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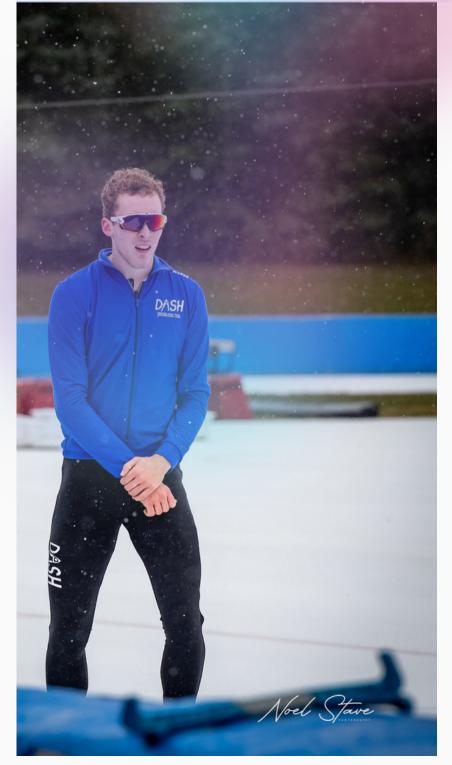
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Executive Summary

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Finding Success Today With An Eye On The Future

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Preserving Our Heritage, Increasing Affinity & Awareness, Building The Future We Want To See Tomorrow, Today



Dave Cruikshank Title: President / Head Coach

Background: 4x Olympian & current power skating coach for the LA Kings

Coached 8 skaters to the 2022 Olympic Trials



Bonnie Blair Title: Director of Community Engagement

Background: 5x Olympic Gold Medalist

Pettit Center Board Member and former USS Board Member



Leah Lambert Title: Director of Youth Development

Background: 2023 IOC/USOPC International Coaching Program Graduate

Level 3 USS Coach & 5x Junior World Team Coach

Education: B.S. Kinesiology Minor Coaching



Michael Salm Title: Chief Operating Officer

Background: Formerly the youngest Deputy Athletic Director in the NCAA

Facilitated +\$1M budget swing & +13 staff hires in 2020-21

Education: - B.S. Health & Human Performance - Masters in Sport Law & Business



The DASH Project **Developing Champions In Their Lives & On The Ice**

DASH stands for "Developing Athletes for Speedskating High-performance." The DASH Project is a non-profit on a mission to...



Preserve and Build Upon Wisconsin's Iconic Speedskating Heritage

Develop Champions In Their Lives & On The Ice!

DASH High-Performance Team

Overview







Auggie Herman Forest Lake, MN

The 2023-24 Team



Blair Cruikshank Delafield, WI



Austin Carlson St. Charles, IL



Matt Salm Grafton, WI



Sydney Terpening Oswego, NY



Brian Bullard Muskego, WI



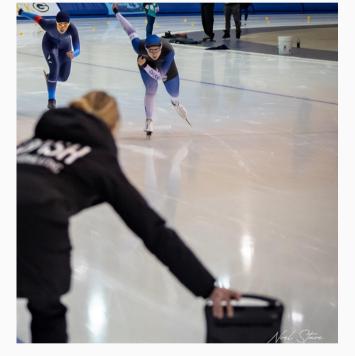


DASH High-Performance Team

2023 Started Winning World Championships 🖌 It's Ending With Even Faster Times!

2023 Major Competitions

- 2023 U.S. National Championships Milwaukee, Jan. 5-8
- FISU World University Games Lake Placid, Jan. 15-20
- 14th Masters International Sprint Games Calgary, Jan. 21-22
- 31st Masters Allround Games Quebec City, Jan. 27-29
- Junior World Cup Final Inzell, Germany, Feb. 4-5
- Neo-Senior World Cup Final Inzell, Germany, Feb. 4-5
- World Junior Speed Skating Championships Inzell, Feb. 10-12
- AmCup Final & Masters Championship SLC, March 10-12
- Oval Finale Calgary, March 16-19
- 2024 U.S. National Championships Milwaukee, Oct. 27-29
- 2023 CanAm International Calgary, Dec. 1-3
- AmCup #2 & John Rose Open Roseville, MN, Dec. 8-10



