

# Special Olympics Missouri

“Socket is always providing a cost savings. They are an integral part of our communications. And it’s good to do business with a local company that gives back to the community.”

—Mary Lou Hammann, Administrative Services Director  
Jefferson City, MO



**Special Olympics**



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**Industry**

Non-Profit

**Socket Services**

Voice/Data T1

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Conference Calling

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St. Louis

## A non-profit runs eight area offices smoothly and more economically after switching to Socket’s T1 and conference calling services.

### Client

Special Olympics Missouri provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic sports for children and adults with mental disabilities, giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

### Challenge

Special Olympics Missouri has eight area offices throughout the state. Its conferencing service was uneconomical because callers had to dial into a 1-800 number and pay extra fees for the service. To conduct day-to-day business within their own organization, employees and volunteers had to schedule calls in advance and rack up phone bills.

### Solution

Special Olympics Missouri’s primary concern was efficient spending and scheduling. The company turned to Socket for its T1 service with voice and data, high-speed Internet, conference calling and long distance telephone service.

### Result

By switching to Socket, Special Olympics Missouri was able to use a local number for all offices. With no advance reservations required, the organization has also minimized the hassle of scheduling conference calls. Communication is at an all-time high, and volunteers, staff and coaches have reduced travel costs by taking advantage of technology services.