



Champions Together

“It’s not about disabilities,
it’s about abilities.”

IT BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY SHELL.

*It’s made me who I am.
More outgoing; more
of a genuine person.* “



Champions Together builds school communities of acceptance and inclusion by engaging students with and without disabilities in interscholastic sports training and competition. For participating high schools, this 2-year program includes 3 components:

Interscholastic Unified Sports®—students compete on interscholastic track and field teams comprised of approximately equal numbers of students with and without intellectual disabilities. Teams train for 8 weeks and compete in a minimum of 2 meets.

Awareness Activity—an inclusive student-led leadership team must organize an annual event to spark awareness and showcase new friendships. Events could include an “R-Word” campaign or activating the Get Into It® curriculum.

Fundraising—the school assists with fundraising activities to help sustain the Champions Together program. 75% of funds raised can be kept by the school; 25% are used by Special Olympics Virginia to fund the program.

How we can help you

In order to help reach our 40-school goal by 2016, schools who agree to activate all 3 Champions Together components within 2 years will be **reimbursed for expenses up to \$2,500**. Funds can be used for coach stipends, uniforms, equipment, transportation and other approved expenses.

How can you get started?

Secure the support of your school’s principal and activities director. Then contact a Special Olympics Virginia staff member today:

info@specialolympicsva.org or 800.932.4653.

