



Protect Our Future Preserve Our Heritage

Philadelphia Skating Club
& Humane Society

A Campaign for the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society



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The Philadelphia Skating Club

At the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society (PSCHS), America's first skating club, **our mission** is to preserve and promote the sport, art, and history of figure skating for recreation and competition.

People come to the PSCHS because they or their children want to skate. **They stay because** of our excellent coaches, fantastic and plentiful ice, welcoming community, and convenient location in the heart of Philadelphia's Main Line suburb of Ardmore.



Our Need

For 175 years, PSCHS has played a prominent role for skating enthusiasts and competitors locally and within US Figure Skating. Based on a comprehensive study, critical capital improvements are needed to continue operating.

The capital campaign to **Protect Our Future - Preserve Our Heritage** will address the roof and ice surface, allowing us to remain a constant for the many communities we serve.

Our Club

16 HOURS OF ICE TIME DAILY

Available for members and the public to meet various needs

15 DEDICATED COACHES

Highly qualified and passionate about the sport and this community

23 FIGURE SKATING OFFICIALS

Trained and active in official US Figure Skating Competitions annually

4 WORLD JUDGES

& 8 US judges with 25+ years of experience including one with over 65 years of experience

20 PROGRAMS

Open to the public and our members to cultivate a love of skating across all ages

850+ MEMBERS

Who hold the Club and the sport close to their heart with their support

2 SYNCHRO SKATING TEAMS

Who compete annually and find camaraderie through training together weekly



Our Members Enjoy

- MONTHLY USFS TESTING SESSIONS
- REGULAR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS
- FREQUENT TEA & EXHIBITIONS
- BLUES BRUNCH
- HOLIDAY PARTY
- TWO ANNUAL SHOWS
- ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER
- GREAT SKATE – WINTER SEASON OPENING
- SPAGHETTI DINNER
- MIDWINTER PARTY
- AWARDS LUNCHEON FOR JR SKATERS





Our History

Our Club traces its roots to the joining of two organizations: The Humane Society of Philadelphia and the Skater's Club of the City and County of Philadelphia.

Organized in 1770, the Humane Society of Philadelphia's mission was to rescue people from drowning. Founded in 1849, The Skater's Club was the first skating club in North America. Its members skated on the Schuylkill River and lakes in the Philadelphia area. The club's objectives were "instruction and improvement" of the art of skating and cultivating friendship among the skaters.

The two joined in 1861 when the Humane Society dissolved, but their mission was still needed in the Greater Philadelphia area, thus creating the organization we are today.

