



## HOCKEY'S NEXT GENERATION AIMS TO WIN GOLD

Today's American hockey players grew up inspired by the U.S. Men's Olympic Hockey Team's incredible Olympic upset against the Soviet Union in 1980. Now, Team USA enters the 2026 Milan-Cortina Games confident that a new generation of stars can win gold for the first time in almost half a century.

Despite silver medals in Salt Lake City 2002 and Vancouver 2010, the top prize has eluded the team since their triumph in Lake Placid.

With NHL players returning to the Winter Games for the first time in 12 years, hopes are high for eligible players such as Auston Matthews, Jack Eichel and Adam Fox.



1980 US MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

Led by coach, Mike Sullivan, the team is poised for a breakthrough in 2026's Olympic Winter Games.

**Supporters like you are the reason Team USA hockey has come this far. Your continued commitment helps them compete at the highest levels.**

### GAME-CHANGER: YOUR IMPACT ON TEAM USA

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Team USA snowboarder Chloe Kim speaks openly about the importance of mental health.

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## CHAMPIONING MENTAL HEALTH: OUR COMMITMENT TO ATHLETE WELLNESS

In recent years, mental health has become a crucial topic in the world of sports, with many athletes openly sharing their struggles. Snowboarder Chloe Kim, sprinter Noah Lyles and figure skater Jason Brown are among those who have spoken candidly about their mental health journeys, highlighting the importance of support and self-care.

Chloe Kim, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, took a break from snowboarding to focus on her mental health. Her time away helped her reset and come back stronger.

Team USA sprinter Noah Lyles, the fastest man in the world, has also been open about his mental health challenges. *"I have asthma, allergies, dyslexia, ADD, anxiety, and depression,"* he said. *"But I will tell you, that what you have does not define what you can become."*

Thanks to supporters like you, the Team USA Fund can support each athlete's journey, offering comprehensive mental health programming both before and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. At the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, Team USA mental health officers held 554 unique athlete mental health sessions, and they'll offer the same opportunities in Milan-Cortina 2026.

**"I've found that it actually pushes me even more to work harder and be more successful because I've given myself this love, to where I allow myself to just go and pursue whatever I want to feel good about it."**

CHLOE KIM  
Olympic gold medalist, snowboarding

*"It's crucial to reach out and ask for help when you need it,"* said Olympic figure skater and bronze medalist Jason Brown. *"Mental health is just as important as physical health, and seeking support is a sign of strength."*

Often, one of the greatest obstacles to mental wellness is having access to providers, tools and resources. Through the Mental Health & Performance Directory, the Team USA Fund is helping to address this challenge. This comprehensive directory connects athletes to both licensed mental health

providers and Certified Mental Performance Consultants who specialize in sports psychology.

Through these fan-funded initiatives, the Team USA Fund is not only helping athletes achieve their dreams but also fostering a culture where mental health is prioritized.

Like women's ice hockey gold medalist Kendall Coyne Schofield said, *"Mental health is just as important as physical health. Take care of your mind, and your body will follow."*

Thank you for supporting health and wellness resources that empower our athletes to compete at their fullest capacity. To learn more about the programs you make possible, visit [usopc.org/mental-health](https://usopc.org/mental-health).

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Longtime Team USA supporter  
Bob Spurlock and partner, Tami Lewis.

# DONOR Q&A: PROMOTING UNITY THROUGH TEAM USA

**Bob Spurlock has been an annual supporter of Team USA since 1984. Bob took the time to answer questions about how he became a supporter and why he continues to support Team USA.**

## **What inspired you to become a TEAM USA SUPPORTER?**

**Bob:** *I became a supporter of Team USA immediately after I left the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. I was impressed by how the Olympics brought nations together, and I began to appreciate just how much American athletes had to sacrifice to become Olympians. At the time, I'd just graduated from law school and had very little extra money. Between events, I camped with friends on the beach. After returning to Phoenix, I made a small donation to one of the national governing bodies, and I've provided financial support to either a governing body or the national organization every year since then.*

