

Presenting

**The 2019  
Golisano Global Health  
Leadership Awards**



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**The Golisano Global Health Leadership Award** was established in 2017 to recognize the progress being made around the world to increase access to essential health care for people with ID. It is Special Olympics' highest honor for health partners. This award recognizes individual leaders and organizations that promote inclusive health systems, wellness, and fitness for people with ID. The seven global honorees were selected from a record 105 recipients of the 2018 regional Golisano Health Leadership Awards.

### 2019 Golisano Global Health Leadership Award Honorees



#### Jordan

**Professor Kamal Bani-Hani**, President of Hashemite University, for collaborating with Special Olympics Jordan on health, education, and sports. Hani-Bani works with students in sport science, special education, and medicine to volunteer within Special Olympics Jordan's health and fitness programs and at competitions and events. This partnership has raised awareness among a new generation of professionals on the importance of community inclusion for people with ID.

#### Belgium

**Belgian Dentists Collaboration** for forming a "National Collaboration Platform" for dentists in Belgium to achieve better oral health outcomes for people with intellectual disabilities. Led by dentists Dr. Luc Marks and Dr. Michel De Decker, both Special Smiles Clinical Directors, through a national collaboration, four major Belgian Universities partnered with all dental professional organizations to improve the oral health of people with ID.



#### China

**Hua Dong Hospital** for forming a medical volunteer team to support Special Olympics Healthy Athletes screenings and established a year-round Special Olympics Health Support Project team, led by Dr. Ying Feng, a Health Promotion Regional Clinical Advisor. Dr. Feng has promoted the equal health rights for people with intellectual disabilities in China. The Health Project team has conducted Healthy Athletes screenings in 17 cities and completed more than 12,000 screenings in total. Hua Dong Hospital has supported the access to athlete referral and follow-up care. The hospital works with special schools and community centers to introduce wellness programs, as well as rehabilitation training to benefit athletes who need referral and follow-up care every year.

#### India

**Dr. Ashok Dhoble**, an orthodontist and dental surgeon, and the Honorary Secretary General Indian Dental Association- the voice of the dental profession in India. Under Dr. Dhoble's assistance, the IDA and Special Olympics Bharat have signed an MOU that outlines a commitment to create year-round access to oral health care to athletes and care givers. Through this MOU, Dr. Dhoble has provided visibility to Special Olympics Bharat through free articles and announcements in IDA journals since 2015.



#### Kenya

**Lions Sight First Eye Hospital** for making significant impact for follow-up care for Special Olympics Kenya athletes. In the past 5 years, the hospital has donated more than 1,000 spectacles and conducted more than 15 surgeries for free for Special Olympics Kenya's athletes. The hospital also has 5 Opening Eyes specialists who assist with all Opening Eyes screening events. This past year, the hospital expanded its service to include Healthy Hearing and Special Smiles disciplines. Close to 4,000 Special Olympics Kenya athletes have directly benefited from the hospital.



**Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital**

## Paraguay

**Dr. Dorisel Ferreira**, the Director of the Third Health Region of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, for recruiting staff from the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare to volunteer at Healthy Athletes as well as getting the Ministry of Health to provide the equipment necessary for Healthy Athletes events. Dr. Ferreira has created a network for follow-up care, making it possible for athletes and their families to get medical care, dental care, immunizations, and specialty care at local hospitals.



## USA – Pennsylvania

**Dr. Peter Seidenberg**, a family and sports medicine physician at Penn State Sports Medicine College, for evaluating, strengthening, and contributing to the global roll-out of MedFest, and working with Special Olympics Pennsylvania to create a directory of providers who will accept athletes in need of follow up care. Dr. Seidenberg is currently developing Continuing Medical Education lectures to train healthcare providers how to deliver quality care to people with ID and work to reduce health disparities.



## B. Thomas Golisano

Tom Golisano — entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader — is the founder and chairman of the Board of Paychex, Inc., a leading United States provider of payroll, human resource, and benefit outsourcing solutions for more than a half-million small and medium-sized businesses. Paychex is headquartered in Rochester, New York and has more than 12,000 employees and 100 office locations in the U.S. Mr. Golisano served as Paychex's president and chief executive officer from 1971, when he founded the company, until October 2004.