Our Early Years

PSCHS was officially established. **1861**

1921 PSCHS is one of seven founding members of US Figure Skating.

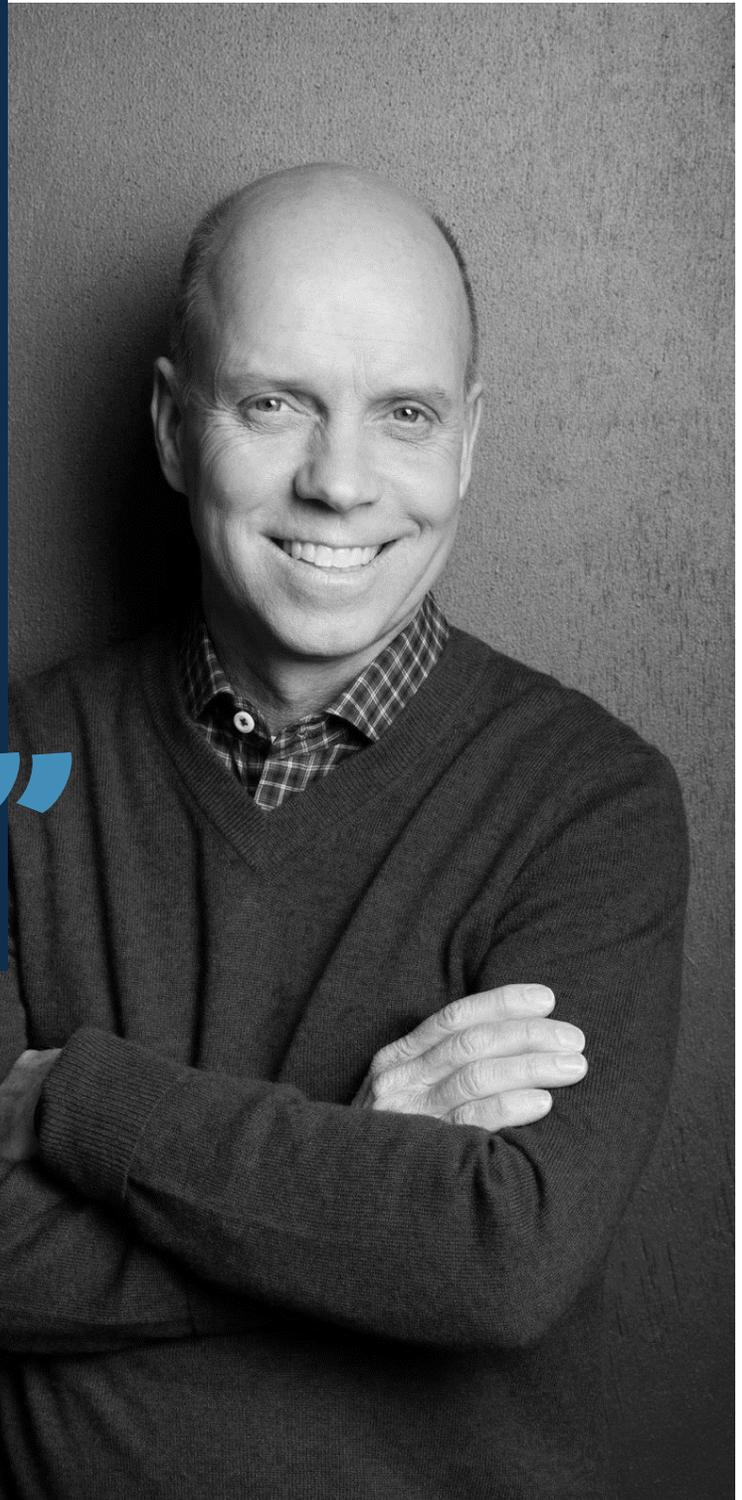
Our present-day facility is open to the public. **1938**

1941 We hosted the North American Figure Skating Championships.

“
**The best year
and a half I ever
spent on the ice
as far as training
as far as life-
changing was the
time I spent at
the Philadelphia
Skating Club.**

It is an institution that has a history and legacy. It's touched so many lives, and it needs to be respected and honored, and supported. And it needs to be allowed an opportunity to continue and to allow other people like me to experience this place. This place is so much bigger than the sport skating.”

- Scott Hamilton
1981-1984 Men's US Ice Skating Champion





“I’ve been a member of PSCHS for forever and have loved to skate my whole life. At PSCHS, I competed in Solo Dance Nationals twice, Sectionals once with my brother Stevie in partner dance, and many other fun competitions, including Lake Placid. I was also Junior Club Supervisor, helped with the Summer Camp, taught Learn to Skate, and was an Ice Guard at public sessions. I also helped with Ice Parties and holiday family sessions with my best friend, Katherine Mitchell. We met at the rink in eighth grade and became pretty inseparable. I still come back every break to skate and volunteer at competitions.

When looking for colleges, I knew I had to have a rink nearby. Although I’m super busy, I make it a priority to skate a couple of times throughout the week. Skating can be stressful with all the coursework, but overall, it has been my best decision to continue skating in college.

Skating is a lifelong sport and doesn't need to end when you leave high school!”

- Amelia Boerner
University of Delaware Graduate



“Skating has been a hugely important part of my college experience, as being a skater is a significant part of my identity and future career. The ability to train and compete after my competitive career “ended” was especially meaningful when I became a part of a team that quickly became my family.

