



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Everett Russell
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The tireless work and energy that Everett Russell has implanted into the Special Olympics has truly been remarkable. As President (from 2002-2006) of the Special Olympics Mount Pearl Committee, Everett committed himself to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, many of which being children. Everett availed every opportunity that came his way with the hopes of substantially increasing the involvement of Special Olympians in communities. With the increase of their involvement, communities would truly be able to witness just how outstanding Special Olympians are, and how outstanding their accomplishments are. During his Presidency, Everett facilitated the annual lighting of the torch at the Mount Pearl Frosty Festival to be performed by Special Olympians.

Under Everett's leadership, the enrollment for Special Olympic events has increased twofold. This is in large part due to the quality of the programs Mount Pearl offers, and the quality the Mount Pearl coaches are known for possessing. Everett's leadership has nourished healthy growth within the organization as well; The Mount Pearl Special Olympics Organization has grown from a small group of parents serving as the official committee to a 9 member Executive Committee that governs several smaller

committees with specified responsibilities (such as fundraising, communication with parents/guardians and the organization and execution of social functions). In fact, the Mount Pearl Special Olympics Organization has been so successfully managed that other Special Olympics organizations throughout the province look to Mount Pearl as a model organization whose status they wish to someday achieve.

Everett's relationship with the City of Mount Pearl have allowed for him to obtain facilities for many Special Olympic functions. He has used his association and connection to local politicians, the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance and local businesses to benefit the athletes he respects and believes in. Moreover, Everett has extended his generous leadership beyond the confines of the City of Mount Pearl. He has been a member of the Provincial Board of Directors for Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador and has chaired on the Regional Leadership Committee that oversees all of the programs that are offered throughout the province. In addition, Everett has chaired twice for the Provincial Special Olympic Summer Games Organizing Committee. Everett's commitment to the Special Olympians has allowed for their organizations to grow tremendously, and they continue to experience this growth every year.

Everett's dedication to the sporting community is recognized by the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