Mr. Golisano has demonstrated an ongoing dedication and commitment to many civic issues and organizations. In 1985, he launched his first philanthropic endeavor by establishing the Golisano Foundation, which awards grants to organizations providing opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities. His personal philanthropic contributions of approximately \$300 million have helped support educational, community, and medical institutions including three children's hospitals that bear his name.

Helping people with developmental and intellectual disabilities is a mission close to Tom Golisano's heart.

Through the Golisano Foundation and partnerships with organizations such as Special Olympics and others, life-changing services are being provided to help people with intellectual disabilities find pathways to self-sufficiency, personal dignity, and the best possible expression of their abilities and talents throughout their lifetimes. Mr. Golisano's support has helped hundreds of organizations dedicated to helping people with intellectual disabilities and has made possible numerous innovative initiatives including Special Olympics Health, the Golisano Center for Community Health at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, the Golisano Autism Center, the Golisano Pediatric and the Behavioral Health & Wellness Center at Golisano Children's Hospital, the Golisano Training Center at Nazareth College and the Golisano Institute for Developmental Disability Nursing.

In recognition of his achievements and endeavors, Mt. Golisano has received numerous awards, holds honorary doctorate degrees from five different colleges and universities, and serves on boards of several private companies and institutions. He is also the former owner the Buffalo Sabres of the National Hockey League.

Born in Irondequoit, New York, Mr. Golisano holds a degree in general business management. He is married to Monica Seles, professional tennis player and member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. He has two children and several grandchildren.

## Ann Costello

Ann Costello is Executive Director of the Golisano Foundation, one of the nation's leading foundations dedicated exclusively to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Foundation was established in 1985 by Tom Golisano, the Founder and Chairman of Paychex, Inc., a leader in the payroll, human resource, and benefits outsourcing industry.

Ann has worked for more than 30 years in the non-profit sector, primarily in human service administration, philanthropy, and organizational policy development.

She joined the Foundation as Director in 1999 and has witnessed its rapid growth and change in total Foundation assets and annual distribution of funds. Ann has redefined the Foundation's role in the intellectual disabilities service arena as proactive partner and catalyst for transformation. Under her leadership, the Foundation has also supported and launched innovative partnerships and programs.

With the support of two historic donations from Tom Golisano to Special Olympics - \$12 million in 2012 and \$25 million in 2015 - Ann is working as an integral advocate and participant in the strategy to advance Special Olympics Global Healthy Communities initiative to expand inclusive access to health-related services to people with intellectual disabilities around the world.



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Imagine the possibilities!

## The Golisano Foundation

When people say it can't be done, Tom Golisano, entrepreneur, civic leader, philanthropist and the founder and Chairman of Paychex, will not only find a way, he often finds a better way.

Tom envisioned a better world for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and founded the Golisano Foundation in 1985 with an initial gift of \$90,000. This was a cause very close to his heart - to ensure that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are valued as people who can contribute and be a vital part of our community - as good students, good neighbors and good workers.

His vision and commitment made something extraordinary possible.

Tom imagined the possibilities and became an advocate and ally for families, fighting for their dignity and giving people with IDD the opportunity to thrive in their communities. Few could have imagined how the Foundation's work would grow and touch the hearts and lives of so many.

The Golisano Foundation is now one of the largest private foundations in the nation devoted exclusively to opening doors to opportunity, changing negative perceptions and stereotypes, and forging unprecedented partnerships to ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have pathways to personal dignity, independence and the best possible expression of their abilities and talents throughout their lifetimes.

With more than \$40 million in gross assets, we have awarded more than \$24 million in grants, about \$2 million annually, to non-profit organizations in Western NY and New York's Finger Lakes Region and Southwest Florida.

We incorporate Tom Golisano's entrepreneurial and optimistic energy into to every endeavor and encourage others to Imagine the Possibilities along with us.



# Special Olympics Health

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Special Olympics Health, made possible by the Golisano Foundation, is creating a world where people with intellectual disabilities have every opportunity to be healthy. Having access to health services also means more opportunities for education, employment, sports, and other pathways to participate in society.

Our goal is to improve access to quality health care for 11 million people with intellectual disabilities worldwide. The changes required to reach this milestone have the potential to unlock health care for all people with intellectual disabilities worldwide.

For additional resources on inclusive health, visit [www.specialolympics.org/inclusivehealth](http://www.specialolympics.org/inclusivehealth).