PSCHS holds a special place in my heart.

I moved to the club when I was 12 with my coach Julia Rey, and I now work with coach Oleg Fediukov, who both taught me the skating and life lessons I hold onto today. Truthfully, all of the coaches at PSCHS were instrumental in shaping me into who I am today (especially with all the words of wisdom from Robbie!). I am truly thankful for the wonderful staff, coaches, and skaters at PSCHS that make the club so special.”

- Katherine Mitchell
University of Toronto Graduate





Our Community Impact

875

LEARN-TO-SKATE
STUDENTS EACH YEAR

We are a thriving community of passionate skaters– united by our love for the sport and our dedication to fostering a bright future for skating.

3k+

PUBLIC SKATERS
EACH YEAR

Our Club is more than just a group of individuals who share a hobby– we are a historic part of the Philadelphia area and proud local community members. We strive to give back in various ways through the many programs we highlight here.

15+

YEARS OF
PARTNERSHIP WITH
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

However, we must address the critical needs of the Club before we can continue to scale our existing community programs.

3+

COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
INCLUDING:

- LOWER MERION
COMMUNITY LEADERS
- LOWER MERION
CONSERVANCY
- ARDMORE CIVIC
ASSOCIATION

Our Stability

Historical Stability

In 2024, the Philadelphia Skating Club celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding in 1849. We were founded earlier than PNC Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. We have lasted longer than many other of our 'revered' institutions.

The Humane Society was founded years earlier, in the 1780's. If you count the Humane Society, we are older than the oldest US bank, The Bank of New York. We have and will continue to survive all of them.

Financial Stability

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, most of our expenses are covered with membership dues and our programs. Almost all years of this century have finished with a surplus or deficit of less than 5% of revenue (Pandemic year excepted).

Back in 2000, we secured a \$50,000 line of credit from Bryn Mawr Trust solely for operational emergencies. Despite the challenges faced by all organizations during the pandemic, we have not needed to use this credit.



Our Growth

Learn to Skate

Over the past ten years, our Learn to Skate USA program has seen tremendous growth-- making it one of the top 15% of Learn to Skate programs nationwide in terms of size. Our Learn to Skate Program is:

- 91st in the Nation
- 5th in the State
- 1 of 185 with more than 300 skaters

Membership Success

Member acquisition and retention is always a natural part of the cycle of life of any membership organization.

In the past fiscal year, we continued to grow membership with 42 new member applications.





Protecting Our Future

We are the only founding member of US Figure Skating in our original rink, and we are committed to preserving that legacy.

A few years ago, we began a planning process with a community-centric approach to guide PSCHS' growth for the future. First, we undertook an in-depth analysis of our historic building with historic architecture and engineering experts to report on the extent of preservation and modernization needed.

Through our study, we identified three key areas that need immediate attention:

1. Preserve and lean into our historic architecture with renovated skylights and a new roof
2. Install a new ice-skating surface complete with the latest mechanical equipment needed to maintain it for decades
3. Replace the back window with new glass and fresh sealing to ensure the ice stays at the right temperature



