
Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s speech at the very first Special Olympic Games in 1968 was captured on video. She displayed her leadership in wishing all the athletes luck but also acknowledges their bravery in attempting the challenge. We were able to gain knowledge of her skills of inspiring and motivating her followers.


Eunice Kennedy Shriver is featured in the video welcoming the athletes to the third Special Olympic Games and points out that the athletes will complete tasks that those in the audience may never be able to, showing the capabilities of her special friends.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver, showing her leadership qualities, addresses athletes from seven nations at the 1975 Special Olympic Games. In the video, she tells them that their background and appearance does not matter because she has created an environment where they are celebrated just as they are.


Six Olympic gold medalist are featured in this video. They had experienced the competition for a few days while, as Eunice Kennedy Shriver put it, the Special Olympians' contest and fight for acceptance never ends. She thanks them for their courage and wishes them good luck as always.

At the 1987 Special Olympic Games where Eunice Kennedy Shriver delivered her speech, she empowered the athletes and praised them for their achievements in sending a message to the world, earning their rights, and ending the days of segregation.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s Special Olympics speech is highlighted in this video where she invites everyone to come to the world of the Special Olympics athletes. She calls them peacemakers who have created a unified and peaceful world that inspires our own world, just as she inspires and leaves a legacy hand-in-hand with them.


During Eunice Kennedy Shriver's speech in 1995 in Connecticut, she tells athletes of what they should take away from the games, such as being able to return home as champions and demand jobs and/or civil rights, protecting the health of other disabled people, and never resulting to sending people to institutes. The video is a reminder that by doing this, her ideas are carried forward and her legacy continues to grow.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver delivered her speech in Canada at the 1997 Special Olympics Winter Games. She thanks Canada for hosting the games, the athletes for their courage, and the athletes' families for their sacrifice. To everyone involved in the Special Olympics, she acknowledges their accomplishments and role in human equality. By doing so, her empathy and selflessness proves to be a few of her most admired traits by her followers.

The video is of Eunice Kennedy Shriver's speech at the 1999 Special Olympic Games. She tells her special friends that they have proved what the world told them thirty years ago was wrong. She thanks the athletes for creating a better world and, being the leader she is, welcomes them to the games once more.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver reminding her athletes, in a video, of the large number of people with mental disabilities and what the Special Olympics has offered for them and their families. These programs that help the families are a big contributor to her legacy. There is also footage of that year's Special Olympic events.

_A Dream to Grow on_. Dir. Ronald G. Capalace. Bono Film Services, 1968.

The film "A Dream to Grow On" helped us understand what the Special Olympics are like. Also, it helped us realize how important exercising is to mentally disabled children. The film, narrated by the U.S. decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, showed us how small this event started out as, how much of a legacy she left behind with the kids.


We used this website for a picture seen on the board on the Legacy panel as a depiction of the ADA logo.


This video provided us with more knowledge on how Eunice Kennedy Shriver affected her family with the creation of the Special Olympics It helps support our argument that her legacy was not just with the children around the globe, but also with her children.
Mrs. Kennedy Shriver helped people around the globe, and this video helped us understand this. Nelson Mandela was a friend of her's, and was in this video, helping to support that she is a global leader for those with mental diseases.


This video is of Eunice Kennedy Shriver's speech at the 20th Anniversary of Steven Spielberg's movie. She thanks him for all of his work in advertising and spreading the word about the Special Olympics to make the games what it is today. He was a big contributor in helping spread her message, thus making her legacy more enduring.

Christensen, Dave. "Incorporating Leadership and Legacy." Personal interview. 20 Feb. 2015.

For around 20 years, Mr. Christensen has been working with History Day students. He came to talk with us a few times and put us on the right track. Besides speaking to our group, he also proof read our information.


Mrs. Christensen came to see us a few times to talk about being successful in the competition. She was very helpful in explaining what we have to do.
Katie Craven has worked with the National History Society for many years from judging projects to sending her own students into competition. She came to our middle school, saw our work in progress, answered questions, and gave us suggestions on improving our exhibit. Even after our meeting with her, she stayed in contact with us through email and helped to review our information.


This video was shown to us by Mr. Christensen. It captured the relationship between leader and follower. Therefore, we applied this knowledge to Mrs. Shriver’s case and gained a new understanding of leadership.


Bobby Shriver, Mrs. Kennedy Shriver's son, giving a speech in a video as he is accepting the award on behalf of his mother. He tells of the kind of person she was, how deserving she is, and gives listeners an idea of her competitiveness. Mrs. Kennedy Shriver left her legacy with her children.


