

## **Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

### **September 30**

Every year on September 30, Special Olympics Saskatchewan joins people across Canada in recognizing Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honors Residential School Survivors, remembers the children who never returned home, and recognizes the lasting impacts of the residential school system on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis families and communities. Orange Shirt Day, inspired by the story of Residential School Survivor Phyllis Webstad, reminds us that Every Child Matters. It is a day to listen, learn, reflect, and take meaningful action toward reconciliation.

At Special Olympics Saskatchewan, we believe inclusion extends beyond the playing field. We are committed to building respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples, learning from Indigenous voices, and creating welcoming, culturally safe environments where every athlete, volunteer, coach, and family member belongs. Through education, partnerships, and ongoing reflection, we strive to walk the path of truth and reconciliation together.

### **How You Can Participate**

- Wear orange on September 30.
- Take time to learn about the history and legacy of Residential Schools.
- Listen to the stories of Survivors.
- Attend a local community event.
- Reflect on how each of us can contribute to reconciliation through our words and actions.
- Continue learning throughout the year—not just on September 30.