Our Need

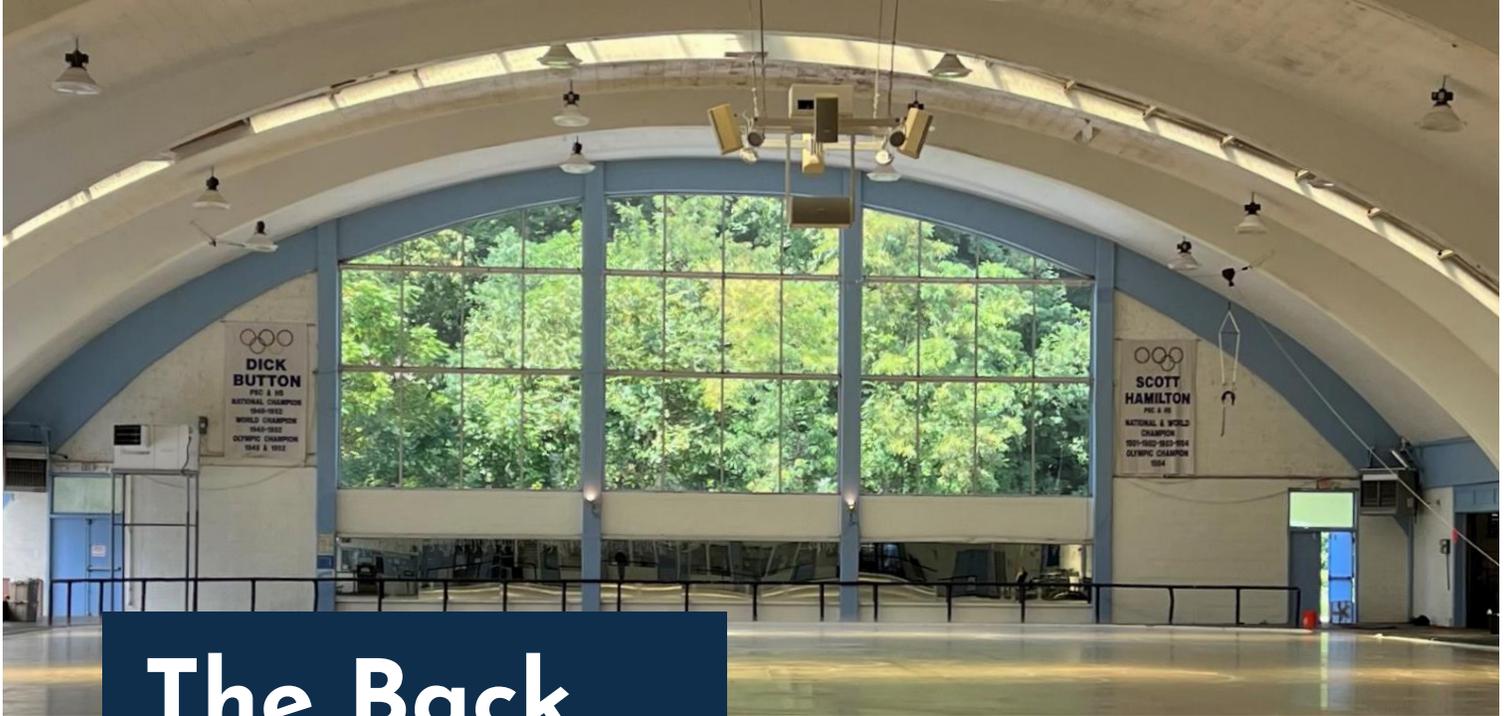
We've been planning renovations for a while and gathered quotes from various experts throughout the process. Initial quotes are from as early as April 2022; thus, we needed to consider inflation. All contributions for *the Protect Our Future, Preserve Our Heritage* campaign will go 100% to the campaign.

Component	Funding
Phase One: Back Window	\$60,000
Phase Two: Roof & Skylights	\$2,200,000
Subtotal of Immediate Need	\$2,260,000
Phase Three: Ice & Refrigeration	\$2,100,000
Phase Four: Upgrade and Renovate Member Areas	\$1,640,000
Phase Five: Capital Reserves for Future Improvements	\$500,000
Subtotal	\$4,240,000
Grand Total	\$6,500,000

\$2.2 Million

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORIC BUILDING AND PROTECT ITS FUTURE



The Back Window

PROJECT COMPLETE
Total Costs: \$60,000

Benefits

- AIDS IN THE BUILDING'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- IMPROVED VIEWING AND NATURAL LIGHT IN THE BUILDING
- MORE CONSISTENT SKATING CONDITIONS

Cost Includes

- REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF EXISTING GLASS
- INSTALLATION OF NEW GLASS
- REPLACEMENT OR SEALING OF GASKETS AROUND THE GLASS

Our historic building was not designed to operate during the summer months. As such, its current design causes heat and moisture to get trapped inside, significantly increasing the cost of refrigeration to maintain the ice.

