



Timothy P. Shriver
Chairman & CEO

Timothy P. Shriver is a civic leader, social entrepreneur, and the Chairman and CEO of Special Olympics. Since 1996, Shriver has empowered persons with intellectual disabilities to realize their voice, gain confidence and skill through sport, and become agents of change for acceptance and inclusion in communities around the world.

Shriver has helped transform Special Olympics into a global Movement that advocates for acceptance, inclusion, and respect for more than 3.7 million individuals with intellectual disabilities in over 170 countries. Under his leadership, Special Olympics has come to encompass a variety of programs aimed at supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families, including a global athlete leadership network, cross-cultural research, and education and family support. Among them, Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® has become the world's largest public health screening and education program for people with intellectual disabilities, and Special Olympics Get Into It®, together with Unified Sports®, provides opportunities and training for young people to become leaders of respect in their schools and communities.

Before joining Special Olympics, Shriver was an educator, counselor, author, and speaker focusing on school prevention issues such as substance abuse, violence, dropout rates and teen pregnancy. He worked with the New Haven Public Schools' Social Development Project, now considered a leading school-based prevention effort in the U.S. Shriver has applied his educational interests to TV and film, co-producing DreamWorks Studios' 1997 release, "Amistad," and Disney Studios' 2000 release, "The Loretta Claiborne Story." He is Executive Producer of "The Ringer" a Farrelly brothers' film and "Front of the Class," a Hallmark Hall of Fame television movie. Shriver also has produced or co-produced shows for ABC, TNT, and NBC networks. Shriver is the Chairman of the board of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), and serves on the Boards of the WPP Group and Neogenix Oncology, Inc. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Shriver has also worked with world leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Bertie Ahern, Rafiq Hariri, Thabo Mbeki, Julius Nyerere, Hosni Mubarak, and Shimon Peres to advance the growth of the Special Olympics mission and vision while challenging nations to adopt more supportive and just policies. He has spearheaded programs in developing or war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Iraq.

Shriver earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including honorary degrees from Loyola University, New England College, Albertus Magnus College, University of Connecticut, and Niagara University; the Medal of the City of Athens, Greece; the Order de Manuel Amador Guerrero of the Republic of Panama; the 1995 Connecticut Citizen of the Year; the Surgeon General's Medallion; and the 2007 Lions Humanitarian Award. He has authored articles in many leading publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Commonweal*.

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