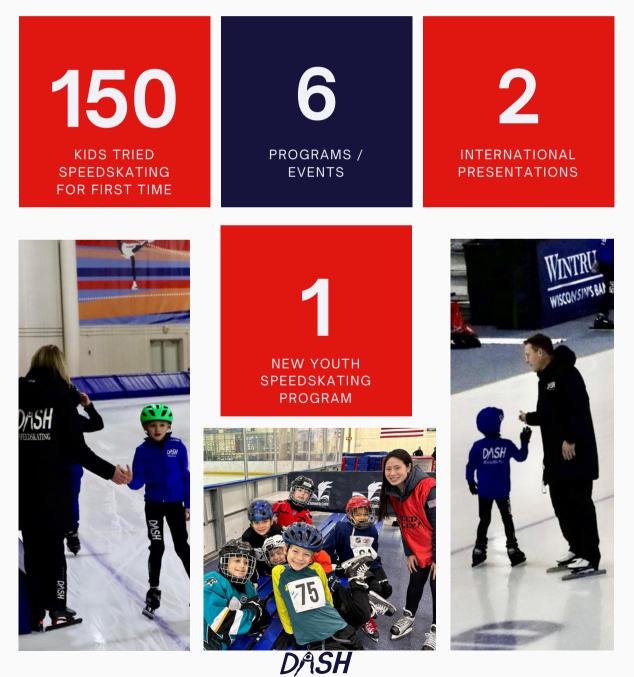








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Speed Rally At 2023 U.S. National Championships

Congratulations Leah Lambert on a fantastic capstone project to your International Coaching Enhancement Certificate Program

Dozens of kids tried speedskating today to end the U.S. National Championships here in Milwaukee. And a massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped spread the word, especially TMJ4's Lance Allan & Carole Meekins Positively Milwaukee! Try a DASH Youth Speedskating practice for FREE!









Try Speedskating Organized By Leah Lambert

This event had 20 kids try speedskating for the first time ever! There were some tentative steps followed by looks of determination, accomplishment, and smiles!

A major goal of DASH is to grow Speedskating. This is progress towards that mission.



Leah Lambert's pilot program for her International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program had 58 kids try speedskating in January Size







Try Speedskating #3 Organized By Leah Lambert

Getting 45 kids fitted with speed skates and racing for the first time in less than 90min would not be possible without our incredible group of volunteers!

Thank you so much to the DASH Team Members, the Molenda Family, and Mrs. Lambert for helping us get over 45 kids to Try Speedskating that day!









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Presentations to IOC President, USOPC, & ISU Leadership

Leah Lambert, DASH's Director of Youth Development, was *one of 35 coaches from around the world* selected to be a member of the International Coaching Enrichment Program. She was also the *only Winter Sport Coach* in this cohort!

After 2 years in the program, countless seminars and workshops, she was able to present the outcomes from her project, "Creating More Opportunity for Junior Participation in Speedskating," to leadership from the IOC, USOPC, and ISU. Her efforts led to 129 kids trying Speedskating for the first time, 43 kids per event!

Congratulations Leah, we are so lucky to have you with us in Milwaukee!

Thank you to the IOC and USOPC for establishing and supporting programs like this that invest in coaches and help them implement tangible projects aimed at enhancing Olympic Sports.



Summer GO FAST Inline Speedskating Program

VIDEO 1; POST 1; VIDEO 2; POST 2

Summer Inline: 20 kids were learning the fundamentals of speed 1992

Big thank you to our high-performance team members for coaching, passing their passion and knowledge onto the next generation!

> Fun was had Speed was taught High-fives were shared Kids raced









Summer GO FAST Inline Speedskating Olympic Day

VIDEO; POST

Capstone Olympic Day of our 2023 Go Fast Inline Speedskating Program was awesome!

Racing Podium Medals from an Olympian Media Day W/ Pro Hockey Players Lots of Smiles Fun for Everyone







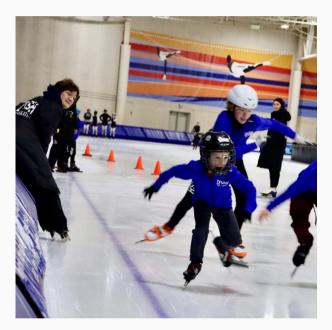


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DASH Youth Speedskating Program Launch OCT. 16 VIDEO; POST

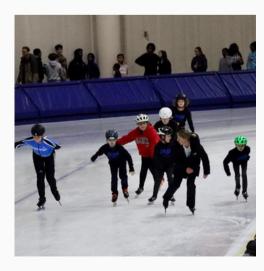
Let the writing of the next chapter of The DASH Project's story officially begin \swarrow).