Eunice Kennedy Shriver describes, in the video, how well the mentally disabled can perform, but many of them lack the opportunity to participate in sports. It helps listeners to understand the capabilities of the disabled and that all they need is a chance to excel. By being a leader in this movement, she helped accomplish this goal a little more.

Mrs. Kennedy Shriver is describing what it was like for the mentally disabled 40 years ago in comparison to what we have today. In the video, she says there are still many challenges they face, but life for all of the disabled around the world have improved exponentially with Mrs. Kennedy Shriver's work.


The video is of Eunice Kennedy Shriver working with her special friends. She talks about what she learns from the people she works with and works to help. She affected those kids’ lives which helped her legacy grow into what it is today.


A quote is used from this source on our board on the Legacy panel. The website helped us understand what the ADA's mission was and how Eunice influenced the beginning of this movement.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s delivers one of her speeches in this video. She describes her life, her legacy, and her supporters that helped her along the way to creating the Special Olympics.

Kennedy Family Tree. N.p.: n.p., n.d. PDF.

The family tree showed us how many Kennedy's there were and how the line was very lengthy. It also gave us an overview of Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s motivation, her family, and legacy, her children.

This short film is on President John F. Kennedy’s involvement with people with intellectual disabilities. Eunice Kennedy Shriver is the narrating as the film follows her brother’s fight for the mentally disabled. She had important family members that helped her lead the fight against the mentally disabled.

Loescher, Susan. "Our Advisor." Personal interview. 13 Nov. 2014.

Mrs. Loescher was one of the first people that talked to us about committing to History Day. She explained the process of creating the project to us and guided us along our way.


This slideshow provided us with pictures and captions of important factors throughout Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s life. This helped give a guideline to how Eunice Kennedy Shriver became such a powerful leader for the mentally ill children. It included in the captions were also links that lead to further information within the website.


This video is of Maria Shriver talking about her mother’s large role and leadership in the special needs of others. She is a big receiver of her mother’s legacy with the children and within her family.


We classified this news report on Eunice Kennedy Shriver as primary because of the footage and interviews that were incorporated. The report explained Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s motivation, her perspective on the handicapped, and leadership in making the Special Olympics grow.

The blog was created and written by Emily Nemec who admires Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s work and applies Kennedy’s example to her own life. She tells of her experiences with her sister, Sophie, who has Down Syndrome and provides pictures of and videos on her role model. Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s legacy endures even after her death with the children.


The steps Eunice Kennedy Shriver took in order to start the Special Olympics are featured in this video. It also told us the great legacy she left.


Included in this video are the words of her brother, Ted Kennedy, and her daughter, Maria, as they tell of Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s life and accomplishments. Mrs. Kennedy Shriver impact on the world was also described by Nelson Mandela, a Special Olympics athlete, and herself. Her leadership with the Special Olympics brought in not only family members, but others that wanted to help the movement.


This video is of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, her son Timothy, and her husband Sargent Shriver as they describe Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s life, her role in the Special Olympics, and her family's influence.
PBS created a video, a tribute to Eunice Kennedy Shriver's death, and brought in her son and the AAPD President to talk about her legacy. Timothy Shriver was asked questions about what his mom told him about Rosemary, and what Camp Shriver was like as a kid. Andrew Imparato, AAPD President, discussed how much of an impact Mrs. Kennedy Shriver had on the public. He also described how she laid the foundation for the ADA to come about, along with other acts and movements to be cleared and put into action. We use a quote from this video on the Legacy panel of our board.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s brother, Ted Kennedy, is featured in this video explaining her service and how that service has made her a hero for the mentally disabled children and families around the world. Her legacy endures within the hearts of her family.


This video shows Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s close relationship to Rosemary. Ted tells of the extra time she spent with Rosemary and the improvements she experienced as a result of her sister’s help. That same principle was applied to the Special Olympics, which Mrs. Kennedy Shriver took leadership of, with realizing the potential of the athletes along with receiving a little extra help.


Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s competitiveness is portrayed in the video and how she grew up putting in the extra effort. That extra effort paid off in the long run with her legacy with the kids.

The video explains the job of huggers with Ted Kennedy depicting a hugger’s role and effect that person had on the athlete he/she was encouraging in addition to the hugger’s own life. These people left the athletes feeling loved, thus making Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s legacy grow with the more lives touched.


Eunice Kennedy Shriver wrote this article. She talks about her sister Rosemary's story which was hidden from the rest of the world. She goes on to address the problems with the treatment of the disabled and how Rosemary had affected her family. Because of Rosemary, Mrs. Kennedy Shriver developed an interest, which grew into a passion, for the mentally disabled, leaving a legacy with them.


This book was written by Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s son. His descriptions gave us an insight on his experiences with the Special Olympics, his observations on the Special Olympic’s history, and his viewpoints on events concerning the Special Olympics. It showed how much of a legacy his mother left with her family.


