

# Special Olympics Missouri Training for Life Campus



## LOCATION

Jefferson City, Missouri

## DESCRIPTION

16.5 acre campus with 34,135 SF headquarters building

## COMPLETION DATE

September 2018

## CLIENT REFERENCE

Mark Musso, President and CEO  
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## CONTRACTOR REFERENCE

Reinhardt / Wilson - Brian Neuring  
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Outdated and inadequate space illuminated the need for a new Training for Life Campus for Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO). This new state headquarters houses both the organization's corporate offices and athletic facility providing quality training spaces and equipment for the state's 14,000+ athletes and 1,400 volunteer coaches, as well as a centralized clearing house for equipment, supplies, materials and technology.

During the Pre-Design phase, SOA worked extensively with SOMO's diverse group of stakeholders, including the corporate board, staff, athletes and families, guiding them through a series of potential design options. SOA clarified the group's vision through a series of planning techniques including a feasibility study, an interactive two-day "charette," and fly-by video studies using the computer modeled building and site. The result was a plan that both met their needs and budget today, but allowed them to expand both indoor and outdoor facilities to meet their future needs.

The design of their new 34,135 sf headquarters includes a grand lobby and "Hall of Heros" to motivate and inspire, multi-functional meeting spaces, gym facilities, fitness and powerlifting spaces, and a Healthy Athletes clinic for screenings. Outdoor spaces include a playing field, sports track and walking paths, all overlooked by the observation deck of the headquarters building. Support services include dock high loading for the storage warehouse.

The site design best utilizes the former quarry site at the southern entrance into Jefferson City to highlight the new facility, provide privacy and security for the outdoor sports, and utilize the up to 100' tall rock walls for shading athletic fields for afternoon activities. SOA joined forces with Design-Build contractor Reinhardt-Wilson, who constructed the project in 2018.



*"From the earliest design exercises all the way into wrapping up construction documents, SOA's use of computer modelling and visualization helped our wide-ranging team, mostly unexperienced with design and construction, to quickly understand the site's challenges and opportunities..."*

*-Mark Musso, President & CEO, Special Olympics Missouri*