With 10 youth skaters brand new to speedskating, last night was FULL OF FIRSTS! This is core to why DASH was founded, to bring new kids, new families, out onto the Oval so they can fall in love with this sport and learn transformational life lessons along the way.









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DASH Community Engagement

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2023 Ice CAPE-ade With Downtown Milwaukee

FEB. 11 <u>VIDEO;</u> <u>POST</u>

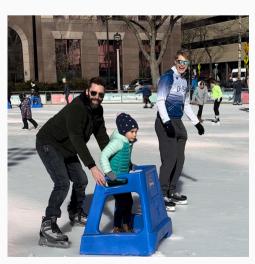
Helping the next generation fall in love with skating in new ways!

Thankful to work with Spider-Man, Captain America, and Milwaukee's everyday superheroes!

Over 225 pairs of skates were rented in 3hrs for free thanks to Waterstone Bank! Photo Credit: Samer Gahni









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25th Harry Jansen Memorial Golf Outing

AUG. 18 <u>VIDEO;</u> <u>POST</u>

The DASH team took part in the 25th Harry Jansen Memorial Open 🛴 🏌

Stories were shared, people reconnected, some shots were great (Leah took home a Closest to the Pin & Longest Drive 𝕎) some shots were not so great (Michael found the trees on the first drive of the day ☺), and \$30,000 was raised for Alzheimer's Research!









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Fab, Fit, Fun: Skate With Olympians

NOV. 18 <u>POST</u>

The DASH Project and the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast are partnering to help get young girls in Southeast Wisconsin active. Tonight's "Fab, Fit, Fun: Skate with Olympians Event" combines 2 areas of focus for The DASH Project; (1) Promoting youth physical literacy today, laying the foundation for healthier, stronger communities tomorrow; & (2) Growing speedskating by getting more kids on the ice, having fun, and going fast!



Girl Scouts & Siblings: 202 Registrants Total: 363 Laughs, Smiles, Memories:







NASCAR Truck Series, Waukesha Parade, & Paul Davis Toy Drive!

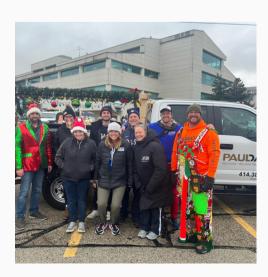
NASCAR POST; PARADE POST;

We love a great Milwaukee "revival" movement, especially if it involves racing!

Huge shoutout to our friends over at Paul Davis Restoration S.E. Wisconsin for inviting us to walk with them in the 60th Anniversary Waukesha Holiday Parade last night! We got to had out a few hundred flyers and way more pieces of candy! %



Annual Toy Drive benefiting the Christmas Clearing Council & Waukesha Salvation Army







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DASH Original Videos

- Dec. 28 Sam Koenig Helps Shoot Drone Footage • Video
- Jan. 4 Conversations On High-Performance Presented by **IEWC**
 - VIDEO
- Jan. 8 SPEED RALLY 2023 VIDEO
- Jan. 17 What Makes DASH Special? • VIDEO
- April 10 At the end of the day it's You vs. You VIDEO
- May 3 We have some fun on cross-training days! Is a DASH pickleball team coming next? 😂 • VIDEO
- May 23 Barbara Lockhart, 1960 & 1965 Olympian, was inducted into the Speed Skating Hall of Fame VIDEO
- June 5 Fun Meter ALL THE WAY UP! • VIDEO
- 🔹 June 6 Summer Goals With Blair Cruikshank 😎 <u>1</u> • VIDEO
- June 10 Take the chance to go after your dreams, because what if?
 - VIDEO
- June 12 Summer Goals With Matthew Salm The self
 - VIDEO
- infinitely more important
 - VIDEO
- June 23 Let's Move 2023 Olympic & Paralympic Day <u>VIDEO 1</u> / <u>VIDEO 2</u>
- June 26 Consistency of work over a period of time VIDEO
- July 10 Take time to realize what your dream is and that you want to be the hardest working person 29

