Dear Friends of Special Olympics Kansas,

2014 was a very exciting and productive year for the organization. As you read this report, I think you will be proud of the efforts by the Board, staff, volunteers, coaches, athletes and family members in providing quality programs. Yes, the needs of the athletes are constantly changing and it is imperative that SOKS keep abreast of these needs in the services and programs we provide.

As we close in on the final year of the current Strategic Plan and ensure the plan has been met to the best of our ability, we also began the initial planning for the new Strategic Plan. The process began with a number of discussions, which highlighted a strong feeling that SOKS was providing too many programs and we needed to do a better job of focusing our efforts. To this end, three buckets were created into which each provided service would fit. We discovered some duplication of services and some services outside our ability to provide for adequately. The finished product has helped SOKS do a better job of focusing going forward and will aid in further developing the new Plan.

Throughout the report, you will see stories from athletes and volunteers. Special Olympics Kansas is very fortunate to work with so many wonderful and supportive individuals whom we are proud to call our family. We thank you for your continued support and passion. There is no doubt about the secret of our success: it is the passion, dedication and drive of everyone involved in the organization.

Thank you,

Chris Hahn
President and CEO
Special Olympics Kansas
WWE Superstars and Divas joined Special Olympics Kansas in the Be a STAR anti-bullying rally at Washington High School in Kansas City, KS. The rally focused on the dangers of cyber bullying, bystanders and how Unified Sports and Project Unify can bring students together based on common skills and interests.

The USA Games were held in Trenton, New Jersey. Attending from Kansas were 21 athletes and 7 coaches. The athletes competed in bowling, aquatics, track & field and powerlifting. Collectively, they brought home 12 gold, 15 silver and 3 bronze medals and 19 ribbons.

SOKS participated in their first Major League Soccer exchange. A SOKS all-star team and Special Olympics New Jersey team played after the Sporting KC v New York Red Bulls game on September 6, in New Jersey.

Celebrated the 30 year Partnership with the University of Kansas Men’s Basketball Program. A thank you plaque was given to the three KU coaches involved since the inception of the program. Over 3,000 athletes have participated in the clinics.
KANSAS Unified Basketball League

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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YOUTH SUMMIT - USA GAMES, NEW JERSEY

Representing Kansas at the USA Games Youth Summit were Kaitlyn Moore, Matt Nesselrode and Staff member Clint Armistead. The summit focused on how sports can be a platform for a social justice movement and how to create an effective campaign for change in their schools and communities. Numerous activities were designed for the attendees to enhance their knowledge and gain skills to activate their peers. Nesselrode represented Special Olympics Kansas athletes and Moore represented Kansas Youth.

LETR EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

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Health & Wellness

Ten Health and Wellness Opportunities were offered to athletes including 4 Healthy Athlete screenings. Over 750 athletes were screened in one or more disciplines with 776 receiving health education. One hundred and sixty-five health professionals volunteered their time to provide $141,676.00 of free health services. Nutrition programs, introduced this year, were attended by 270 athletes.

Over 150 athletes, partners and coaches participated in the first Unified Basketball tournament as part of the Kansas Unified Sports League. Basketball is the second sport added to the inclusive, school-based program that combines volunteer non-disabled partners with Special Olympics athletes to practice and compete in team sports.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Jennifer Bish
Wichita Independents

Jill Brenneman
Olathe Trailblazers

Linda Hetzel
Wichita Independents

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

SUMMER GAMES
MOST INSPIRATIONAL
ATHLETE

Shawn Bengston
Topeka Jr. Blues

VOTED ONE OF TOPEKA’S
20 UNDER 40
Alison Nichols, Topeka Jr. Blues
Special Olympics North America named John Lair, New Hope Bulldogs of Pittsburg, the 2014 Coach of the Year. This is the highest award to be bestowed on a Coach from over 120,000 coaches throughout Canada, the U.S. and Caribbean in the SONA footprint. Coach Lair began coaching over 21 years ago. He started the Pittsburg team in 2001 believing that everyone has potential and can achieve. He has also started nutritional and weight loss programs for his athletes. Chris Hahn, President & CEO of SOKS stated “to receive this recognition, validates John’s exemplary service to Special Olympics athletes and the program.”

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS
AUDITED STATEMENT of REVENUES and EXPENSES
Year Ending December, 31 2014

REVENUES

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TOTAL REVENUES  $6,846,793

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