

Keynote Plenary

Tim Shriver

Chairman of Special Olympics

Shriver is a social leader, an educator, author, film producer and entrepreneur. As Chairman of Special Olympics he serves over 5.3 million Special Olympics athletes and their families in 169 countries. Shriver has been a part of an amazing team that has created exciting new Special Olympics programs in athlete leadership, cross-cultural research, health, education and family support. Among them, Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® has become the world's largest public health examination and education program for people with intellectual disabilities, and Special Olympics Project Unify has become a powerful new program promoting school-based social inclusion and unified leadership. In addition, he has worked to garner more government support for issues of concern to the Special Olympics community, testifying before the United States Congress and challenging government leaders worldwide to respect the dignity and possibilities of people with intellectual disabilities. Shriver's keynote presentation will explore how his faith and personal connections have inspired his journey to public service, his recent book: *Fully Alive: Discovering What Matters Most* and his long-standing advocacy work on behalf of those marginalized.