DASH Original Video

- VIDEO
- July 27 The improvement by everyone from the first week until now is insane 🤯
 - VIDEO
- Aug. 4 Learn to GO FAST from a 5x Olympic Gold Medalist! VIDEO
- Aug. 8 Vision 2023-24 2 VIDEO
- Aug. 15 In 75 days U.S. National Championships will be coming to an end in Milwaukee! • <u>VID</u>EO
- Aug. 16 Losing is a part of winning. When you look at yourself in the mirror, how do you answer those questions? VIDEO
- Aug. 21 Becoming better tomorrow than your best today is a journey 📈
- VIDEO • Aug. 24 - 2023 Go Fast Summer Inline Program Finale! • VIDEO
- Aug. 28 Cultivating a sense of purpose is pivotal to accomplishing goals
 - VIDEO
- Aug. 29 3...2...1... 2023 U.S. Championships are coming to Milwaukee! October 27-29 💯
 - VIDEO
- Athleticism) VIDEO
- Sept. 9 Something's building in Milwaukee III VIDEO
- Sept. 11 1-week until long track speedskating ice is back • VIDEO
- Sept. 21 Living On Edge 200
 - VIDEO

VIDEO



Digital & Traditional Media

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DASH Original Video

 Sept. 22 - U.S. National Championships are coming to Milwaukee!

• <u>Video</u>

- Sept. 26 31 Days Away Be There..JK Be Here 3
 <u>VIDEO</u>
- Oct. 2 Jazzed that US National Championships are coming to Milwaukee in 25 days!
 - <u>VIDEO</u>
- Oct. 6 Less than 3-weeks until US National Championships start right here in Milwaukee! 100
 <u>VIDEO</u>
- Oct. 17 1st practice of our 2023-24 youth speedskating program

• <u>VIDEO</u>

- Oct. 18 U.S. Speedskating Long Track National Championships are coming to Milwaukee Oct. 27-29!
 <u>VIDEO</u>
- Oct. 23 2024 U.S. Speedskating Long Track National Championships are this week!
 - <u>VIDEO</u>
- Oct. 26 Today is a moment of quiet anticipation before an explosion of energy!

• <u>VIDEO</u>

 Oct. 27 - U.S. Speedskating National Championships: Day 1 Highlights

• <u>VIDEO</u>

 Oct. 29 - Day 3 of the 2024 U.S. Speedskating National Championships is here!

• <u>VIDEO</u>

- Oct. 31 2024 U.S. Speedskating National Championships Day 3 Highlights Image: 3
 - <u>VIDEO</u>

DASH Original Video

- Nov. 6 Perseverance, grit, determination, long term goal setting, and incremental improvement towards those long term goals are skill sets sports can teach
 VIDEO
- Nov. 17 Tomorrow is metric and pack racing time trials for the High-Performance Team and the Youth Speedskating Program

• <u>VIDEO</u>

- Nov. 19 Firsthand Experience + Seeing Their Future = Access to Achievement
 VIDEO
- Dec. 10 It was lovely weather for a sleigh ride.
 <u>VIDEO</u>
- Dec. 15 The developing athletes part is much broader than speedskating
 - <u>VIDEO</u>





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DASH In The Media

• 2022 - Sports + Life + Balance Podcast: S3 E6 "Little Dream Inside My Head" - Feat. Bonnie Blair

• <u>LINK</u>

- Dec. 2022 MASH alumnus qualifies for Olympic Trials in speedskating
- Feb. 27 Bonnie Blair Looks Back on Her Olympic Breakthrough in Calgary

• Article LINK

- March 3 Wisconsin Women of Influence: Olympian Bonnie Blair
 <u>VIDEO</u>
- March 8 Giving Forest: Dave Cruikshank 4X U.S. Olympic Speedskater
 <u>PODCAST</u>
- April 11 All Over the Place... Ep. 132 Dave Cruikshank
 <u>PODCAST</u>
- May 3 Training for life after skating
 <u>TMJ4 News Segment</u>
- July 24 Inside Wisconsin Show: The connection between Olympic Gold Medal Speed Skaters Bonnie Blair & Dan Jansen