This video focuses on the athletes of Special Olympics as they thank Mrs. Kennedy Shriver for creating the event that improved their lives. They show listeners the impact of Special Olympics, her legacy, and what it represents.
Stater, Jennifer. "Guidance and Advice Throughout Our Whole Project." Personal interview. 13 Nov. 2014.

Mrs. Stater provided time to work and organized the vast majority of our schedule. She was our main advisory throughout the whole project.


The Pennsylvania University wrote an article about its history. This included information on Dr. Benjamin. He contributed two pieces of equipment that was used to treat the mentally ill. We included a picture of one on our display and also gained background information of the treatment of the disabled in the past.


The news report included multiple interviews and footage on a football team and their players as they work with Special Olympic athletes. Mrs. Kennedy Shriver has been able to ensnare many people with helping the Special Olympics, making her legacy grow with each person she talks to.


This gallery was filled with many graphic and detailed photos that seemed to capture what life was like in the prison-like institutions. Some of the many photos and videos were used on our exhibit.
Secondary Resources


The historical website helped us understand how Mrs. Kennedy Shriver leadership and legacy fit into history. It also helped us know what was happening in that time period.


This article describes what was considered the most important date of Special Olympics history. Mrs. Kennedy Shriver leadership in was present in her efforts to make her games and the abilities of the disabled known to the world. Her legacy still carries on after the 1968 games, the first international Special Olympics game.


This is another website that helped us figure out how the mentally disabled's conditions slowly improved throughout history and how Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s leadership in starting the Special Olympics helped improve the conditions even more.


A letter, written by Nelson Mandela, congratulates Mrs. Kennedy Shriver on her 88th birthday and her life’s commitment to helping others. It also shows her partnership with Mandela and the well-deserved recognition she received from other leaders.


This article goes explains the Special Olympic's fundraisers, one of which is A Very Special Christmas. With the money gained from the artists' album, the Special Olympics were able to continue to improve the lives of the disabled.

Pictures, facts, and statistics that show the severity of neglect the mentally disabled experienced and how large of an issue this was at the time is the focus of this video. It also helped us to understand why Mrs. Kennedy Shriver was so passionate to help these people and her huge legacy that changed the lives of millions.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s passion for kids and helping others was definitely shown in this article. It described her journey and work with people. Using their words and also the words of Mrs. Kennedy Shriver herself, the author even depicted her with pictures that we used on our board.


The steps Mrs. Kennedy Shriver had taken and her efforts to get rid of this prejudice towards the disabled at the time is the focus of this article. It also goes into her leadership, determination, and other qualities that made her successful in helping this group of people.


This article quotes multiple athletes as they describe their personal relationships with Mrs. Kennedy Shriver and how she made them feel as though they belong in society. This also shows how hands-on her work was and her compassion for the disabled.


Not only does this article list Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s leadership and legacy, but also her attitude towards receiving her recognition. Her focus had been only to help others, not on the awards.

Bobby Shriver's, Mrs. Kennedy Shriver's son, life and accomplishments were explained in this article. It also lists his education and other steps he has taken to bring himself to where he is today.


This article tells of the Special Olympics’ beginnings, Camp Shriver. The even Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s family was involved as they comment on the fun and importance of what they were doing.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver was also passionate about the competition in addition to the sportsmanship involved in the Special Olympics. Furthermore, this article highlights the fact that Mrs. Shriver never lost sight of both the athletes and others around the world realizing the disabled's ability and potential.


This website helped us understand how Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s leadership fit in with other's work in the past and how it affected other's work in the future.


Mrs. Kennedy Shriver had connections with presidential figures and also with many global leaders. This article explained that being a political leader herself, she was able to meet with other leaders from numerous countries all the while spreading the knowledge of the Special Olympics.

Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s life with her accomplishments and advances in Special Olympics is described in the article.


This article show that the challenges of having disabilities were also hard on the families of the athletes. It is also true that the Special Olympics were beneficial to both child and parent as the article included a letter thanking Mrs. Kennedy Shriver for the impact the Special Olympics had on the sender’s family.


Details on the process, the effects, and the history of lobotomies were throughout this article. It also had diagrams, one of which we included on our display.


The article includes the words of actors, athletes, and even Arnold Schwarzenegger as they describe their universal feeling to be a part of Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s efforts and the fun they have while doing so.


Both pictures and videos were provided about the mentally disabled and their treatment around the world. We used some of the images on our display.

This was a slideshow of pictures with captions about the global conference in Marrakech. It helped us understand how much the Special Olympics has grown and how it plans to grow some more.


