

chicago park district



What is Special Recreation?

The Chicago Park District is a municipal pioneer in offering recreation programs for people with disabilities. Starting in 1965, the Chicago Park District began training park employees on ways to better serve people with disabilities. In 1968, the Chicago Park District became the birth place of the Special Olympics, an organization that now serves athletes with intellectual disabilities in over 170 countries worldwide. Since then, the park district has expanded its services for individuals with disabilities. With 21 specialty locations serving individuals with intellectual disabilities, 3 specialty locations serving individuals with a primary physical or visual impairment and 2 specialty locations serving individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, we strive to meet the recreational needs for all individuals with disabilities in the city of Chicago. The Chicago Park District Special Recreation Unit currently offers specialty programs serving the following populations:

- Intellectual disabilities
- Physical disabilities
- Blindness or Visual Impairment
- Deaf or hard-of-hearing
- Veterans



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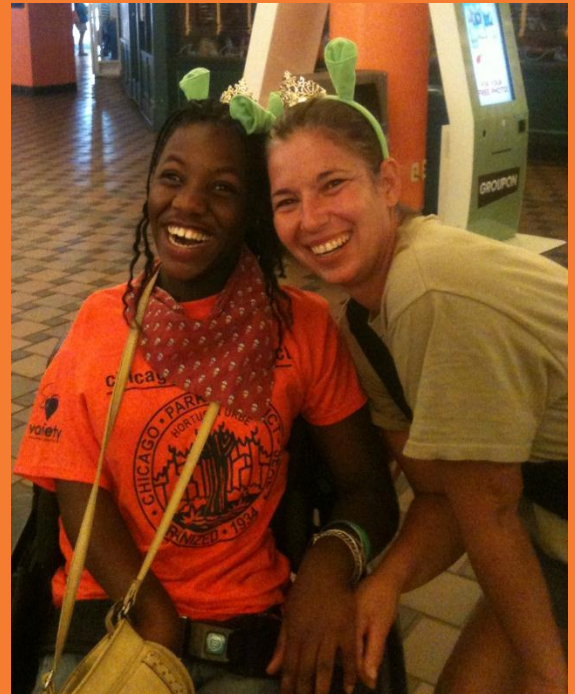
Chicago Park District, Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent & CEO

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Mission: To enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through offering a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

Vision: To promote, foster and encourage physical and mental health through athletic skill development, recreation and social interactions for youth and adults with disabilities.



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