



**Lisa Carlone** joined Special Olympics Connecticut as Director of Special Events in 2006. In that role, she oversaw the team that raised funds by executing special events. Currently, Lisa is the Senior Director of Special Projects, and continues to take the lead in organizing major special events. She also supports the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the local and International levels.

Prior to joining Special Olympics Connecticut, Lisa worked at IBM Corporation where she was first introduced to Special Olympics by becoming a volunteer. In 1993, she left IBM to accept a position on the Special Olympics World Games Organizing Committee as the Volunteer Services Manager and was charged with overseeing volunteers for the Special Olympics World Games in 1995.

Subsequently, Lisa's love of events took her to a well-known sports marketing organization where she executed events for corporate clients. However, her passion has always been with Special Olympics Connecticut, and so she returned and joined the staff in 2006.

Lisa holds a business degree from Albertus Magnus College.

**Fun Facts:**

*Favorite sports memory:* The US Men's Hockey Team winning the gold in Lake Placid in 1980

*Sports hero:* Any Special Olympics athlete competing in the sport they love!

*What does inclusion mean to you?* Everyone is the same and loved unconditionally