Because of this website, we discovered that there was a day dedicated to Mrs. Kennedy Shriver. It gave the what when who why how's about the day. The date is on September 27.


The focus of the website was an overview of how Mrs. Kennedy Shriver helped her "special friends". It starts out with Camp Shriver and ends with her death. Because helping these kids was her life, she left the legacy of the Special Olympics.


This website helped us have a rounded view on everybody and helped us understand what some people are confused on with the Special Olympics. The question/answer format helped us organize what facts went along with which people or what subjects.

The games went from a small amount of kids, 1,000 or so, to 4.4 million athletes around the globe. The website helped us understand how, with enough force and persistence, a small event can turn international. It provided a timeline which really helped organize the information, and provided quotes, one of which can be found on our board.


This website was mainly about how well Nelson Mandela supports the Special Olympics, which proves that Mrs. Kennedy Shriver has touched lives around the globe, including people in Africa. He is greatly involved with this organization, and he is very happy about it.


A timeline of the events leading up to the start of the Special Olympics is featured in this website. This timeline includes a lot about Camp Shriver, which helped us know what else happened between the start of the camp and the start of the Special Olympics.


This article was very specific on the topic of Rosemary’s behavior before the procedure and her mental state. It proceeds to the topic of her surgery, including the comments of Rosemary’s doctors, and emphasises the possible benefits and lack of knowledge of lobotomies to possibly justify Joe Kennedy’s decision of Rosemary’s surgery.
This article sides with Joe Kennedy by including quotes that describe Joseph's devastation and good intentions with the outcome of the surgery. On the other hand, the article also describes the shame of the disabled at the time and what her life was afterwards. The text ends with how Rosemary’s tragic event inspired her sister Mrs. Kennedy Shriver and how Mrs. Shriver’s son, Timothy, considers her story that of a hero’s.

The focus of this article is mainly on Rosemary’s misdiagnosis, operation, and illness. Kessler also goes into detail on her mental state before and after the surgery, her symptoms, and the surgery itself.

The pictures in this article helped extend our knowledge of how the Special Olympics is still present and changing people’s lives today.

Rosemary's relationship with her parents and siblings, but especially Mrs. Kennedy Shriver, is explained in this book and helped us understand their bonds. It talks about the little things Mrs. Kennedy Shriver and her siblings did to make Rosemary feel good about herself.

Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s relationship with both her siblings and her children with quotes from the children themselves describing her as competitive and playing a significant role in her family is depicted in this article.


This news report mourns Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s death. It describes how she turned her life full of tragedy into a life committed to helping others. NBC tells of her major life events, including her work with the Special Olympics.


Rosemary’s life is described in this article, including her condition, her close relationship with Mrs. Kennedy Shriver, and her legacy she left by inspiring others with her story.


Sargent Shriver’s important dates, accomplishments, and beliefs throughout his life is listed in this article.


This news report describes Sargent Shriver’s life of service to the president and the people of America. NBC covers his role in the peace corps and his lasting memory after his death.
Sargent Shriver’s role in improving the lives of people around the world is explained in this news report. Tom Brokaw refers to him and Mrs. Kennedy Shriver as global leaders and arguably the most influential people of the century. Brokaw also describes Sargent Shriver’s many services, specifically the Peace Corp, the Special Olympics, and the program’s impact on the world.

The steps of leadership Mrs. Kennedy had to take to create the Special Olympics is featured in this article. It goes into detail about the different programs and actions she took to help the lives and perspective people have of the mentally disabled.

This website also helped us get a grasp on the Special Olympics at the start of our research.

This file was helpful in the beginning stage of learning about Mrs. Kennedy Shriver and the differences between the Paralympics and the Special Olympics.

When we began researching, this article helped us understand how Mrs. Kennedy Shriver’s legacy, the Special Olympics, is still continuing,

The text of a book written by Barbara Gibson is highlighted in this article. She believes that Mrs. Kennedy Shriver and Rosemary's father, Joe Kennedy, purposely destroyed his daughter having known that the lobotomy was an inappropriate surgery for Rosemary. For reasons multiple reasons, Gibson supported her opinion that Rosemary was a victim of her father's cruelty.

When we wanted to make our board like the Special Olympic logo, we first wanted to know what the logo meant. We discovered this website and thus figured it out.

We used a picture found on this website. This one depicts the signing of the ADA which was a big contributor to the equalization of the disabled.

Different pictures of Letchworth Village are found in this video. This was one of the more famous institutions that gave us an insight on what life was like for these people throughout history. One of the pictures included in the video is on our display.

This article focuses on the spread of the Special Olympics since its beginnings and up until the year of 2007. It also goes into detail as to the growing number of countries who participated throughout the Special Olympic’s history.