

## **LOCAL IMPACT: SPECIAL OLYMPICS UTAH UNIFIED SPORTS®**

Special Olympics Utah athlete Addie Morley and her mother Chelsea Miller traveled to Washington DC in February 2019 to share their story of Special Olympics with Utah's congressional representatives.

Addie shared how she went from "being bullied in the bathroom in fourth grade to having friends greeting her in the hallways in high school." She credits Special Olympics Unified Sports® where those with and without intellectual disabilities train and compete together for their high school for providing the way to make friends with her peers and have a positive high school experience.

As part of her sports experience, Addie and her Hillcrest High Unified Sports® soccer team were chosen to represent Utah at the Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, July 2018 where they won a gold medal.

"We are so appreciative our Utah Congressional delegation would take time to hear our story of Unified Sports in high schools. We know Unified Sports helps students with intellectual disabilities develop connections and friendships with their peers. Our leaders deserve to hear these programs make a difference," said Chelsea Miller.

"We thank Sen. Mitt Romney, Sen. Mike Lee, Rep. Rob Bishop, Rep. Chris Stewart, Rep. John Curtis, and Rep. Ben McAdams for hearing from us about Special Olympics Unified Sports in high schools." expressed Addie and her mother.