• <u>VIDEO Clip</u>

- Oct. 25 Speedskating slipped, but Bonnie Blair and her husband aim to make Milwaukee a mecca again
 - MKE Journal Sentinel Article
- Oct. 28 Local athletes compete at US Speedskating National Championship at Pettit National Ice Center
 - WISN12 News Segment
- Nov. 22 Greendale High School Marching Band in New York City for Thanksgiving parade
 - WISN12 News Segment
- Dec. 11 Auggie Herman, Blair Cruikshank Score Multiple Wins in AmCup2
 - Article LINK









At A Glance



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Launch "Here You Find" Campaign April 11





Launch "Access --> Achievement" Campaign March 30

Launch Sprecher Athlete of the Week Award, Oct. 16



Lance Allan Highlights IEWC Jobs For Aspiring Skaters Program, May 3

Launch Try-A-Practice INitiative: TAP IN! Dec. 3



Here You Find Opportunity

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What Is The Sprecher Athlete Of The Week?

Impact: Anecdotes and Observations

Message From Leah:

~ From the first night we highlighted Austin Carlson as the "Sprecher Athlete of the Week," there was a transformation in our Youth Club Skaters. Not that they didn't listen or try before but overnight they were asking, "Why did so & so get athlete of the week?," and "What can I do to get athlete of the week?"

Every Monday the kids come into the gym to warmup and immediately gather around our Sprecher Athlete of the Week board to see who is going home with root beer tonight. More importantly every time they ask those questions it is a chance for us to reinforce values like work ethic, listening & coachability, and being a good teammate.

COMMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Proud Grandparents



boys would've loved to see the people

the public.

skating, although I'm not sure if it's open to



DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Leah Lambert

Friends & Family

🗥💟 You and 49 others

2 shares



Cameron MacLeod Way too go Blair 👟 6w Like Reply



Maureen Denny Congratulations

6w Like Reply



Patti McLeod Drebes She has the skating genes. Congratulations to all of you.

6w Like Reply

What Is The Try-A-Practice INitiative? TAP IN!

🚀 Try-A-Practice INitiative 📈

Last night we launched our newest effort to get more kids active and grow speedskating! *TAP IN!*

Try a DASH Youth Speedskating practice for FREE!









What Is The Here You Find Campaign?

When you join The DASH Project it's about *more than speedskating.*

What will you & your kids find when they join DASH?

Check out our upcoming programs: https://www.dashskating.org/youthprograms





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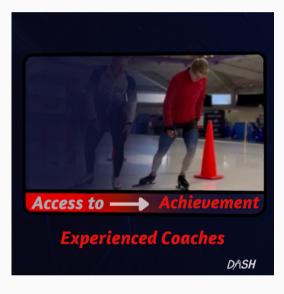


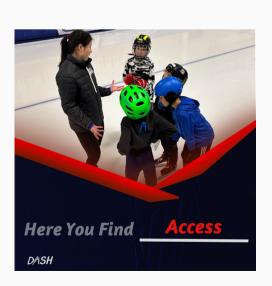
What's The Access Achievement Campaign?

Access Leads To Achievement

Our goal is to provide a clear pathway to success in life and on the ice by teaching transformational life lessons through sport!

Sign-up for the most affordable, impactful long track speedskating program today: https://www.dashskating.org/youthprograms













SCOTT DREBES JANUARY 13, 1958 – DECEMBER 6, 2023

Scott was born in Peoria, Illinois and was adopted as a baby by his loving parents Ray and El Drebes. He grew up in Champaign, Illinois and was the third of four children. He passed unexpectedly.

Scott's dad started him ice skating as a young boy buying his first pair of skates at age 4 yrs. He picked up on skating quickly and always wanted to go faster. Scott started speed skating in 1968 and had many achievements. The sport became a great love of his. Short Track speed skating was his world from then on. Traveling around the world to compete, he made a great impact on many people. He retired from the sport in 1981 after making 5 US world teams and having 5 world championships. Scott was inducted into the Speed Skating Hall of Fame in 2012.

