

Creating a More Inclusive World

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Special Olympics



Special Olympics by the Numbers



3,914,758

ATHLETES AND UNIFIED PARTNERS

330,898

COACHES

46,028

COMPETITIONS

41,666

ATHLETE HEALTH SCREENINGS

672,114

VOLUNTEERS

18,350

UNIFIED SCHOOLS



Lincoln East High Special Olympics Team



Lincoln East High School student body cheered at our games, had a prep rally for our team before state and other sports teams cheered our team



Special Olympics USA Games- 2010, 2018, 2022



Special Olympics USA Games Logo



UNL Unified Club



Getting the “R” Word Removed from State Laws and Regulations



A group of approximately ten diverse individuals, including men and women of various ethnicities and ages, are standing in a line against a dark, textured background. They are dressed in casual attire like hoodies and sweaters. Overlaid on the center of the image is large, bold, yellow text with a distressed, hand-painted appearance. The text reads: "ASSUME THAT I CAN SO MAYBE I WILL".

**ASSUME THAT I CAN
SO MAYBE I WILL**

Assume I Can

Update your Vocabulary



DO NOT use these words or phrases:

- Handicapped
- Differently Abled
- Cripple
- Crippled
- Victim
- Retarded
- Stricken
- Unfortunate
- Special Needs

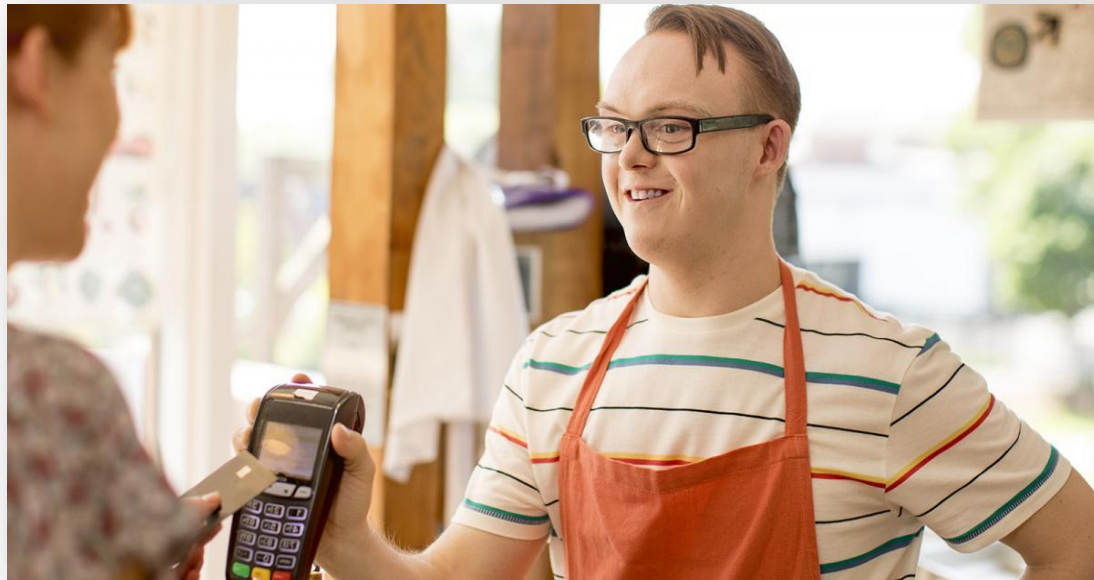
DO USE words or phrases such as:

- Disabled
- Disability
- People with disabilities

- #disabledisnotabadword
- #saydisabled



Inclusion Works



- Workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, etc. are better when everyone is included!
- Support your local disability employed businesses

Pledge to Spread the Word Inclusion



Taking the pledge makes inclusion reality for all people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Pledge to Include and combat the hurtful and dehumanizing effects of exclusion.

www.spreadtheword.global/pledge



How to get involved



Reach out to your Special Olympics State Program to:

- Volunteer
- Coach
- Become a Unified partner
- Cheer as a fan in the stands

www.specialolympics.org





Be a FRIEND

Be a TEAMMATE

Be a FAN



Thank You!

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