



***Special
Olympics***
Louisiana

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

To our thousands of Friends and Supporters,

2021 was an incredible year for Special Olympics Louisiana (SOLA), and we will definitely look back on it as our comeback season. We were able to accomplish so many things even though the pandemic was still active and many challenges were faced. SOLA continued to successfully offer both in-person and virtual opportunities to ensure our athletes, families, volunteers, supporters and sponsors could be engaged in a safe and welcoming environment.

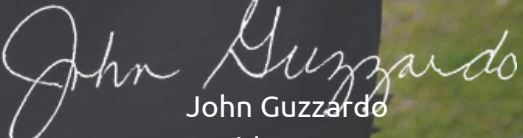
With guidance from our local medical teams and in accordance with Return to Activity protocols established by Special Olympics, we were able to return to most of our in-person state competition schedule, including a smaller version of our State Summer Games. In addition to competitions, SOLA was able to offer more in-person training, health and educational opportunities as well. Nothing made us happier than seeing the joyous smiles of our athletes as they were able to reunite with their friends at SOLA events. To all of you, thank you for standing by us and supporting the amazing athletes of Special Olympics Louisiana.

We appreciate all of the volunteers and fans who came out to safely support all of our activities last year. Without them, our athletes would not have been able to enjoy the joyous spirit of competition that they have come accustomed to. A special thanks to our local sponsors, the Law Enforcement Torch Run community, and donors for continuing to support our organization throughout 2021.

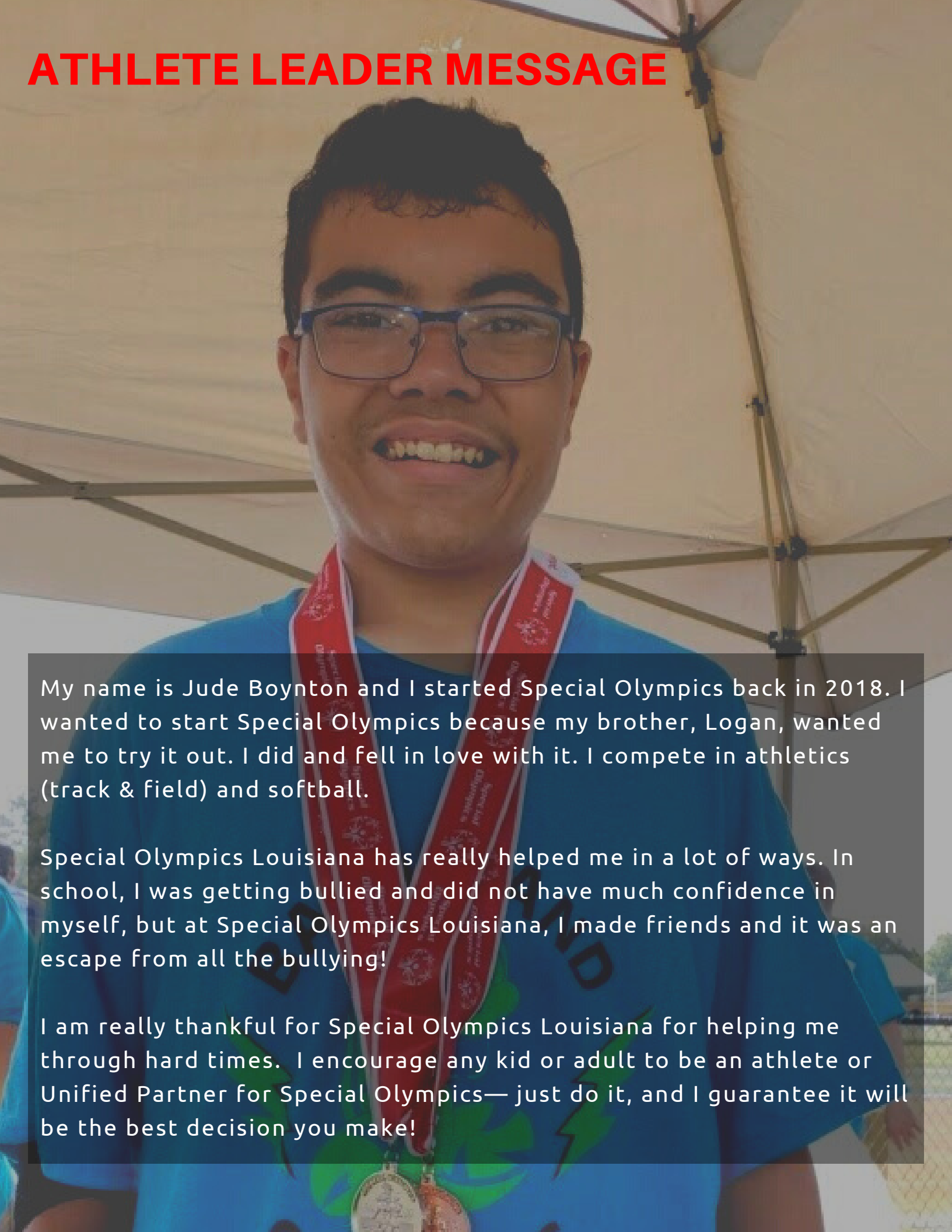
Our organization and our athletes have certainly weathered a trying time during the pandemic, but they have never let their positive attitudes and determination waiver in any way. We could not be prouder of each and every athlete, young and old, and we are looking forward to planning more events for them in 2022. As we do look forward, our vision includes more athletes returning to the playing fields as we welcome new athletes and supporters into our organization.

Be sure to check out what we are up to at www.laso.org and that you are following us on social media, and thank you for believing in Special Olympics Louisiana athletes!