Scott moved to Colorado Springs in 1981 and married the love of his life Patti McLeod in 1982. 41 wonderful years together was just not enough. They had two wonderful son's together, Matthew and Tyler Drebes (Kayla) of Colorado Springs. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Blake, Alayna, Brixton, Amiliana, Bristol and Adrian Drebes, all of Colorado Springs, his sisters Liz Shields of Flowery Branch, GA, Barb Drebes of Omaha, NE and his brother Doug Drebes of Villa Park, IL, sister-in-law Jackie McLeod, mother and father-in-law Robert and Shirley McLeod of Colorado Springs and six nieces. Scott's family was his world and he was theirs.

Scott retired from Civil Engineering and Land Surveying in December 2022 after 42 years of working at something he loved and was great at. Working most of his career at Obering/ Wurth & Associates, he also worked at M&S Civil and Edward James Surveying.

Scott was loved by everyone that met him. Always the person you could count on for anything with his beautiful smile, quick wit, kindness and generosity. You are loved and missed already by everyone.

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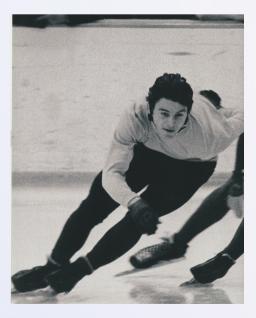


In lieu of flowers, the family requests making a donation to the Scott Drebes Speed Skating Scholarship Fund for speed skaters trying to move up in the sport. Scholarship created by Bonnie Blair and her husband Dave Cruikshank. <u>https://www.paypal.com/donate/?</u> <u>hosted_button_id=997UWJH3RAZY6</u> (Paypal or Credit Card) Webpage with more information: <u>https://www.dashskating.org/support/scott-drebes-scholarship-fund</u>

> Checks Payable to: The DASH Project (Memo: Scott Drebes Scholarship) 500 S. 84th St. Milwaukee, WI 53214

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Olympic and Paralympic Museum at 200 S. Sierra Madre St in downtown Colorado Springs on Scott's birthday. 6-8pm (Please bring your memories of Scott to share)





DASH Philanthropic Giving Overview

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DASH-ing Into The New Year!





DASH-ing For DASH!

Personal Best Crew



DASH Philanthropic Giving

It Takes A Community, A City, A State, and A Nation

Supporting Organizations

- David Williams Foundation
- Brewers Community Foundation
- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- Harvard Varsity Club
- Mission BBQ
- Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame Foundation
- Paul's Machine & Welding Corp. Employee Matching
- National Christian Foundation Wisconsin
- Bonnie Blair Foundation
- Hannan Family Foundation
- Bradley Foundation
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation DAF
- American Endowment Foundation
- Amcor Cares Foundation
- Bradley Impact Fund











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What Is The Personal Best Crew?

Introducing the 2023-24 Personal Best Crew Annual Giving Program!

Empower champions in life and on the ice with every dollar you donate!

From May 1st to December 31st, 2023**, all donations will be counted towards your 2023-24 giving level, unlocking unique benefits and exclusive access to our community through the end of the season.

Whether you choose to donate during this period or participate in any of our upcoming fundraisers, your generosity will be acknowledged and celebrated as part of the Personal Best Crew. Together, we can make a difference and create lasting change.









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Great People



For Decades!



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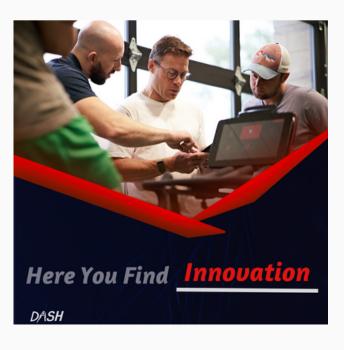
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Testing

Innovation











Athlete of the Week

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Training Site



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REDUCED DIRECT COSTS TO YOUTH SKATER'S FAMILIES

> EXPENSES ON SPEEDSKATING PROGRAMING

Season Passes, Reduced Uniforms, Swag, & more for 20 Youth Skaters



Efficiency Is Key To Speedskating & Operations



Entering Our Third Year As A 501(c)3 Nonprofit

Join The Personal Best Crew & You Can Develop The Next Generation of Champions In Their Lives & On The Ice!

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Thank you!



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Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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