## **Have you had any memorable moments as a supporter, such as watching an athlete you've admired or attending a special event?**

**Bob:** *Over six Olympics, I've enjoyed many memorable moments. I saw Carl Lewis win two of his four gold medals in Los Angeles. I watched Gary Hall win the 50-meter freestyle in Sydney. In Paris last August, we joined 70,000 other spectators at the track and field stadium to watch Armand Duplantis set a new world record in the pole vault. Other memorable moments took place beyond the actual competition. In Sydney, Evander Holyfield stopped us on the street and asked my 10-year-old daughter if she was enjoying the Olympics. In Salt Lake City, Lech Walesa shared rum and cokes with us as we watched the ski jumping competition. Three months ago, I met Paralympic skier Patrick Halgren in Colorado Springs. He shared stories of the intense training and financial sacrifices that Paralympic athletes (and in fact, all aspiring Olympians) endure to become the best.*

**Is there a particular USOPC resource or benefit that you take pride in helping to fund for Team USA athletes?**

**Bob:** *I take pride in helping to fund any resource or benefit the Foundation (Team USA's fundraising arm) deems critical. As a longtime high school basketball coach, I take a special interest in sports science, but I appreciate that support is needed across many fields.*

## **What do you hope your contributions help accomplish for Team USA athletes?**

**Bob:** *Naturally, anyone who supports Team USA hopes their contribution ultimately will lead to gold medals. I've been fortunate enough to meet aspiring, current, and former Olympians over the years, and I also understand that success doesn't just mean gold medals; it means an athlete has, through training and sacrifice, reached a high level of expertise in a chosen discipline. I hope that my contribution will help athletes reach that pinnacle.*

## **Why do you think it's important for people to give to Team USA athletes and what do you hope to see looking towards LA28 and beyond?**

**Bob:** *Why I've supported the Olympic movement over four decades? For a magical fortnight every two years, we're all Americans, united to support our athletes on the world stage. On an even broader scale, in those same two weeks, the entire world comes together to celebrate athletic excellence. I can't solve the world's problems, but I know my support helps unite Americans and makes the world a little smaller. My hope for LA28 is that the Olympic movement will continue to bring people together, nationally and internationally.*

**Bob and fans like you help athletes reach the summit of their sport. To learn more about your impact, visit [TeamUSA.com/about](https://TeamUSA.com/about)**

# WATCH: ERIN JACKSON LOOKS TO DEFEND GOLD IN 2026

Erin Jackson, the first Black woman to win an individual gold at the Olympic Winter Games, spent her childhood on skates—but not on the ice.



ERIN JACKSON

*"I've been on roller skates for basically as long as I can remember," Erin says. "I was what's called a rink rat, just someone who goes to the skating rink for fun."*

Now she looks to defend her 500-meter gold in speed skating and make waves in the 1000-meter event at Milan-Cortina next year.

*"I think we've got a few people on the rise," Erin says, "That'll be really exciting!"*

**"I just hope from people seeing me out there and hearing my story that we'll have more people following, especially in speedskating."**

Erin Jackson | Olympic gold medalist, speed skating

Erin started practicing artistic and speed roller skating while she watched other skaters transition to the ice. Once she finished her college degree, she decided to give the ice a shot, too.

Scan the QR code to watch Erin's story on video!



**126 OLYMPIC MEDALS & 105 PARALYMPIC MEDALS**

**554** 

mental health sessions held by 9 mental health officers

**33**  
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to new parents to assist with childcare via the Team USA New Family Fund

**YOUR  
IMPACT  
IN PARIS**

Team USA athletes rely on fans like you.

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT.**



**78% OF ATHLETES** from the donor-supported High Performance Center in Paris earned medals

**59% OF TEAM USA'S OLYMPIC MEDALS**

**★ 23% OF PARALYMPIC MEDALS**

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**462** 

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