With your duck adoption, you will not only be entered to win awesome prizes, but you will be sending an athlete to Games! One duck adoption provides a meal for an athlete at a State Games Competition, and with a few more (22) you can send an athlete to Games! Right now, if you spend $50 or more adopting ducks we will send you a limited edition 50th anniversary pin. Mark your calendars the pluck will be on Friday, September 18th at the Special Olympics Georgia office and you do not need to be present to win!

Make a splash for the 26,620 athletes of SOGA.
Attention all Athletes!
Come join us at our Special Olympics Georgia office on Friday, October 30th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for our annual MedFest! Attendance is free! Don’t miss out on health and dental screenings from Special Smiles. Plus, games and a free lunch!
Contact Thomas Ritch for more information or to register. 770-414-9390 ext. 1121

SILENT AUCTION
Silent Auction items are needed. If you are interested in donating please contact Keegan Flanigan at 770-414-9390 ext. 1111

Come take a shot at raising money for 26,620 Special Olympics Georgia athletes! Sign up today to join us and Georgia Natural Gas at the 7th Annual Shoot for Champions benefiting our athletes. On Friday, November 20th over 75 shooters will take on the sporting clays course at Garland Mountain in the little mountain town, Waleska, GA. Dust off your shot guns and support Special Olympics Georgia! If you are interested in becoming a participant or sponsor, please contact Keegan Flanigan at 770-414-9390 ext. 1111

Take a swing for our Special Olympics Georgia athletes. Sign up to sponsor or play in our 25th Annual Bob Busse Memorial Golf Classic on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at the beautiful Ansley Golf Club at Settindown in Roswell, GA. Enjoy a great day on the golf course with your favorite team mates and 120 other golfers to help raise money for our 26,620 athletes. If you are interested in putting in a foursome or sponsoring, please contact Keegan Flanigan at 770-414-9390 ext. 1111

UPCOMING SOGA EVENTS
Join us for our 5th Annual Cops on Donut Shops event for Special Olympics Georgia athletes on National Coffee Day, Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. at participating Dunkin’ locations! This event will benefit 26,620 Special Olympics athletes across the state of Georgia! Come by Dunkin’ and enjoy a free medium hot or iced coffee with any purchase to celebrate National Coffee Day! #NationalCoffeeDay #SOGANCD

For more information about the event, please contact Kaitlin Henderson.
ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Dylan Prescott will begin the 2020-2021 school year as a sophomore at Brantley County High School. Dylan’s your typical 16 year old boy with a love of sports that began as soon as he could pick up a ball. He started training and competing in Special Olympics when he started school, and his love of the game and being a team player continues to grow. Dylan gives his all on and off the field, plays hard, puts his heart and soul into everything he pursues, and takes great pride in representing Brantley County Special Olympics. Dylan brought home the gold in both Winter & Spring Games last year, and is looking forward to competing at State. In addition to special olympics, Dylan enjoys playing Miracle League Basketball and Baseball, Buddy Walks, and running in the Heron Hustle 5K each year. When he’s not on the field or court, he’s an avid fisherman. We’re very proud of you, Dylan, and wish you well in your future endeavors!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Phillip Prescott and Megan Stone make a great team when it comes to supporting Brantley County Special Olympics! Whatever is needed, they’re always ready and willing to do and help make our local program a success. Phillip and Megan are active volunteers throughout the year. The two go above and beyond to help with fundraisers, attend all games, and are easy to find cheering on and supporting all of our exceptional athletes, including their son, Dylan Prescott. Having the support and encouragement of family and friends to help our athletes grow socially, physically, and emotionally is what it’s all about! Thank you, Philip and Megan! We’re looking forward to another great year with our program and Special Olympics Georgia!
State Premier Sponsor

Tackling the industry’s most challenging projects with expertise and agility, The Winter Companies has been building good experiences and relationships with its valued clients across the Southeast for more than 58 years. Consistently ranked in the ENR Top 400 Contractors in the United States, Winter Construction and Winter Environmental cover a wide range of project types from the construction of new buildings, the renovation of older ones to remediating environmental issues and cleaning up hazardous materials. The Winter Companies continues to be a strategic partner and trusted ally, delivering great experiences, outstanding results, and building the foundation for a successful tomorrow.

The Winter Companies is passionate about supporting Special Olympics Georgia and raising the much-needed funds to support SOGA programs. In 2004, Winter hosted its first annual golf tournament in support of SOGA. To date, The Winter Companies has raised over $700,000 for Special Olympics Georgia athletes. In addition to their monitary contribution, hundreds of Winter employees and their families have volunteered and provided hands-on assistance at Team Basketball, Bowling, and Volleyball during the State Winter and Summer Games.

“Our first job is to be good people. Our relationship with Special Olympics Georgia is important to us. We made an intentional choice to choose one charity and go deep with them. We wanted SOGA to know that year after year we would be there for them – that they can count on us. As a company, we work hard to uphold that ideal in all we do,” states Brent Reid, President and CEO.

