



**Special Olympics** was officially incorporated in **August of 1968**, but **Eunice Kennedy Shriver** had been running camps at her home for several years before that. She spearheaded the development of Special Olympics and actively participated throughout the rest of her life. The **JayCees** of Washington County started **Washington County Special Olympics** back in the early 1970s, funding the organization and recruiting teachers who worked with students with special needs. Our Area Director, **Marva Davis**, a special education teacher, started working as a Hugger and shortly afterwards became the head of our delegation. She went to a meeting at **Special Olympics Maryland** and discovered that she needed a much larger team, so when she got back to Hagerstown she called a group of her friends to a meeting at a Chinese Restaurant and the **Management Team** was born! It's still going strong more than forty years later!



Washington County Special Olympics Area Director, Marva Davis

**Current Management Team:** Marva Davis, Vicki Follett, Callista Barnhart, Toni Nelson, Pat Boward, Jay Seipler, Carolyn Roney, Theresa Rowe, Cort Meinelschmidt, Mike and Tracy Speaker, Denny Barthlow, Anna Swart, Sib Corderman, Cliff Metger, Liz Farmer and Mary Gorman. We will soon be adding one or two athletes to the Management Team. **State Police Liaison:** Master Trooper David Greenwood Volunteer/HPD Officer Amber Blackmire



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## Special Olympics Maryland Washington County

is a totally volunteer based non-profit organization. We serve as coaches, trainers, supporters, listeners, and friends of our athletes. We're proud of all of our athletes for their efforts. We raise money every year to support our hundreds of athletes in aquatics, bowling, bocce, basketball, equestrian, flag football, long distance running, softball, snowshoeing, and track & field. We're hoping to add soccer, golf, and cheerleading in the near future. We supply the equipment, locate practice facilities, get uniforms, and, in general, do everything we can do to support our Mission.



# Honoring our Founder



Athletes, coaches, friends, and family members conducted a Walk at Fairgrounds Park for the 7th Annual Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day with our Third Annual EKS Day Walk. We want her spirit to endure.

**Master Trooper David Greenwood** is the Western Region Coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. He's been a Trooper for 24 years. He is married with two children and his entire family volunteers with Special Olympics. One of his main goals is to increase the number of athletes involved in Special Olympics and get the word out about this incredible organization.



**HPD Officer Amber Blackmire** also volunteers with Washington County Special Olympics. She was in charge of this year's Torch Run in Washington County and worked at the Summer Games. She's shown here running in the Police Run representing our County.



## *"What can I do as a volunteer?"*

Washington County Special Olympics Maryland volunteers can get involved in our community. Some volunteers offer a few hours of their time a year at specific events, while others work several hours a week year-round. Whatever your interests, talents, background and availability, there are volunteer opportunities for you, from a one-day position as a scorekeeper at an athletic event, as a licensed health care professional volunteering time to provide event-based health support, to ongoing involvement on a planning committee for competition and special events.

## *"I'm not sure if I'll fit in or what contribution I can make."*

- \* If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity that can make a difference in both your life and the lives of others, Washington County Special Olympics Maryland is the place for you.
- \* When you volunteer with Washington County Special Olympics Maryland, you have an opportunity to work with some of the world's most gifted individuals — Special Olympics athletes.
- \* Many organizations use volunteers. But only with Washington County Special Olympics Maryland can you walk out on the athletic field and see how your time and effort has made an immediate impact. All over the world, all year long, it can happen right before your eyes.



# Our Coaches



## The Mission of Special Olympics in Washington County

is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for citizens with mental and physical disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.