANGE IN THOUSANDS

ATHLETE GENDER

ATHLETE AGE

ATHLETES BY REGION

SUPPORT

CASH $2,402,481

IN-KIND $4,444,312

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## REVENUES

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## TOTAL REVENUES

**$6,818,273**

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## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

**$-1,639**

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**Stanion Wholesale Electric Company**

**Breaks the $1 million Mark!**

Stanion Wholesale Electric Co. completed its 13th Charity Golf Classic to benefit Special Olympics Kansas (SOKS). Stanion, its valued employees, customers and vendors came together raising an impressive $100,000 in 2015. This brings the grand total of proceeds donated from the past 13 tournaments to $1,016,034.00. Stanion Wholesale has been a significant partner and SOKS has enjoyed their philanthropic philosophy and their commitment to Special Olympics Kansas.
Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete... and more... through acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs, and leadership development.

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