We are honored to have The Winter Companies as a member of the Special Olympics Georgia family, and it is a relationship that we value and hold in high regard. Thank you Winter Companies for your continued belief in and dedication to the 26,620 Special Olympics Georgia athletes!
The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through activities affecting system-wide change. With sports as the foundation, the three component model offers a unique combination of effective activities that equip young people with tools and training to create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance. At the core, the Unified Schools strategy is not just about including students with disabilities, but unifying all students; moving from adult-led programming to student-led mobilization and action; and transitioning from sports as recreation to sports as a catalyst for social inclusion and change.

Create a climate of inclusion

**Unified Champion Schools**

Students of all abilities have the power to positively impact their school communities by promoting social inclusion. Whole school activities engage students, teachers, staff, community leaders and many others to increase their social inclusion knowledge, skills, and dispositions to support a socially inclusive school climate.

To find a Unified Champion School Program near you click here!

#UNIFIEDGENERATION
Interested in joining the SOGA community? Here are all the ways you can get involved:

**Interested in becoming a SOGA Coach?**
Visit the SOGA website for general quizzes & resources on Coaching Special Olympics Athletes, Principles in Coaching, & Autism Spectrum Disorder
Visit our Learning Portal to get educated and certified in Unified Sports & Concussion Training
Coach’s Code of Conduct
Online Recertifications
For Information on Coaches Clinics & Initial Sport Certification contact Liz Smith

**Interested in becoming a SOGA volunteer?**
Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile Form
Click here to learn about SOGA’s volunteer screening policy
ProtectiveBehaviors Quiz
Background Screen

**Sign up online for all Volunteer Opportunities**

If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Courtney Payne or Hannah Creasey.
If you are interested in Volunteering for Fall Games in Valdosta Georgia please contact [Courtney Payne](#). If you are interested in volunteering for Horse Show in Gainesville Georgia please contact [Hannah Creasey](#).
eLearning Course
With the help of athletes and Program Staff, we have developed a 30-minute eLearning course for our Special Olympics community about COVID-19. This course is designed to cover the basic information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) including: what is the coronavirus, what are the symptoms, how does it spread, and how you can protect yourself. We encourage the entire Special Olympics community to complete this module at learn.specialolympics.org Please see instructions for accessing this course.

Young Athletes
Family Flash Cards. Fun and engaging flashcards featuring each of the individual activities and at home equipment modifications for families to use at home to run Young Athletes.
Young Athletes At Home. Guide for families and caregivers on how to run Young Athletes activities at home.
Young Athletes Videos. Videos demonstrating the individual Young Athletes activities.
Healthy Play at Home. Poster for families to track the various healthy behaviors they do at home.
Tips for talking to children about COVID-19 from CDC and UNICEF.

Fitness
Fit 5 Resources Series
Staying Fit at Home: simple week-long calendar that athletes can follow to stay fit. Week-long calendar can be repeated as needed. Athletes can sign up on the link in the resource to receive newsletter with content from Health Messengers to for tips and ideas on how to stay active.
School of Strength: Launched in March 2020 across the Special Olympics movement, School of Strength is an interactive online platform that encourages athletes to participate in a fun and engaging training program that they can do in the comfort of their own homes. Developed in partnership with WWE superstar Becky Lynch, this series of videos, a fitness tracker, a coach's playbook and a caregiver toolkit all contribute to helping athletes focus on nutrition and fitness and getting the most out of their workouts.

eLearning for Coaches
The online learning portal has a number of free eLearning courses, now available for coaches, which are now available in a number of languages. In addition, you will find guidance created specifically for coaches to assist them during the COVID-19 crisis, including how to conduct virtual training sessions and how to activate with your athletes when you do not have access to technology. As more resources around virtual games become available, including best practices and tips, they will be made available on resources.specialolympics.org.

Virtual Games
Visit the Virtual Games section of resources.specialolympics.org to learn how virtual games are being offered in different programs.

UPDATED COVID-19 STATEMENT
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS® Kroger Community Rewards® makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at Kroger Community Awards, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code SH080) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself! Enroll now for Kroger Community Awards (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact Thomas Ritch 770-414-9390 ext. 1121

THINKING OF SELLING OR TRADING IN THAT OLD CAR, BOAT OR RV? DONATE IT INSTEAD! SOGA HAS PARTNERED WITH CARS TO TURN YOUR OLD VEHICLE, WHETHER IT'S RUNNING OR NOT, INTO MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR OUR PROGRAMS. CARS ACCEPTS MOST CARS, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, BOATS, RV'S, MOTORCYCLES, OFF ROAD VEHICLES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT, AND MOST OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES. CARS WILL MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS AT NO COST TO YOU. THEY HANDLE THE TITLE TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR DONATION AND TAX DEDUCTION INFORMATION. CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE YOUR VEHICLE. A HELPFUL REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTACT YOU WITHIN 24 HOURS TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP, OR CALL CARS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AT 1-844-404-SOGA (7642) TO SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE.

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