

TEAM USA IMPACT NEWSLETTER



100 DAYS OUT: SUPPORTING ATHLETES ON THE ROAD TO MILANO CORTINA 2026

With just 100 days until the Olympic flame lights up Milano Cortina, the Team USA Fund is helping America's top winter athletes make the most of the final stretch. From high-altitude training simulations to nutrition and sports medicine, the Team USA Fund ensures athletes can compete at the highest level.

More than 200 athletes are expected to represent Team USA in Italy, and nearly all will benefit from services made possible by supporters like you.

HOW THE TEAM USA FUND POWERS THE JOURNEY

- ★ 3,500+ athletes have access to expanded mental health services
- ★ 1,300+ athletes have comprehensive health insurance
- ★ 1500+ get direct financial help

Whether you're rooting for athletes who already qualified, like snowboarder Chloe Kim and curler Cory Thiesse, or watching hopefuls still working for their spot on Team USA, your support is everything.

**Show our athletes you've got their back
by joining the countdown to the 2026 Games
at TeamUSA.com/milano-cortina-2026**

INSIDE: FRESH FACES TO WATCH IN MILANO CORTINA

PLUS: Learn about high-altitude training • Meet a fellow Team USA supporter • Hear about athletes making a comeback

COMEBACK KIDS: TEAM USA ATHLETES RETURNING IN 2026



Chloe Kim Snowboarding

A two-time Olympic gold medalist and the first athlete to win titles at all four major snowboarding events, Kim is favored to win in 2026. After Beijing 2022, she took a year off to focus on her mental health. "I've learned a lot about myself, and I finally feel ready," she said.



Cory Thiesse Curling

Thiesse returns to the 2026 Games with doubles partner Korey Dropkin after winning the Olympic Trials and securing their spot at the world championship. She said, "This has been our goal and dream for so long, and we worked hard for it."

FRESH FACES: ATHLETES TO WATCH IN MILANO CORTINA



Quinn Dehlinger Freestyle Skiing

At 23, this two-time world champion will make his Olympic debut in Milano Cortina. After fighting his way back from a devastating ACL injury, Dehlinger ranked in the top three of the 2024-25 FIS base list, earning early qualification for Milano Cortina.



Korey Dropkin Curling

For this newcomer, curling is a family affair. In fact, Dropkin won a junior national championship with his brother Stephen in 2012. He also won the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in 2023 with Cory Thiesse. Now, he's set to make his Olympic debut in Milano Cortina.

Your support has helped lift these athletes to the Olympic and Paralympic stage.
To learn more about the programs you make possible, visit TeamUSA.com/athletes



DONOR PROFILE: **CRAIG AND TORIE CARLSON'S OLYMPIC SPARK**

For Craig and Torie Carlson, supporting Team USA isn't just a tradition. It's a passion that began in childhood and has only grown stronger over the last few decades.

"We've both always been big fans of the Olympics," Craig shares. "Torie loved seeing Mary Lou Retton win the All-Around, and I remember being obsessed with the long jump after watching Carl Lewis win gold — and three other medals — in 1984."

Their journey as donors began at the 1996 Atlanta Games, where they witnessed one of the most iconic moments in Olympic history. "We were about 40 feet away when Kerri Strug landed her one-legged vault," Craig recalls. "That moment sealed the team gold for the U.S., and it sealed our commitment to Team USA."

Torie's Olympic memories also include a personal connection: watching her close friend Mike

Barrowman win gold in the 200M Breaststroke in 1992. More recently, the couple has enjoyed hands-on experiences at U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee events. "Playing Goalball blindfolded at the Olympic & Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs was unforgettable," Craig says. "It gave us a whole new appreciation for Paralympic athletes."

Their support goes beyond the thrill of competition. "We're proud to fund sports science initiatives — it's fascinating to see how Team USA is using data and innovation to gain an edge," Craig explains. "We're also thrilled to support career services for athletes. Helping them prepare for life beyond sport is just as important."

Craig, Torie, and fans like you help athletes reach the peak of their Olympic aspirations. To learn more, visit USOPC.org/giving-circle

EVERY DAY, EVERY STEP, TOGETHER

Team USA athletes train 365 days a year. Learn how you can help equip them with the resources and programs they need to make sure every day counts.

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100 DAYS: KEY MILESTONES ON THE ROAD TO MILANO CORTINA



PREPARING ATHLETES FOR THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST ENVIRONMENTS

At the Colorado Springs Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, the High-Altitude Training Center (HATC) is helping Team USA athletes prepare for the world's toughest environments without ever leaving Colorado.

The one-of-a-kind facility can simulate altitudes that match some of the highest mountain peaks on earth. Training staff can also adjust temperatures from bone-chilling below zero to scorching 100-plus and make the air completely dry or completely saturated with humidity.

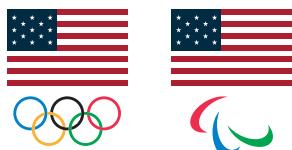
Athletes can then train in conditions that mimic those they'd encounter in competition. Training in those conditions can also aid in improving overall performance and recovery, boosting red blood cell production and endurance.

Whether it's preparing for the cold, thin air of the Italian Alps or pushing their bodies to the limit, the HATC gives Team USA a competitive edge by bringing the world's environments to their doorstep.



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