With gratitude,


John Guzzardo
President & CEO

ATHLETE LEADER MESSAGE

A young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue t-shirt, is smiling and looking at the camera. He is wearing a red medal ribbon around his neck with a silver medal. The background is a white tent structure.

My name is Jude Boynton and I started Special Olympics back in 2018. I wanted to start Special Olympics because my brother, Logan, wanted me to try it out. I did and fell in love with it. I compete in athletics (track & field) and softball.

Special Olympics Louisiana has really helped me in a lot of ways. In school, I was getting bullied and did not have much confidence in myself, but at Special Olympics Louisiana, I made friends and it was an escape from all the bullying!

I am really thankful for Special Olympics Louisiana for helping me through hard times. I encourage any kid or adult to be an athlete or Unified Partner for Special Olympics—just do it, and I guarantee it will be the best decision you make!

2021 REACH REPORT

ATHLETES & PARTNERS

6,869

ATHLETES IN TRAINING OR COMPETITION

623

UNIFIED PARTNERS

1,270

ATHLETES & PARTNERS ON UNIFIED SPORTS TEAMS



COMPETITIONS

23

TRADITIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

15

UNIFIED SPORTS COMPETITIONS



VOLUNTEERS

34,380

VOLUNTEER HOURS

2,880

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

721

ACTIVE COACHES

250

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

351

SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

293

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®



SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE PRESENCE

9,491

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS

7,900

FACEBOOK FRIENDS

3,258

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

1,767



INCLUSIVE HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

24

HEALTH & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

657

ATHLETES RECEIVING HEALTH SCREENINGS

183

HEALTH VOLUNTEERS



STATEWIDE FOOTPRINT

53

ACTIVE LOCAL PROGRAMS ACROSS LOUISIANA

26

LOCAL CLUBS OFFERING UNIFIED SPORTS OPTIONS



LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN ACTIVITY

1,560

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS & PERSONNEL INVOLVED

52

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



2021 SPONSORS



LouisianaTravel.com



Alliance Compressor
Associated Grocers
Assurance Financial
BASF
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana
Care, Inc.
Children's Hospital New Orleans - LCMC Health
Choctaw Pines Casino
Dow
Dudley DeBosier
Entergy
ESPN
Eugenie & Joseph Jones Family Foundation
Exxon Mobil
Finish Line Youth Foundation
Fluor Corp
Fred B. and Ruth B. Zigler Foundation
Goldring Family Foundation
Grant's Gift Foundation
Greater New Orleans Foundation
Hahn Enterprises
Healthy Blue
Henry Schein Cares Foundation
J. Edgar Monroe Foundation
Joyce S. Mudd Foundation
Knights of Columbus
Louisiana Lottery
Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association

Metairie Bank
NFL Foundation
Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust
Paragon Casino
Phillips 66
Pinnacle Financial Strategies Foundation
Poindexter Foundation
PoolCorp
Republic Finance
Robert & Mary Hollier Family Fund
Smitty's Supply, Inc.
Southern Tennis Association, Inc. - USTA Southern
Special Olympics, Inc.
Spinecare Chiropractic
St. John United Way
St. Tammany Parish Government
Stewart Construction
Stirling Properties
The Hometown Foundation
The P&G Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
United Way of St. Charles
Walmart Foundation
Woldenberg Foundation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2021 & 2020

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 314,283	\$ 335,346
Accounts and Grants Receivables	608,770	335,549
Prepaid Expense	<u>16,073</u>	<u>29,135</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	939,126	718,030
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	28,119	35,266
OTHER NONCONCURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	888,199	552,886
Security Deposits	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	891,199	555,886
TOTAL ASSETS	1,858,444	1,309,182
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	18,923	11,148
Accrued Expenses	30,989	21,089
Deferred Rent	857	1,140
Deferred Contributions	<u>64,523</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	115,292	48,377
NET ASSETS		
Board Designated Operating Reserve	988,767	649,571
Unrestricted	<u>258,978</u>	<u>383,612</u>
Without Donor Restrictions	1,247,745	1,033,183
With Donor Restrictions	<u>495,407</u>	<u>227,622</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,743,152	1,260,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,858,444	\$1,309,182



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 & 2020

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	FY 2021 Total	FY 2020 Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Fundraising revenues	\$ 239,544	\$ -	\$ 239,544	\$ 127,282
Contributions	233,920	133,182	367,102	383,412
Grants, Non Government	63,392	632,426	695,818	419,846
Government Grants/Credits	384,839	-	384,839	228,417
Donated Services & Materials	551,976	-	551,976	228,619
Investment Income	39,835	-	39,835	4,027
Miscellaneous Income	14	-	14	449
Changes in net asset restrictions				
Released from Restrictions	<u>497,823</u>	<u>(497,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,011,343	267,785	2,279,128	1,392,052
EXPENSES				
Program	1,481,327	-	1,481,327	1,160,816
Fundraising	229,594	-	225,594	144,184
General and Administrative	<u>85,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,713</u>	<u>135,122</u>
	1,796,634	-	1,796,634	1,440,122
Gain(Loss) on Disposal/Sale of Property & Equip	<u>(147)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(147)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	214,562	267,785	482,347	(48,070)
NET ASSETS				
Beginning Balance	<u>1,033,183</u>	<u>227,622</u>	<u>1,260,805</u>	<u>1,308,875</u>
End of year	\$1,247,745	\$495,407	\$1,743,152	\$1,260,805



Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt.
- Special Olympics athlete oath

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Vision Statement

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are at the heart of all that we do at Special Olympics Louisiana as we strive to promote unity and create a world where everyone belongs. We value, celebrate and respect all differences, backgrounds and perspectives and understand that greater diversity and inclusion creates a stronger and more innovative organization that delivers better results as we work with the athletes in all communities.

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