The 36-piece back window of our Club generates so much natural light and innovative design to our building. The curved top of the window requires precision and care to replace, and this window is not only a highlight of PSCHS but essential to maintain the temperature inside.



The Skylights & Roof

Total Costs: \$2,200,000

Benefits

- IMPROVES THE SAFETY OF THE CLUB
- ENHANCES THE ICE SURFACE
- AIDS IN THE BUILDING'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- CONSISTENT SKATING CONDITIONS

Cost Includes

- INSTALL MODERN SKYLIGHTS
- INSULATION & VAPOR RETARDER ON CEILING
- GUTTERS AND OTHER ROOFING REPAIRS
- STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO THE CONCRETE

Our Club was constructed in 1937 under the supervision of Anton Tedesko. Tedesko pioneered the use of thin-shell concrete structures in the United States. At its thinnest point, the roof is slightly over 2 ½ inches and 4 ½ at its thickest. This delicate and historical architecture is the backbone of PSCHS– we wish to preserve rather than replace it. Now, our iconic skylights are leaking and pose a hazard to skaters. The roof has exceeded its useful life requiring remediation.

This project is our highest priority and a necessity for the future of our Club.



The Ice Surface

Total Costs: \$2,100,000

With no ice there is no rink.

Our ice-making technology is at the end of its life. Due to advances in environmental protection, the refrigerant in the pipes is no longer being manufactured in the United States and will be phased out by the EPA in 2030.

The delicate HVAC balance could also be more efficient and take less toll on our equipment. Installing a new state-of-the-art ice surface and cooling system will preserve PSCHS for decades to come and meet upcoming refrigerant regulations.

Benefits

- MEETS UPCOMING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AROUND REFRIGERANTS
- LOWERS OPERATION COSTS
- INCREASED SKATER SATISFACTION

Cost Includes

- REFRIGERATION PACKAGE
- DEHUMIDIFIER SYSTEM
- SUB-FLOOR & SYSTEM TO MAINTAIN THE TEMPERATURE
- RINK FLOOR



Naming Opportunities

Donors to the *Protect Our Future~ Preserve Our Heritage* Campaign are supporting the historical preservation of America's oldest figure skating club. Commemorative Naming Opportunities offer the chance to become a part of history in this effort. In appreciation of our top supporters, the following naming opportunities are available:

Opportunity	Total Available	Total Reserved	Value
Skylight - Full	2	1	\$275,000
Skylight - Half	4	3	\$150,000
Back Window	1	0	\$100,000
Block Glass Wall	1	0	\$200,000
Ice Surface/ Rink	1	0	TBD

Please inform us if you're interested in significantly contributing to the Ice Surface/Rink recognition opportunity. Your generous gift can help transform this monumental project.

Our Goal

We are committed to achieving this goal, and so are our members.

Gifts Needed	Committed Gifts	Needed Gifts
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\$500,000 (2 gifts needed)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
\$250,000 (1 gift secured; 3 gifts needed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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The Club is financially stable; annually, we break even with membership dues and revenue from public activities.

However, the repairs needed to our Club go above and beyond our regular maintenance budget. As such, we are asking our close friends and members for extra support for this campaign.

**WE WANT TO
CONTINUE SERVING
OUR COMMUNITY TO
THE BEST OF OUR
ABILITY.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE
CAN
DO JUST THAT.**

Our Future

Dear friends and members, we would like to invite you to support our building to ensure we can continue serving our community. Your generous contribution today will go a long way in shaping our tomorrow.

Let's work together to safeguard our future for the next 175 years and preserve our legacy for future generations.

**WITH YOUR HELP, PSCHS CAN
CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR PAST
AND DREAM FOR THE FUTURE**

Join us in this effort.

Thank you for your support.







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