

Wing has worked at all levels of the Special Olympics

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Shirley-Ann Wing is an honorable person who has made significant contributions to the athletes of Special Olympics in zone, community, provincial and national levels.

At the zone level, she has contributed to Special Olympics in the following ways. She has been an active member for the past 16 years and the president of zone 4 for the past three years.

She is the Special Olympic representative and board member to the Zone 4 Sports council, was a committee member when Zone 4 hosted the Summer Games in 1983, has attended bowling, winter games and summer provincial competition games as coach, chef de mission and manager. She has raised funds locally to send athletes to attend Canadian Winter Games and contributes her time to sell tickets, chocolate bars, and soon for the zone.

In 1984, Yorkton hosted the AGM; Wing was on the planning committee for this event. Throughout the years, she has attended various meetings for Zone 4, (AGM, Program) at the provincial level voicing our opinions and concerns, and then returns the information back to the zone.

She does a large percentage of public relations within the commu-

nity. An example of this is when she attends Yorkton's city-wide registration with endless information about Special Olympics and her enormous collection of Zone 4 photo albums full of events and athletes.

At the provincial level, Wing is a community representative for the communications committee and a member of the provincial fundraising and constitution and bylaws committee. She also served as a member on the provincial program committee. She was a member of the provincial board and executive for five years as the Saskatchewan Association for community Living President's Designate.

She has travelled with athletes to three Provincial Integrated Games (1988 Melfort Summer Games, 1990 Melville Winter Games, and 1992 Prince Albert Summer Games) as part of the Zone 4 team.

Wing was a coach for the Saskatchewan Team to the 1990 Western Canadian Games in Winnipeg, which were the first integrated games for Special Olympics and Wheel-Chair Athletes. She was a volunteer at the National Winter Games held in Saskatoon in 1992.

Her contributions to Special Olympics have been on-going for a

span in excess of 20 years from the zone to the National Level. Her recent accomplishment was to have one of her athletes (Dennis Cooper) reach his highest goal. He completed his CSO technical course and he was an assistant coach for the Melfort Winter Games and other zone competitions. This could be a first for Saskatchewan Special Olympic history.

Her rewards come from seeing the athletes achieve their highest potential socially and physically through Special Olympics. In her eyes, everyone is a winner.

Wing is presently or has been involved as a volunteer on committees and/or a board member of the following organizations in her community:

- Canadian Cancer Society, Yorkton Branch
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Yorkton Branch
- City of Yorkton-recreation advisory committee
- Child Abuse Prevention Association, Yorkton Branch
- Canadian Federation of University Women, Yorkton Branch
- University of Saskatchewan-Alumni Association, Yorkton Branch
- Saskatchewan Association for community Living, Provincial board and Yorkton branch



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- Parkland Society for Aid to the Mentally Handicapped
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association, Yorkton branch
 - Access Awareness Committee, Yorkton branch
 - United Way, Yorkton branch
- She was nominated for a Commemorative Medal for volunteerism for Canada's 125th anniversary.