

UNITE. INSPIRE. EMPOWER.

A Community of Champions



Special Olympics
Connecticut



CALLING ALL CHAMPIONS

With Your Help, We Can Create

- A welcoming home, accessible to all
- Plaza of Champions and Law Enforcement Torch Run® Flame of Hope
- Robert R. Rosenheim Center for Youth Leadership & Inclusion
- Whelen Engineering Flame of Hope Conference Room
- Sarah Bader Athlete Leadership Resource Center
- Galvin Family Inclusive Health Center of Excellence
- Robin's Nest Mental Wellness and Sensory Integration Room
- Multimedia Center for athlete training
- Special Olympics Connecticut Hall of Fame
- Andy's Kitchen
- Large gathering spaces for athletes and volunteers
- Allen Operations & Athlete Support Hub
- Thomaston Savings Bank Community Impact Center
- Unified Art Gallery
- William Pendell Patio
- Beau Doherty Unified Nature Trail
- Unified Garden Area presented by the Clinton Roberts Foundation
- Offices, cubicles, and collaboration space
- Large, surface parking lot



*New SOCT
Headquarters*

GOAL:

\$9,500,000

**We'll need many leaders to
help us cross the finish line.**



Special Olympics has been a lifelong passion. We have had the privilege of experiencing its positive impact here, in our beloved home state of Connecticut. When athletes, their peers, and the community come together, that's when understanding and friendship grows. We are proud to support a permanent home for Special Olympics Connecticut because it will allow inclusion, understanding, and learning to happen for generations to come.

Susan Saint James Ebersol (SOCT Board Member Emeritus and Campaign Co-Chair) and Dick Ebersol





YOU CAN BUILD A PLACE WORTHY OF CHAMPIONS

Special Olympics Connecticut athletes deserve a place to learn, create, socialize, access vital services, and lead by example. Our coaches and volunteers deserve a space to train, collaborate, and work closely with athletes. Our communities deserve a headquarters that supports local and statewide athletic, health, and leadership development initiatives.

The Special Olympics Connecticut Unified Champions Campus is an 18,628 square foot, one-story building on 2.2 acres in Bristol that will become a space fit for champions. Renovations will transform the structure and campus into a hub that meets the unique needs of our athletes and community.

YOU can help us cross the finish line!

This project fulfills a 50+ year dream of creating a campus that fully engages and empowers our athletes.

The Unified Champions Campus will feature spaces for:

- Learning skills
- Accessing healthcare screenings
- Participating in health, fitness, and social activities
- Expanding athlete leadership programming
- Gathering with friends
- Managing logistics for more than 477 local and statewide events per year



“This accessible, welcoming home will be a place where everyone belongs. More than a headquarters, it will be the heart of an inclusive community that reminds us what is possible when every person is seen, valued, and given the chance to thrive.

Timothy Shriver, PhD
Chairman of the Board, Special Olympics, Inc.



Raishaun Holloway

Global Messenger

“A new building will give us athletes a place to gather, a place to learn, a place to be included. It’s close to everything, so even more people can come.”

OUR GOALS

1 Build a Unique Place for Special Olympics Athletes

Create an athlete-centered campus designed to unite, develop, and inspire athletes, coaches, staff, and the community.

2 Create a Unified Champions Fund

Build a fund to grow our programs, sustain our physical campus, and keep the momentum going.



NUMBER OF GIFTS NEEDED TO REACH OUR GOAL



Gifts may be pledged over three years, or a time period convenient to the donor.

Gifts may be eligible for a naming opportunity in the building or at the campus.

Your gift will be a lasting tribute to the joy, courage, and dedication of thousands of Special Olympics Connecticut athletes.

You will be:

- Providing a permanent space for Special Olympics athletes.
- Helping to expand Special Olympics Connecticut's sport, health, and leadership programs.
- Ensuring that inclusion, acceptance, and respect are woven into the fabric of our communities.

THANK YOU!

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“Special Olympics has given me so many opportunities, and I want every athlete to have those same chances. This campaign is about making sure more athletes can be included, become leaders, and show the world what we can do.”

Loretta Claiborne
*Chief Inspiration Officer & SOCT Campaign Co-Chair
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