



Be a Champion

# Gift Catalogue

Reveal a Champion

**Special Olympics**  
British Columbia



Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. We are helping to make the world a better, healthier, and more joyful place – one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time.

## Be a Champion

Every dollar of your generous gift will stay in your community to support local programs.

Special Olympics reveals the champion in all of us. When you purchase a gift, you will empower athletes in your community to reach their full potential.

Be a champion – purchase a gift and reveal a champion today.

Please fill out the enclosed form or call us toll-free at 1-888-854-2276.

## Reveal a Champion



**\$25**

## **Sponsor an Athlete**

Give the ultimate gift of self-esteem and joy for an individual with an intellectual disability. For only \$25, you can open the door to a world of opportunity and belonging by giving an athlete one month of sport training. Give monthly and support an athlete the whole year through.



## **Give the Gift of Proper and Safe Equipment**

Whether to start a new program, grow an existing one, or replace well-used gear, equipment is always in high demand! By donating \$100 toward equipment you can contribute to the life-changing opportunities Special Olympics BC offers in your community.

**\$100**



  
**\$50**

## Provide a Memory that will Last a Lifetime

You can't imagine the excitement when Special Olympics athletes are presented with ribbons and awards signifying their accomplishments. For \$50 you can contribute to giving well-deserved recognition to athletes in your community. While the ceremony is over in a moment, the memory of an outstanding achievement lasts forever.



“I used to watch on the sidelines, but now I’m part of the team.”  
*SOBC – Kelowna Athlete*



**\$100**

## **Join the Club! Support Overall Health and Fitness**

Intended for participants ages 14 and up, Club Fit provides SOBC athletes an opportunity to improve overall health and fitness throughout the year with a quality program that supplements their participation in traditional sport programs.

Your \$100 gift will go toward acquiring the facilities, equipment, professionals, and resources needed to help Special Olympics athletes be healthy and active in all areas of their lives.





## Adopt a Team

It's time to put all that hard work to the test! Your gift will allow SOBC athletes and volunteers to travel to and compete in first-class competitions throughout the province where they will showcase their skills, experience the joy of competition, meet new friends and celebrate their extraordinary achievements. While the excitement of competing is immediate, the athlete's feeling of belonging lasts a lifetime.

**\$1,500**



**“Before I joined Special Olympics,  
I didn't know there were other people like me.”**  
*SOBC – Campbell River Athlete*



**\$750**

## **Support a Local Competition**

Competition is an essential part of the Special Olympics model of empowering athletes with an intellectual disability to enrich their lives through sport. The skills, improved health, and sense of achievement athletes gain from attending competitions have a positive impact that lasts long after the games are over.



**\$1,000**

## **Start a New Sport in Your Community**

Special Olympics BC offers opportunities to train and compete in 18 sports through year-round programs and local, provincial, national, and international competitions. However, not every sport is offered in every community. Many communities have athletes interested in playing a particular sport, but simply don't have the funds to get it off the ground. Give the gift of sport and open another door for athletes with an intellectual disability.



“A rewarding life is filled with challenge.  
So do not pity me, give me a chance.”  
*Special Olympics Athlete*

## Fund a Facility

What would a swimmer be without her pool? Or a bowler without his lanes? With each of our local SOBC athletes committed to training hard under the guidance of volunteer coaches, we need your support to ensure that we have the facilities available to support these programs. Your donation will fund the year-round facility rental costs for the sport with the most need in your community.

**\$1,500**



“Special Olympics BC’s Active Start program fills a void in our son’s life. He loves playing with the equipment, and it is gratifying to see the confidence he is gaining both physically and mentally as he achieves goals and does things he couldn’t do before.”  
*Active Start Parent*



**\$200**

## Support a Youth Program: Active Start

Active Start is a family-centred activity program designed for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of two and six. Through the Active Start program, children learn basic motor skills such as walking, running, jumping and throwing in a fun and safe environment.

Children who get involved with Active Start can’t stop smiling, and their parents and caregivers have a great time playing along and watching their kids blossom and develop essential skills. Your gift will help to provide facilities, equipment kits and trained coaches.

**\$200**

## **Support a Youth Program: FUNdamentals**

The FUNdamentals program is a continuation of the Active Start program for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of seven and 11, with the skills transitioning from basic movement skills to basic sport skills. This family-centred program provides children with a more in-depth introduction to sport-related motor skills along with training and competition, while maintaining an atmosphere of fun and meaningful interaction.

This program introduces a number of sports and provides children with the opportunity to learn and practice the skills necessary to later move into community or traditional Special Olympics programs. Your gift will help to provide facilities, equipment kits, and trained coaches.





“The athletes give me hope to tackle my own daily challenges; they give me courage to be myself; they give me something to look forward to every week. I often wonder if I am getting more out of our interactions than they do!”  
*SOBC – Vernon Coach*



**\$500**

## **Adopt a Coach and Impact Your Community**

Some of Special Olympics' most valued volunteers are called coaches, but in reality they are also counselors, friends, cheerleaders, and mentors. They provide vital support and care for the unique needs of their athletes, and are necessary lifelines at regional, provincial, and national competitions. Your gift will help cover the cost of sending a coach to competitions for the year, and is multiplied many times over when athletes have the confidence and comfort that comes from knowing that their coach is by their side at such important moments in their lives.



**\$150**

## Inspire Greatness: Train a Coach

The strength of Special Olympics programs is forged by the unrelenting commitment of our volunteer coaches. Coaching individuals with an intellectual disability comes with unique challenges and rewards, and thus special training is essential. Your donation will help cover the costs of training programs, ensuring that Special Olympics athletes have the best sport experiences possible.

## Be an Honorary Coach

Not able to come out and coach every week? We'll make it easy for you – be an Honorary Coach of a team in your community. All the glory without the sweat!

**\$600**





**\$500**

## Sponsor a Local Social Event

Special Olympics is a place where athletes find their true friends and a sense of acceptance and inclusion. It's where they can be themselves; where they belong. Your monetary or in-kind gift for these events will allow athletes, volunteers, coaches, and their family members the opportunity to share in the camaraderie and joy that Special Olympics fosters.



“Before, when I was playing sports, I did not get the chance to play like the others. After joining Special Olympics, I found out that I could be good at what I was playing. This made me happy and made me want to do better.”  
*SOBC – Surrey Athlete*

## Give the Gift of Time

Time after time volunteers tell about the incredible feeling they get working with and encouraging our athletes. On the frontline, coaches inspire and teach athletes in sport. No experience is required to be a coach – we provide the training as long as you supply the time and energy!

Behind the scenes, additional volunteers are needed for non-coaching roles – helping with fundraising, acting as secretary or treasurer, or even recruiting volunteers!

We have volunteer opportunities that start at just an hour a week. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there is a fun and rewarding position for you.

**Priceless**



Special Olympics BC provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 18 summer and winter sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



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