Tim Shriver has served as the Chairman of Special Olympics International since 1996. He currently serves alongside more than six million Special Olympics athletes and their families in over 195 countries around the world.

During his time as Chairman, Special Olympics has developed proven programming for all aspects of a Special Olympics athlete’s life: leadership, health, education, and family support. His commitment to inclusion is evident by Special Olympics athletes serving on the International Board of Directors, hundreds of thousands of health professionals trained in adaptive health care protocols, partnerships with organizations like the World Health Organization, United Nations, and the Unified Champion Schools Program creating a Unified Generation in which all people are included and accepted regardless of intellectual differences.

Shriver drove the largest expansion of Special Olympics, growing the movement from one million athletes to over six million athletes and unified partners that are leading the Inclusion Revolution around the world. Shriver has harnessed the power of Hollywood to challenge unconscious bias and share stories of inspiration, co-producing DreamWorks Studios’ 1997 release, Amistad, and Disney Studios’ 2000 release, The Loretta Claiborne Story. He is Executive Producer of The Ringer, a Farrelly Brothers film, Front of the Class, a Hallmark Hall of Fame television movie and The Peanut Butter Falcon released in 2019.

In 2014, Shriver wrote the New York Times bestseller Fully Alive: Discovering What Matters Most, where he shares the life changing impact of people with intellectual disabilities and their capacity to inspire others to see the world in a more meaningful way. In 2021, Shriver co-edited The Call to Unite: Voices of Hope and Awakening, where citizens from around the world share their prayers, poems, insights, and lessons to live by in divided and challenging times.

Before joining Special Olympics, Shriver co-founded and currently chairs the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL). He is a member of the editorial board of the Disability and Health Journal. Shriver is the Co-Founder of UNITE, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, President of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, UNESCO Chair for “Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities, their Families and Communities, Through Physical Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness” at the Institute of Technology, Tralee, Ireland, and Co-Founder of Lovin’ Scoopful Ice Cream Company.

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